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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.

Washington Shutdown Continues, Threatening To Close LLNL Doors

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory remains open this week and is making plans to continue operations next week. However, the possibility is increasing that it will close its doors the week after that if the shutdown in Washington continues, according to unofficial sources.

Shutdown has not occurred already because the Laboratory is able to oper-

ate temporarily using funds carried over from the last fiscal year, 2013, which ended September 30, to the current one.

The Laboratory is the largest local employer, with about 6,500 employees and a budget of about \$1.6 billion, according to Laboratory records. It has declined public comment on the Washington shutdown or the possibility of its own, referring calls to

its federal sponsors, the U.S. Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration.

The future of operations at LLNL and of the smaller Sandia branch adjacent to it is unpredictable because no one is sure how or when the Washington shutdown will be resolved and the laboratories are not releasing information about funds remaining for operations.

The plight of the local facilities is comparable to that of their sister national laboratories in New Mexico, Los Alamos and the main branch of Sandia. Both of these also continue to operate on so-called carry-over funds.

Whether supplemental funds could be available from their federal sponsors in Washington is also unclear. Both the Department

of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration have indicated to news media that they have contingency reserves but have not specified the circumstances under which they might be used.

If the Washington shutdown continues and the laboratories do eventually close their doors, certain activities such as those necessary for

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Wish List Includes More Funds for Sports and Technology

More funding for athletics, technology and consistent professional development were on the wish list of principals from Livermore's two comprehensive high schools.

Philomena Rambo, Granada High School, and Alberto Solorzano from Livermore High, presented a "state of the union" report at the Oct. 1 meeting of the Livermore School Board of Trustees. They discussed what is being offered now, then responded to questions from trustees regarding the future.

The responses concerning the need for help with athletics and technology drew comments from School Superintendent Kelly Bowers. She said that \$50,000 for each school to spend on athletics was provided for two years. "It doesn't begin to cover the cost of everything." She added that infrastructure for athletics, as well as other needs, will be among the items discussed for funding if the decision were to go forward with a community bond issue. Funding for technology would also be part of the discussion.

Information provided in the report presented to the school board included the change in demographics over the last fifteen years. According to the report, the high schools are educating an increasingly diverse population of students, many with exceptional needs. The largest increase has been in the Hispanic population, which has gone from 12 percent at Livermore High School (LHS) in 1998 to 24.7 percent in 2013; Granada shows an increase from 9.2 percent to 23.5 percent. There was a decrease in African-Americans going from 3.2 percent in 1998 down to 2.9 percent in 2013 at LHS and from 2 percent to 1.7 percent at GHS.

In looking at changes in student achievement over the last four years, both schools show gains and both have met the API target of 800 set by the state. Hispanic students and students who are socioeconomically disadvantaged have improved at a more rapid rate. However, academic performance among the students who have been traditionally underserved is not yet equal to that of other groups. The goal is to improve the achievement of all students through early intervention.

At LHS, the school is pioneering a new institute for Spanish speaking parents to provide them with information on resources that will help prepare their children to go onto college.

Rambo noted that along with the tradition 3 R's, (See SCHOOLS, page 8)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Fall has arrived and along with it youngsters making plans to celebrate Halloween by selecting just the right pumpkin.

Dublin Gives Green Light To Iron Horse Nature Park

The Dublin City Council cleared the way for developing a 24-acre linear nature park along the Iron Horse Trail.

The vote to approve a master plan for the park, and a mitigated negative declaration was 4-0, with Councilmember David Haurbert absent.

Natural features will predominate at the north end of the park. Activity spaces will be located at the park's south end, near a parking lot for 14 cars.

The existing bike path will be moved away from the arroyo to integrate the path better into the shade trees and benches that will be available. A meandering second trail, which will separate the cyclists from people who simply want to stroll, will be installed.

The city is acquiring two parcels along the trail. They were offered by the Union Pacific, landholder of the old railroad right of way.

Estimated cost for the park, including its full development, will be \$15 million. About \$7.7 million of that sum will be paid by Zone 7 Water Agency. The adjacent arroyo is a flood control channel. Zone 7 will be obtaining grants to restore

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Creek Alliance Wants Dublin Owl Habitat Preserved

The likely eradication of a burrowing owl community at Camp Parks by The Crossings development in Dublin should be avoided, according to Alameda Creek Alliance director Jeff Miller.

Miller explained that the non-profit Alliance's interest in the burrowing owl colony connects to its concern about plant and animal habitat throughout the Alameda

Creek watershed, which includes Dublin.

The final EIR for The Crossings already has been approved. Although the Alliance missed the comment period deadline, Miller said that he is advocating for owl habitat preservation on the site.

The Dublin colony represents the last sizable one in the Livermore-Amador

Valley, according to Miller. There is a higher population of burrowing owls in the Altamont, but many die in the blades of wind turbines. He cited about 200 burrowing owl deaths annually.

The colony on The Crossings property, comprised of 187 acres where homes will be built, numbered five nesting pairs in 2009 and two pairs in 2010. The Camp

Parks site is much larger with 12 nesting pairs in 2009, and 14 one year later, said Miller. SunCAI will be building facilities for the military at Camp Parks on the northern areas, where the bulk of the burrowing owl habitat is located.

Burrowing owls are not an endangered or threatened species. However, Calif-

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Less Emphasis on Building Sites in Next Pleasanton Housing Element Update

Pleasanton will begin updating its housing element with the goal of completing it by January 15, 2015.

Janice Stern, planning manager, told the council, "The good news is that we accomplished a lot of work with the last update. There will be less emphasis on finding potential housing sites."

With a certified housing element in place, the update will mainly involve making changes to comply with state requirements.

Many of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) numbers assigned to Pleasanton for the 2015-2023 planning cycle are accommodated under the current housing element. Pleasanton's assigned housing numbers for the next cycle include 2053 units; 1500 in the 23 to 30 units per acre range and 553 single family homes. Because

of earlier rezonings, Stern stated that Pleasanton would only need to find sites for 325 multi-family units and 344 single family homes. "We are looking to East Pleasanton for some of the 669 units."

The large number of sites rezoned fulfilled the terms of a lawsuit settlement requiring the city to provide more affordable housing opportunities by a set date, which the city accomplished.

Councilmember Kathy Narum said she was concerned about the process staff plans to use to identify land for the 669 units. She hoped that staff was not locked into East Pleasanton. "I am looking for a balance throughout the community."

Director of Community Development Brian Dolan said that with a reduced emphasis on the need to identify sites for housing, staff didn't

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Discovery Shop manager Monda Wiseman talks about the purpose of the store.

Discovery Shop Raises Funds to Help the Fight Against Cancer

By Carol Graham

Not everyone wants a 16-foot mounted marlin to enliven their home decor.

Yet, "We sold it for around \$500, which is pretty reasonable," said Monda Wiseman, manager of the American Cancer Society's

Discovery Shop in Pleasanton. "A bachelor bought it for his rumpus room."

"His man cave," clarified volunteer Janice Butzke, with a laugh.

At the upscale resale shop - the only thrift store in Pleasanton - such rarities do

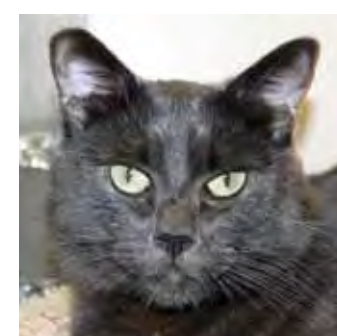
come in. They also often go right back out again, helping ensure that the shop reaches its annual fundraising goal of \$607,000.

"There are about 40 Discovery Shops in California," said Wiseman. "We're one

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PET OF THE WEEK

Snuggle up to TEDDY! A three-year-old male with plush gray fur, lovable Teddy will tame your mood on days when you're feeling bearish. Make a playdate with Teddy at Valley Humane Society (VHS) Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 am - 4 pm and Sundays from 12 noon - 4 pm, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. For more information please call (925) 426-8656, or visit valleyhumane.org to see other adoptable cats and dogs. Photo - Valley Humane Society/D. Smith

AXIS Health's WIC Program Still Open for Business



Donna Hladun, Supervising Registered Dietician at the Axis Community Health WIC Nutrition Program, counsels a client. The program remains fully open and encourages clients to visit.

Compton, CEO of Axis. "We will be operating fully and normally through October." Axis is in close contact with the California WIC Program, which oversees funding, for information about any changes to operations.

"Thousands of families with children depend on these services. We want to be sure that babies are getting formula and toddlers are having nutritious meals," says Compton. Compton emphasizes that clients can continue to obtain food vouchers redeemable at authorized retailers, and receive nutritional and breastfeeding counseling and support.

Located on Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton, WIC is free and available for women and children, including children of single fathers, who live in Alameda County and whose income is less than 185% of the federal poverty level. All services are by appointment only. Families can find out if they are eligible by calling the WIC office at 925-462-2365.

Axis Community Health WIC Nutrition Program Open for Business. The current partial federal shutdown does not presently affect the federally-funded Women Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program run by the local non-profit

Axis Community Health and serves thousands of low-income Tri-Valley families.

"We are receiving many anxious calls from people who are confused by media reports and think that our WIC doors are closed. This simply isn't true," says Sue

Marketing 101 to Help Develop Marketing Plan for Specialty Crops

Marketing 101: Developing a Marketing Plan for Veggies, Fruits, and Other Specialty Crops is the title of a workshop and panel discussion offered to beginning farmers looking to develop new markets.

The program will be held from 3 to 6:30 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 17.

Presentations will cover how to develop a marketing plan appropriate for your farm, as well as a more in depth examination of online

markets, restaurant sales, and the benefits of wholesaling. A panel of farmers and buyers will share tips and experiences selling at a variety of scales and through a diversity of venues.

The program will be held at Contra Costa Cooperative Extension Main Office, 75 Santa Barbara Rd. Pleasant Hill, CA. Shuttle service will be available from Pleasant Hill BART station at 2:30pm.

There is no charge for

this event.

Please RSVP by October 11, 2013

Registration is requested. Contact Susan Ellsworth at the Alameda County Conservation Partnership - susan.ellsworth@acrcd.org or (925) 371-0154 ext. 103. Include name, affiliation, phone and email.

Also, please let the organizers know if you would like to take advantage of a shuttle from BART to the workshop venue.

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Supervisor Scott Haggerty talked to students at Dougherty Elementary School, encouraging them to walk or ride a bike to school.

Dublin's Dougherty Elementary Participated In Walk or Bike to School Week

Students across the globe are walking and biking to school this week as part of International Walk or Bike to School Week (formerly International Walk and Roll to School Week), a program organized by the Partnership for a Walkable America. Walk to School Day in the United States began in 1997 as a one-day event aimed at building awareness for the need for walkable communities.

Thousands of schools across America and in more than 40 countries worldwide celebrate walking to school every October, many schools turning the occasion into a week-long event.

Dougherty Elementary School in Dublin kicked off their Walk or Bike to School

Week in a big way, Monday. The Dougherty Dolphins began the morning by walking or biking in, then convening in the school yard at the bell for a school-wide assembly.

The assembly featured music, dancing, singing (courtesy of Principal Brett Nelson) and a special visit from Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty. With 85% school-wide participation, Dougherty Elementary School ranked #1 in Alameda County last year in taking part in Walk and Roll to School Day. Supervisor Haggerty paid a visit to Dougherty this year to offer his congratulations once again. He also stressed the importance of the week, and hyped the crowd in hopes of getting students and staff excited for a potential 2-year consecutive win in the countywide competition among schools.

Wednesday, October 9th served as the official Walk or Bike to School Day for 2013.

In the company of students around the globe, Alameda County students, grades K-12, will: walk, ride, roll or car pool to school.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty visited Oliveira Elementary School in Fremont on Wednesday, to show his support there and take part in event-day fun and celebrations.

The First District Supervisor, who represents

Dublin, Fremont, Livermore and East County, has strong ties to conservation and transportation.

"If Monday's numbers are any indication, I have a hunch that this year's top Alameda County school will again come from District 1," said Supervisor Haggerty.

For more information on International Walk or Bike to School Day/Week visit www.walkbiketoschool.org.

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Road Closed for Parade

Temporary road closures will be in effect on Village Parkway in Dublin on Friday, October 11, starting at 3:00 pm, for the annual Dublin High School Homecoming Parade.

Drivers will be re-routed at Davona Drive and Amador Valley Boulevard until approximately 4:45 pm, following the completion of the Parade. Dublin Police Services will be providing traffic assistance during this time.

Parade attendees are being advised to access the Dublin High campus from Brighton Drive, off Amador Valley Boulevard, and are encouraged to arrive early. Alternative options for accessing the parade are Tamarack Drive east of Village Parkway (near Frederiksen Elementary) or west of Village Parkway on Brighton Drive (near Kolb Park).

Meeting on LED Retrofit

The City of Pleasanton will host a public meeting to unveil a new LED street light retrofit project on Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Remillard

conference room at the City's Operations Services Center at 3333 Busch Road in Pleasanton.

Over the next several months, a \$1.6 million project will begin to convert more than 5,400 High Pressure Sodium Vapor "cobra head" street light fixtures with new Light Emitting Diode (LED) energy efficient street fixtures within the city. LED lights have a longer operational life, are more energy efficient, emit zero UV emissions, and focus light more efficiently to a desired location.

The conversion is part of Pleasanton's Climate Action Plan, and offers both financial and environmental benefits. Savings of up to 60% in maintenance and electricity costs are projected. Operations Services Director Daniel Smith anticipates annual savings of \$200,000 from the new program, which will be funded through a low interest loan from the California Energy Commission and a one-time conversion incentive rebate from PG&E.

For more information, please contact Craig Higgins, Assistant Director of Operations at (925) 931-5582, or chiggins@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

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EDITORIAL

Happy Birthday Granada

Granada High School turns 50 years old this year. It officially opened for its first class in 1963.

The school has much to be proud of. Recently, it was recognized as a Silver Medal School by US News and World Report, and listed in Newsweek's Top 1,000 High Schools. A national pilot course in Computer Science and Software Engineering is offered, one of only 50 in the United States.

Changes include a new science wing with 14 state-of-the-art classrooms and a media and library center.

Festivities celebrating the milestone kickoff this Friday with an alumni barbecue followed by the homecoming football game.

A full Gold and Black Anniversary Celebration is planned for Memorial Day Weekend 2014 with a variety of activities both on and off campus. The festivities conclude with a dinner in the evening.

The Independent congratulates the school on 50 years of memories and accomplishments.

OWLS

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nia lists them as a "species of concern."

Miller said that in reading the draft EIR, he noted, "They won't preserve burrowing owls on the site." There are measures in the EIR that the developer is supposed to undertake, such as survey the area, and not disturb the owls in mating season. "However, there is nothing to protect them after mating season," said Miller. They can fill in the burrowing owls' holes and eliminate the habitat, he said.

If the city and developer want to preserve the habitat, they could create a development plan that leaves enough nest burrows in place. Alternatively, they could put aside a portion of the area in which owls have nested, and make sure there is enough foraging habitat, suggested Miller.

Miller said that he might ask Dublin to reopen the EIR hearing on The Crossings, or else ask Fish and Wildlife to add conditions to the permit to preserve the habitat.

Marcia Grefsrud, an en-

vironmental scientist with the state Department of Fish and Wildlife, said that the department recommended to Dublin that it "conserve burrowing owl habitat."

The burrowing owls themselves are protected by the Fish and Game code and the migratory bird code, stated Grefsrud. The department does not allow any direct take of the owls, or their eggs, she added.

Jacqui Diaz, spokesperson for Dublin, said that because it is known that owls have been found on the site, before any portion of the project area can be disturbed, the developer will need to comply with the mitigation measures identified in the final EIR. The developer will also need to secure permits through state Fish and Wildlife.

"Fish and Wildlife is the agency that provides mitigation measures to offset any project-caused losses of listed species populations and their essential habitats," said Diaz.

ROP Shows Major Fiscal Turnaround in 1 Year

The Tri-Valley Regional Occupation Program (ROP) comes into this school year with an ending fund balance of \$1.7 million.

With more revenue this year above projected expenses, ROP is estimating a \$2.2 million surplus at the end of the year, said Susan Kinder, executive director of business services for the Livermore school district, which prepares the books for ROP.

A statement in the staff report for a ROP meeting says, "Tri-Valley ROP is in a very healthy position for the 2013-14 fiscal year."

The surplus represents a dramatic turnaround for a program that during the spring last year dipped below a state-mandated fund reserve because of cash-flow troubles.

ROP board member Neil Davies of Sunol said that the change was achieved by a variety of actions, including elimination of low-attendance classes and by staff members pulling together.

Money was saved by using free space offered for offices and a meeting area by the Livermore school district at the former Arroyo Mocho School. A day care center and school district nurses are also housed there.

ROP is operated by the Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin school districts for career technical education programs.

Sunol Glen district, with its single elementary school of 260 enrollment, has been a member of ROP for 24 years. However, at the Sept. 25 board meeting, Sunol Glen ended its participation.

Davies told The Independent that ROP is for 11th and 12 graders. From a practical standpoint, Sunol Glen was not benefitting from the program.

Davies said that he was glad that he and Sunol Glen participated in the past, to lend advice and moral support, especially through the trying times of low funding last year. However, finding time for ROP board meetings has been difficult. More important, ROP is really a program that the three districts need to operate to fulfill their own visions, said Davies.

The ROP board paid tribute to Davies and superintendent Molly Barnes for their work. The board also recognized the service of Jorja Ivie, an ROP staff member, who is retiring after 25 years.

Ivie has been the director of instruction, which is the equivalent of a curriculum director in a K-12 district. She began her ROP career as a teacher. ROP executive director Julie Duncan said that Ivie has taught computers, graphic arts, and web design in every high school, except Valley and Del Valle.

Cutting Parcel Tax Majority to 55% Would Assist Some Districts

By Ron McNicoll

If only a 55 percent "yes" vote were needed to pass a school parcel tax, instead of the current two-thirds vote, it is likely that more parcel taxes would pass.

That is the conclusion of a 15-page report issued on Sept. 17 by the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC).

PPIC based its conclusion on the behavior of the electorate in passing bonds for school construction since 2000, when Proposition 39 was approved. The proposition reduced the margin need to approve those bonds from two-thirds majority to 55 percent.

The two-thirds requirement to approve bonds to support other kinds of projects was not reduced, so PPIC was able to compare the lower school bond threshold.

PPIC researchers found that the number of school bonds approved after Prop. 39 went into effect rose by 19 percent. Before Prop. 39, only 58 percent passed. Afterward, 77 percent passed.

Over the same time period, bonds needing a two-thirds vote, stayed about the same in success of passage. In the early time period, some 60 percent passed, and in the later time period, 56 percent passed.

The study showed that

the number of "yes" votes for school construction bonds dropped by 5 percent after the threshold for passage was lowered. PPIC cites this as evidence that there was not a sudden change in the electorate's attitude when it came to passing the bonds after Prop. 39.

The PPIC study is relevant now, because a bill in the Legislature, SCA 11 sponsored by Sen. Loni Hancock, would drop the margin for parcel tax passage to 55 percent. The constitutional change, if approved by the Legislature, and then voters, would apply to all special districts. PPIC studied only school district parcel taxes.

PPIC researcher Margaret Weston said that SCA 11 has been in committees this year, and is regarded as a two-year bill.

A similar bill, SCA 5 by Sen. Joe Simitian, to lower the threshold was unanimously endorsed in 2011 by the Pleasanton school board. The board's resolution referred to the 55 percent threshold as "tough but fair."

Pleasanton is a good example of a district that could benefit from a 55 percent threshold. In May 2011, some 65.3 percent backed a four-year \$99 parcel tax, less than 2 percent short of two-thirds approval. In June 2009, a bid for a \$233 parcel tax for four years received

62.7 percent of the vote.

By comparison, Livermore school district 76 percent of voters in 2008 approved an \$11.50 per month parcel tax. The tax will expire in 2015. The district is considering renewal, said chief business official Susan Kinder.

Livermore schools also received the go-ahead from voters for a five-year, \$120 annual parcel tax in 2004. In Dublin, 72 percent approved a five year \$96 annual parcel tax in 2008.

MOST PARCEL TAXES ARE IN BAY AREA

More than 80 percent of the approved parcel taxes in California have been passed in the Bay Area. In Alameda County, nine of 18 school districts have parcel taxes, which represents 52 percent of the county's student population. In Contra Costa County, nine of 18 districts, representing 54 percent of the county student population, passed parcel taxes.

Most of the Bay Area districts where the taxes were approved have been wealthy, high property tax revenue districts, such as

Pleasanton. Although such districts generate more in property tax per pupil, they don't receive the make-up money that lower wealth districts receive from the state under a formula set out by Proposition 98.

The higher wealth districts have higher expenses, according to the PPIC report. They pay higher wages to attract good, experienced teachers. There is a need for teachers to be paid closer to the high wage levels of non-teaching professionals in those districts. In addition, in general the cost of living is higher, which is also true for the whole Bay Area, compared to the remainder of California.

Another reason is that Bay Area voters, as a whole, are more likely to pass a parcel tax is that voters tend to be more liberal than in much of the state. They respond to a call for money for the public good. Also, there is what the report calls a "mimicking effect." Districts see that neighboring districts are successful, and they are led by that example.

PARK

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the straight, concrete-lined channel to a natural state.

Vice-mayor Don Biddle especially liked the natural channel restoration. He would like to see Zone 7 undertake similar work on three other flood control channels in the city, if that could be possible. Zone 7 is looking at an update of its Steam Management Master Plan, which may include more adaption of flood control channels to a natural state.

The park will feature Dublin's first community garden. City officials are communicating with garden enthusiasts. The idea is to start with a small plot of land, and add more area based on demand.

There also will be the city's first nature playground. Children will be able to play on boulders and tree trunks, instead of jungle gyms.

In other action, the council appointed the city's first human service commission members. They are former mayor Janet Lockhart, former councilmember Claudia McCormick, and Alan Brown. Their terms will

expire in December 2016. Angela Muetterties and Sue Wakamoto were appointed to the terms that will expire in December 2014.

The staggered terms are necessary to align the full terms of service to four years, expiring in even-numbered years. The commission's first meeting is scheduled for the week of Nov. 4, 2013.

The council also proclaimed Oct. 20-26 "Freedom from Workplace Bullies Week." The proclamation states, "The city has an interest in promoting the social and economic well-being of its employees and citizens."

The proclamation encourages residents "to mark this week with special activities and programs to break through the shame and silence enshrouding adult bullying at work."

Linda Martinez, a member of the Workplace Bullying Institute, thanked the council for its action. She said that workplace bullying is illegal in Canada and Europe, but not in the United States.

SHUTDOWN

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safety and security will continue. The great majority of employees would be furloughed, however, and the Laboratory's business operations would be halted.

Over time, this would mean a significant drop in economic activity, locally and regionally. The salaries of employees find their way to local supermarkets, restaurants, car companies and home contractors. The Laboratory spends hundreds of millions of dollars per year on business transactions ranging from the routine purchase of office supplies to construction to contracting for one-of-a-kind scientific equipment.

The Laboratory and other federally funded operations were threatened with a shutdown in the spring of 2011 in a comparable Congress-

sional crisis over funding. Then as now the Laboratory made plans for operating temporarily on reserve funds, but the preparation turned out to be unnecessary because of a last-minute agreement between the Administration and Congress on budget cuts.

Since then, general belt-tightening followed by automatic budget cuts generated by the so-called "sequester" have led to staffing cuts at LLNL as well as many other scientific laboratories.

According to observers, a shutdown could thus affect not only the Laboratory's technical efforts and economic output but its attractiveness as a place of employment for the bright, young scientists and engineers who are in demand by all scientific institutions.

MAILBOX

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Benefit Claims Beverly King Livermore

Since 2000, over 1,750 former Livermore Lab employees (and their survivors) have applied for compensation and benefits from a federal program because they believe that their illnesses are the result of on-the-job exposure to radiation and/or toxic chemicals. The federal program is The Energy Employee Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA).

Unfortunately, many Lab claimants have difficulty getting legitimate claims approved. Tri-Valley CAREs has created a program called Sick Workers Support Group to help claimants work through the labyrinth of paperwork and bureaucracy involved. There will be a meeting on October 15th, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Livermore Library to

help workers with their difficulties. Survivors who are eligible are also welcome. For further information contact Tri-Valley CAREs at 925 443 7138. Please help get the word out to all who are affected. They deserve our help.

No Bombing Zechariah David Humphreys Grade 6, Pleasanton

The Independent's September 12 issue reported that the Pleasantonians 4 Peace, the Coalition for Peace and Democracy, and other residents of the Tri-Valley rallied in a "Vigil for Peace" to protest the proposal for the U.S. to bomb Syria.

I feel everybody should spread the news about not wanting to bomb Syria. People can do that by going to Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, write emails and make phone calls and tell friends and family to convince the Representatives of the U.S. Congress not to go to war with Syria.

Bombing Syria will not resolve our situation with them. Instead it will cause more problems between us. The benefit of not going to war is it could save many lives. The other benefit is saving money so that the money could be put to better use: hospitals, schools, and the homeless. I'm a student in the 6th grade and I read an article from Yahoo that the U.S. government has

cut 15% even 20% of school funds. If kids don't get their education what will our county be like in the future?

In conclusion, I think we should stand strong about not wanting to bomb Syria. We need to encourage Representative Eric Swalwell to help us with this struggle. To contact him call 925-460-1500. Send letters to 5075 Hopyard Road Suite 220, Pleasanton CA 94588. His Washington D.C. contact information is 202-225-5065, his email is Swalwell.house.gov

Thoughtful Service Thomas Jefferson Livermore

As my wife and I were driving off today (10/3) to attend a Celebration of Life for my neighbors' 21-year old daughter who was killed 10 days ago by a drunk driver, I noticed what I thought was a police car at the end of our cul-de-sac. When we returned from the service about three hours later a car, perhaps the same one, was still at the end of the cul-de-sac. I went to the car, expecting to see Police on the side, but instead saw Volunteer.

The gentlemen in the car, Livermore police volunteers Terry Kirchner and David Chavez, explained they were watching over the neighborhood while the advertised service was going on so that people up to no good would not take advantage of

our absence and add to our neighborhood tragedy.

I would like to thank the Livermore police volunteers for such a thoughtful service to the community.

Safety Inspections Jo Ann Frisch Livermore

An under-reported consequence of the government shutdown is the suspension of routine safety inspections at the Biosafety Level 3 (BSL-3) Laboratory facility operated by the Livermore National Laboratory, which conducts research with anthrax, plague and other deadly bio-agents.

Because of the dangers to human health these pathogens pose, Centers for Disease Control officials are supposed to inspect the facility's safety and security. Regular inspections are important to uncover deficiencies that might lead to a theft or accidental release of pathogens. The House GOP shut down the government because it didn't want to fund the Affordable Care Act. So, as the few lash out against the many, truly hazardous outcomes - like halting inspections of bio-labs handling deadly biological agents - threaten us all.

What to do? We can call our representatives and insist they end this dangerous shutdown without trying to undo a law that already

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passed and the Supreme Court declared constitutional. We can also tell our representatives to act in the interest of all Americans and take a fresh look at what constitutes a "critical" government service.

Topsy-Turvy Priorities Douglas King Livermore

In spite of government shutdown, nuclear weapons funding is up for consideration. It is important for each of us to watch the budget.

The B61 Life Extension Program will cost \$11 billion for just one bomb type. What could \$11 billion do to solve community needs?

Earlier this year, Senator Dianne Feinstein's budget appropriations committee cut 30% from the B61. That certainly is a start. Any more money spent on this bomb is a detriment to the budget. We also have to consider the horror of the nuclear bomb itself.

Crucial budget decisions will be made in the coming weeks. Let Senator Feinstein know the necessity of cutting the B61 further. Non-funding is the best way to ensure that a new bomb is not manufactured.

It is amazing that Congress is willing to shut down the government over health-care while still funding destructive nuclear bombs. Our priorities are topsy-turvy.

Rules Unfair Catherine Norman Pleasanton

An Open Letter to our Legislators,

As a retired teacher with twenty years of experience, may I please offer a suggestion with regard to the WEP/GPO regulations? Please know that my teaching career did not begin until I was 40. I had worked and helped my husband through school and had two children and by the time I began teaching I had acquired enough quarters to qualify for Social

Security.

What a shock I had when, upon my retirement, I discovered that I would receive only a third of my Social Security and nothing at all if my husband preceded me in death. The way the laws are now set up for Social Security of retired teachers in California and 14 other states is just plain unfair; we paid in as much as others but are not allowed to collect what we would if we had not taught at all. Please help to correct this unfair practice.

Thank You Carolyn Siegfried Executive Director, The Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation

On behalf of Livermore students, The Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation thanks the Purple Orchid Wine Country Resort and Spa, Nottingham Cellars, Ken's Wood Fired Pizza, and Altamont Beer Works for naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of the inaugural Music in the Orchard Summer Concert Series. The Foundation was established as a gift to the community from Livermore businessman, Mario Pedrozzi, so it is fitting that four local businesses came together to support each other and local students. Concert attendees enjoyed entertaining evenings of great music in a beautiful venue while benefiting local students. The tasty wine, beer and pizza added to the ambiance and enjoyment of each concert.

The concert donations support our expanded mission. The Foundation has proudly awarded nearly \$2 million in scholarships to over 500 students since 2008. Those scholarships have aided students during their vocational, community college, undergraduate or graduate studies. Now, in addition to awarding Pedrozzi Scholarships, the Foundation is encouraging and assisting local students in their pursuit of higher education

and advanced training. Our goal is to help create a career and college bound culture among Livermore students and families - especially those in under-represented and under-served communities. Partnering with the Livermore school district to fund PSAT testing for all sophomores is only the first of many initiatives to support more local students.

Thank you, again to Nottingham Cellars, Purple Orchid, Ken's Wood Fired Pizza and Altamont Beer Works for helping students realize their educational and advanced training dreams.

Philanthropy Award Recognizes Effort to Restore Beacon

On September 3rd, the East Bay Leadership Council awarded Save Mount Diablo and its partners the 2013 Philanthropy Award for Outstanding Collaborative Project for the Mt. Diablo Beacon Restoration Project. Their joint efforts sets a precedent for private, public and non-profit partners to come together to make sure this symbolic and historic artifact could be restored despite the state's budget woes. Together Save Mount Diablo, Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan, California State Parks, The Dean and Margaret Lesher Foundation, Chevron, Shell, and many other small businesses and community members stepped up to restore the historic beacon atop Mount Diablo.

"The scope and magnitude of the response to the beacon restoration effort has been overwhelming," said Ron Brown, Save Mount Diablo's Executive Director.

The beacon was originally installed and illuminated in 1928 to aid in trans-continental aviation. Shut off following the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, the beacon has been re-lit every year since 1964 on December 7th in a ceremony honoring the Pearl Harbor Survivors. In 2010, when the beacon light refused to turn and survivors watched in the cold wind, a

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feel the need to establish a task force. He said there are enough locations on the east-side to cover more than one round of RHNA numbers.

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio said that the direction of staff during the last housing element update was to balance high density and rezonings throughout the city.

Mayor Jerry Thorne felt that the city had done an outstanding job with public outreach during the last update. However, he pointed out that there are still people who said they were not

notified of rezonings near their homes. He asked staff to think of ways to better notify the public of pending changes. "That's a challenge for you."

On another item, the council approved a rent stabilization agreement with Hacienda Mobilehome Park. The vote was 3 to 0 with Jerry Pentin and Karla Brown absent.

Under the agreement, in lieu capital improvements costs were eliminated for residents who lived in the park before 2008. They will pay \$17 or \$34 less

per month. They will pay a property tax pass through of \$51.20 per month. Future rent increases will be based on the consumer price index.

The park will remain an age restricted community.

Several park residents suggested the agreement is not fair to those who moved in after 2007. They say they are paying the in lieu fee and property tax pass through.

Councilmembers said they weren't sure a better deal could be negotiated. It took 15 months to come up with the one under consideration.

Save Mount Diablo volunteer scaled the building and slowly pushed the beacon around until it turned on its own. This was not the first problem with the beacon and Save Mount Diablo recognized the need to restore the historically and culturally significant symbol.

"The beacon not only commemorates Pearl Harbor but is also a shining light to remind us of how precious our freedoms are and the responsibilities we have to one another, to our community and to future generations," said Brown.

Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan wrote special legislation to allow the Cali-

ornia State Parks to enter into a partnership with Save Mount Diablo for the beacon's restoration.

Save Mount Diablo needed to raise an estimated \$100,000 to restore the beacon. Donations came in from small and large businesses and over 450 individuals. The Dean and Margaret Lesher Foundation volunteered to match donations up to \$50,000.

The final \$10,000 came from Chevron, who as Standard Oil, initially installed the beacon.

Shell Oil Refinery in Martinez and Maxim Crane donated a crane and rigging crew to safely lift the beacon

off the Summit Building.

Global Village Construction of Concord provided a secure warehouse space for the beacon during repairs and Redwood Painting donated lead paint removal and painting services. Several other companies, large and small and many volunteers donated expertise or supplies to its repair. This fall, Shell and Maxim Crane will team up with Save Mount Diablo again to place the beacon back on its perch.

An award ceremony will be held by the East Bay Leadership Council on November 7th, 2013 to acknowledge award winners.

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Pleasanton U-13 Rage defender Ariyana Walling dribbles the ball past two Arsenal players in a 2-0 Rage U-13 White win.



The Livermore Fusion U11 Boys Gold team played a very physical game this weekend against Dublin United Arsenal. Patrick Curulla, Aidan DeMello and Aidan Bartlett controlled the back line while Ethan Voelker and Ryan Hoopes and Austin Macedo exhibited their skillful passing game. Taha Diah, Aidan Edwards and Austin de Vries used their speed to drive the ball to the net in multiple scoring opportunities. Dublin had a tough defense but Fusion was able to score 2 goals - final score of 2-2. In the photo, Fusion's Ethan Voelker battles for the ball.



Pictured from West Coast U18 Kryptonite are (top, from left) Coach Marlon Fernandez, Irais Ortiz, Karla Uribe, Kelly Brooks, Molly Brady, Abigail Cebreiro, Analissa Bautista, Kasidee Wiley, Autumn Smithers, Mady Souza, Coach Troy Dayak; (front) Kelly Passmore, Jessica Hopkins, Alyssa Stevenson, Chenayi Tavaziva, Mireya Magana, Kori Altmann, Demi Gonis, and Sydni Lunt.



Livermore Fusion U10 Boys Select defenders Mason Franchi and Tyler Caldeira teaming up to shut down Fremont's attack.

Pleasanton Jr. Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League scores:

Contact Senior Division: 49ers 33, Cowboys 6; The Niners' second meeting with the Cowboys was very different from the first as the Niners scored five times while the defense limited the Cowboys' scoring in a decisive 33-6 win.

Wearing pink socks for Breast Cancer Awareness, the 49ers took the field with the game's first possession and never let go, controlling the ball for the entire first quarter. Blocking by Matthew Magagnoli, Coby Gunning, Jovan Perez, Jacob Ramos, William Carbonell and Ethan Lister enabled running backs Robbie Funkhouser and Trevor Bergmann to take turns on carries, steadily moving the ball down field. On a critical third down, QB Daniel Caraballo's pass to TE Dylan Knight resulted in a 20-yard gain putting the Niners into the red zone. A couple plays later, Bergmann scored followed by Mathew Dotson's PAT kick for an 8-0 lead. The Cowboys answered quickly with a long break-out TD run, though they were unsuccessful in completing the PAT.

Zachary Kiser's 20-yard kickoff return landed the Niners on the Cowboys' 37 setting up the next scoring drive led once again by Funkhouser and Bergmann. QB Caraballo scored the TD followed by another Dotson kick for a 16-6 lead. On the kickoff, Funkhouser forced a Cowboy fumble and recovered at the Cowboys' 32. With great OL blocking, Bergmann rushed up the middle for a first down, then zigged and zagged for 20 yards into the end zone. The Niner defense of Jacob Rodriguez, Daniel Olivias, Zach Kiser, Cole Lukas, Mathew Rumsey, Justin Burris, Kevin Cameron, Jake Massie, and Junior Jackson quickly shut down the Cowboys' next drive.

The Cowboys had possession at the start of the third quarter but Jackson and Junior Ramos forced a fumble, recovered by Elijah Bestin. Once again the Niners made gains culminating in Dotson kicking a 17-yard field goal for three points. The defense continued to keep the Cowboys from gaining much yardage for the remainder of the game

with key tackles by Rumsey, Jackson, Kiser and Perez. The final Niner TD in the fourth quarter by Funkhouser raised the score to 33-6 with 1:56 remaining. Final tackles by Jake Massie, Jr. Ramos and Lukas sealed the win.

Livermore Jr. Football

Livermore Junior Football League highlights:

Junior Division: Falcons 44, Lions 42: The Lions and the Falcons squared off on Saturday, for the second time this season. This action-filled score-fest was kicked off first by the Falcons, scoring on the opening drive. The Lions answered with Zach Sandoval throwing a laser of a pass to a wide open Dylan Prusso. Dominic Zayas then ran the ball in for the Lions' first touchdown of the game. The second quarter started with the Lions mid-drive; with a couple of first down conversions, Dominic Zayas and Zach Sandoval running the ball, and Dylan Prusso again being effective at wide receiver. The Lions capped off the drive with a touchdown run by Sandoval. The two teams would trade scores on their next drives respectively, Sandoval scoring for the Lions. The Lions' touchdown was complimented by a great catch in the end zone by Anthony Diaz for the 2-point conversion. The Falcons' offense got to work on their next drive, but fumbled the ball, which was recovered by Dylan Prusso. The Lions converted a couple first downs in their campaign to tack on some more points before the half, but the Falcons' defense came up with the defensive stop.

The Lions came out fired up in the second half, with JP Wolfson returning the opening kickoff into Falcons' territory. The Lions' offense called Dominic Zayas' number many times in the second half. Zayas kept the chains moving, and ultimately found the end zone to cap the drive with an 8 yard touchdown run. He also added the extra point, to give the Lions a 10 point lead. The Falcons answered with a touchdown. On the kickoff, Jonathan Lankenau caught the ball and ran it back, giving his offense a short field. It was the first of two great kick returns he'd have on the day. His offense took



Pictured are MJ Anzo and Teagn Conklin working to gain possession for the West Coast Wildkat.



West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy compulsory level 5 gymnasts competed at their host meet West Coast Beach Blast October 5th, in Pleasanton. Level 5 finished in 1st.



Livermore Fusion U10 Boys Select team played two matches over the weekend. In the photo, Fusion defender Caleb Penner is clearing the ball against San Ramon's Earthquakes. In the other photo, Fusion defenders Mason Franchi and Tyler Caldeira team up to shut down Fremont's attack.



Zach Sandoval of the Livermore Junior Football League Lions.



St. Michael cross country runners (from left) Michael Grant, Julian Galicia-Thomas, Dominic Giuliano, Miguel Valenton, and Kyle Roach begin the 1.25 mile cross country race at Oak Hill Park in Danville.

advantage, and after some tough yards earned by Zayas and Sandoval, Dylan Prusso hand-delivered the ball to the end zone, making him the third Lion of the day to score a touchdown. Anthony Diaz then completed his second 2-point conversion of the day. Back on special teams, Lankenau showed he was just as good in kick return coverage as he was returning the ball, making a great open field tackle on the Lions' kickoff. The Falcons would ultimately score on that drive.

With the score close at the start of the 4th quarter, the Lions again looked to Dominic Zayas who ran ten yards for the touchdown, putting his team up by two scores. The Falcons would answer with a two-play scoring drive. On the following kickoff, Lankenau made his second great kickoff return of the morning, again putting his team in good position. Despite the short field, the Falcons' defense made a stand, forcing the Lions to turnover

the ball on downs. They added another touchdown, putting them two points ahead with time waning on the clock. The Lions got the ball back, but again were unable to convert a first down, giving the Falcons the ball back. They would run out the clock. Final score, Lions 42, Falcons 44. The Lions move to 2-3 on the season.

Intermediate Division: 49ers 26, Vikings 12: The Vikings played tough and fought hard, but were unable to stop the 49ers' running game. Despite that there were some great Vikings' defensive plays by Dylan Cole, Carson Mohler, Morgan Labrucherie, Josh Hammond, and Matt Polaski with a sack.

A touchdown by Miles Rasemus put the Vikings on the scoreboard. Cole Arnold made some key interceptions, one resulting in a touchdown. Key offensive players were Garrett Gomes, Damien Guerrero, Quinn Ayers, and Nolan Martin.



Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club U9 teams of Deportivo and RDC Malorca met over the weekend. Both teams played well. Joshua Young of Deportivo, had a fantastic header towards goal, but the Malorca keeper was able to defend it. Ethan Jackson scored with a power house kick from the 18 yard line. Derek Wang scored a goal from an assist by Terrence Yu. Top Offensive Players: Ca'trale Hart, Derek Wang, Terrence Yu; Top Defensive Players: Joshua Young, Ethan Jackson, Juliano Casentini. Pictured is Deportivo player Terrence Yu (in yellow) fighting for the ball. Dylan Gray is shown in the background.



Livermore Fusion Dazzling Dolphins' Ashton McGrail played spectacular defense. Lauren Stoneberger had awesome footwork. Audrey Belmessieri was on for offense. Marina Rivera was great at defense. Aine Ragan played 1/4 of game as goalie, not letting a goal in. Pictured are Ashton McGrail and Lauren Stoneberger



The Livermore Fusion U12G Select Lynx took third place in the Santa Cruz Classic Soccer Tournament the last weekend in September. The Lynx fought hard and worked together as a 14-player team with two shutouts in a close and exciting tournament. Pictured are (back, left to right) coach Rich Garcia, Kaleigh Garcia, Katie Muzzall, Hailey Lopez, Emma Hyde, Maddie Turk, Pascale Badders, Coach Mike Lopez; (middle row) Olivia LaBarbera, Jenna Swartz, Ariana Racanelli, Amanda Price, Madeline Koning, Tori Trautwein; (front) Kayla Hebebrand and Sami Schley. (Photo by Dan Badders)



Pictured is West Coast Wild U16 Girls goal scorer Melissa Ellis.

The 49ers scored yet another victory against the Vikings and remain undefeated in the fifth week of the season. The offense came ready to play with JJ Knight scoring the first touchdown of the game and Tyler Morano coming through with the extra point. The defense kept the Vikings in check with several great tackles by Jason He, Blaze Hill, David Olmsted and Elijah Nuddelman. Zakary Gooby made a spectacular interception in the first half that resulted in the second touchdown of the game scored by Cameron Stephenson. The Vikings fought back scoring one touchdown. The first half ended with the 49ers ahead 13 to 6. The 49ers continued to perform well in the second half with an excellent kick-off return by Chanston Bright, a third touchdown by Quinn Tudor and Blaze Hill's sack

of the Vikings' quarterback. JJ Knight scored the final touchdown for the 49ers. Cameron Adriaens and Austin Lane each recovered fumbles. Both teams played great, but the 49ers came out on top with a 26-12 win.

Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton U-13 Rage White earned its first league win on Saturday in a 2-0 game against the Benicia Arsenal at the Pleasanton Sports Park.

In the first half, the Rage offense of Ashley Lopez, Brooke Delaney, Lucia Castenada and Isabella Clark took multiple shots on goal. Arsenal responded with strong shots of its own, stopped by Rage's first-half goalie, Cierra Lofthouse-Wolf. Minutes before the half, the Rage took five shots, including two off corner kicks, but all

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Dublin High School Gaels football team lost Friday's home conference game against Dougherty Valley by a score of 34-27. The loss drops Dublin's season record to 2 and 4. Next up for the Gaels is a home game this Friday against Las Lomas.

were denied by the Arsenal defense. The second half started off with ball movement up and down the field by Rage mid-fielders Allison DeFazio and Lauren Londono. In the 57th minute, Rage defender Ariyana Walling kicked a long ball to Clark, who sprinted past the Arsenal defensive line to face its keeper, one-on-one. Clark's shot was straight and low, scoring the game's first goal. This fired up the Arsenal offense, which looked to convert a corner into a goal in the 59th minute. These efforts were anticipated and denied by Rage's Walling and her teammates on defense, Sarah McKeever, Emma Monsen, Julianna Pereira and second-half goalkeeper Delaney. Rage mid-fielders Jessica Stubbs and Hunter Faria courried the ball back into Arsenal territory, where it remained for much of the second half. A solid kick to the upper corner by Rage forward Gabby Smith in the 67th minute gave Rage its second goal for a final score, 2-0.

Pleasanton Ballistic
The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club U19 Select and Advanced squads squared off and battled to a 1-1 tie.

They went to half at 0-0. Emergency GK Alex Codik was steady in net and Jack Simmons led the midfield defense. An injury and no substitute left the Select playing a man down for the second half. They still managed a strong try when Drake Foote crossed to Collin Laporte back post, but his volley was just wide. Then in the last 4 minutes, things heated up. LaPorte played a short corner to Zac Pinar, and his cross was headed in by Foote for the 1-0 lead. Trying to defend the last four minutes, the Select were pinned back. With two minutes left, a strong shot from outside deflected off the Select defense and went in the net for the eventual 1-1 tie. The Select (7-7-1, 0-2-1 Norcal) next travel to take on the Brentwood Ajax.

Livermore Fusion
Fusion SC Maroon U9 Boys: The Outlaws showed up ready to dominate in their Saturday game against the Tri-Valley Soccer Club. Kyle Denton and Thomas Schnapp put on offensive pressure right from the start, with Justin Johnson assisting goalie Andrew McKeever in awesome defense. The Outlaws continued to attack the goal, with Tanner Griffith, Andrew McKeever, Thomas Schnapp and Shane Pollard all scoring. Carter March and Hayden Borg helped out both on offense and defense. The Outlaws won the game 6-1.

Edge Gymnastics
LEVEL 4: The Edge Gymnastics Level 3 team competed on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at the Aloha Invitational in Santa Clara, CA. The team placed 1st overall in the Invitational. Level 3 Younger Division: Ava Lee placed 4th on Vault (9.275), 1st on Bars (9.55), 2nd on Beam (9.45), 1st on Floor (9.45), and 1st in All Around (37.725). Sophia Low placed 1st on Vault (9.475), 3rd on Bars (9.2), 3rd on Beam (9.375), 2nd on Floor (9.275), and 2nd in All Around (37.325). Caitlyn Cu placed 2nd on Bars (9.375), 1st on Beam (9.5), 3rd on Floor (9.2), and 3rd in All Around (37.025). Devin Nuckles placed 6th on Vault (9.225), 5th on Bars (9.0), 7th on Beam (8.75), 9th on Floor (8.775), and 5th in All Around (37.75). Allison Wadleigh placed 3rd on Vault (9.35), 4th on Bars (9.15), 8th on Floor (8.8), and 7th in All Around (35.45). Level 3 Middle Division: Madelyn Osborn placed 1st on Vault (9.3), 2nd on Bars (9.35), 2nd on Beam (9.35), 2nd on Floor (9.4), and 2nd in All Around (37.4). Kiki Chan placed 4th on Vault (9.225), 4th on Bars (9.1), 6th on Beam (8.95), and 5th in All Around (35.675).

LEVEL 4: The Edge Gymnastics Level 4 team competed on Saturday, October 5th at the Aloha Invitational in Santa Clara, CA. Once again, many of the athletes posted their personal best scores, including Kathy Haidinyak, who earned the highest All-Around score (37.275) of any Level 4 gymnast at this meet. The team placed 2nd (111.600) overall. Session 1: Older Division: Isabella Romano - Bars: 2nd (9.325), Beam: 1st (9.650), Floor: 1st (9.250), All-Around: 3rd (36.275). Middle Division: Katelyn Lewis - Vault: 3rd (8.750), Bars: 3rd (9.250), Beam: 2nd (9.400), Floor: 2nd (9.000T), All-Around: 1st (36.400); Katie Corbett - Bars: 1st (9.525), Beam: 1st (9.425), All-Around: 3rd (35.375); Lily Madrigal - Bars: 2nd (9.475); Mariah Murphy - Floor: 2nd (9.000T). Younger Division: Emma Wright - Beam: 2nd (9.100); Zoey Contos - Bars: 1st (8.900), Floor: 2nd (8.850T). Session 2: Older Division: Kathy Haidinyak - Vault: 3rd (9.025), Bars: 2nd (9.575), Beam: 1st (9.275), Floor:

2nd (9.400), All-Around: 1st (37.275); Kacie Donaldson - Beam: 3rd (9.150), Floor: 1st (9.450), All-Around: 2nd (36.125); Carl Collopy - Bars: 1st (9.600); Arianna Standish - Bars: 3rd (9.550). Middle Division: Lauren Bashant - Bars: 2nd (9.375); Emily Walsh - Bars: 3rd (9.175).

CYO Cross Country
The St. Michael CYO cross country team had an excellent outing at the second meet of the season held on a hilly course at Oak Hill Park in Danville.

Again winning their bracket was the K-5 girls team of Nina Fillari, Viviana Valenton, and Melanie Reed in 3rd, 4th, and 6th. Also running well were the younger girls Whitley Alpher, Ally Grant, and Mikaela Beeler. The K-5 boys team of Chase Vogler, Josiah Alpher, and Kevin Grant won their bracket with placings of 4th, 6th, and 7th. Graedon Beeler ran well, and Gavin Reed and Camden McLaggan made good showings in their first race of the season.

The grades 6-8 boys team of Miguel Valenton, Kyle Roach, and Michael Grant placed fourth in their bracket with Dominic Giuliano and Julian Galicia. Thomas also running well. Veronica Valenton again was the sole St. Michael entrant in the girls grade 6-8 race making a good showing in 8th. The team's season concludes with the Diocese Championship on Oct. 18. For more information on St. Michael cross country and track, see the website at <http://www.smisctrack.org>

WCOGA Gymnastics
West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy compulsory gymnasts competed at their host meet West Coast Beach Blast October 5th, in Pleasanton, California.

The Level 3 team finished in 3rd place. Level 4 placed 2nd. Level 5 finished in 1st. Level 3 individual results: Younger-Anne Sophie Laliberte 5th on Vault and Floor, Ainsley Wade 4th on Vault, tied for 3rd on Uneven Bars, 2nd on Balance Beam, 2nd on Floor and tied 3rd in All Around. Keira Howard 4th on Vault, 1st on Balance Beam, 1st on Floor, 4th on Uneven Bars and 1st in All Around.

Middle A-Nitika Chand tied for 2nd on Floor, 5th on Uneven Bars, 4th on Balance Beam, 2nd on Vault, and 3rd in All Around. Middle B-Isabel McGaughy 1st on Vault, 6th on Uneven Bars, 6th on Floor, tied for 1st on Beam, and 3rd in All Around. Mia Reeve 4th on Uneven Bars, 4th on Beam, 5th on Floor and 4th in All Around. Aria Spaulding tied for 5th place on Vault, 1st on Uneven Bars, 2nd on Floor, 3rd on Balance Beam, and 2nd in All Around.

Older-Zoe White 5th on Vault, tied for 4th on Beam, and 5th All Around. Level 4 individual results: Younger-McKenzie Meyn 3rd on Vault, 2nd on Vault and 7th All Around. Middle-Naomi Evans tied for 6th on Vault, Amelia Liao tied for 2nd on Vault, 6th on Floor and 7th in the All Around.

Older-Amanda Kim 3rd on Vault, tied for 2nd on Bars, 6th on beam and 6th in All Around. Level 5 individual results: Younger-Megan Brennan 2nd on Uneven Bars, 4th on Beam, 2nd on Floor and 3rd in All Around. Lauren Swenson-Lennox 1st on Vault, 1st on Uneven Bars, 1st on Balance Beam, tied for 4th on Floor and 1st in All Around. Lydia Muentz 3rd on Uneven Bars, 2nd on Balance Beam, 3rd on Floor, 5th on Vault and 2nd in All Around. Kamryn O'Reilly tied for 4th on Uneven Bars, 1st on Floor, and 4th in All Around. Allison Reilly- Tied for 4th place on floor.

Older-Audrey Ong 1st on Uneven Bars, 1st on Balance Beam, 1st on Floor, and 1st in All Around.

West Coast Soccer

The West Coast Wildkatz capped competition at the 2013 Ajax Fall Tournament with a 1-0 victory over Pleasanton Rage in penalty kicks. The game matched the top two ranked teams in Northern California.

The Wildkatz, from the Livermore's West Coast Soccer Club, won all three of their preliminary games by scoring 12 goals and giving up just one. In the first match, the Katz were led by Mary Jane Anzo's hat trick and Jayden Morton scoring two more who also led the defensive effort alongside Jade Castillo, Melanie Lambert and Mia Marks.

Later that day, the Katz fought hard for a 2-0 victory with Allie Santellano finishing an early goal from a Teagan Conklin assist and Conklin later scoring on a free kick to seal the victory. Elia Revino and Katie Carlson provided steady play on the field and split time in goal that included a breakaway stop by Revino to keep the shutout. Sunday morning's match meant the winner would go straight to the final since both teams went 2-0 the previous



West Coast Wicked's Nadia Ranagan stops an attack before the opponent can make it the Wicked's back-line she then played the ball forward for a counter attack resulting in a shot on goal. Ranagan's midfield performance was instrumental in controlling the game and developing scoring opportunities for the Wicked.

day. The Wildkatz consistently pressured the Stars' defense with consistent play from forwards Emma Colmenero, Maddie Flask and Santellano. The outcome was in doubt until Flask finished a great cross from Morton.

This set up the match between the WildKat and Rage. The Wildkatz started the game applying pressure by winning battles at midfield and up front. However, the Rage finished off strong and carried their momentum into the second half. Led by relentless pressure from Colmenero, the WildKat came within inches of scoring as the second half continued. The Rage then swung the momentum once more creating pressure in the WildKatz penalty box. In the end, neither team could break through with a goal as regulation finished tied, and forced the game into penalty kicks. Morton and Conklin made their attempts and with Carlson stopping two of the Rage attempts brought the outcome to the final round. Carlson moved from the goalie position to take the final penalty kick, and she struck it beautifully to clinch the Tournament title for the West Coast Wildkatz.

West Coast U18 Kryptonite competed in the Champions Cup, a premiere tournament held at Woodward Park in Manteca over the weekend of Sept 28th & 29th. Team Kryptonite opened the showcase format with a 2-0 win vs Clovis Crossfire. Kryptonite goals were scored by Jessica Hopkins and Tracy native Mireya Magana. Next up Central Valley Explosion where the Kryptonite put together some magical passing that led to a 3-0 victory. In the third game, the Kryptonite faced Central Valley Alliance a top team from down south, it was an exciting game with many chances where Alliance capitalized on to win 2-1. West Coast would come out on fire in the 4th and final game against Delta Domination scoring 8 goals and allowing none against. With the showcase format for this tournament Kryptonite earned a second place finish and took home a cup.

West Coast Wicked U16G and the Marin Soccer Club battled furiously in a fast paced and exciting game that saw both teams with chances to walk off with a victory. However, when the dust had settled, the two clubs remained locked in a 2-2 tie. This was a rematch with the Wicked looking for a different outcome than the narrow 1-0 loss they had suffered earlier in the season. This match featured numerous attacks by both squads and superb defense on both sides.

Adi Ruiz got the Wicked on the board first picking up a crossing pass from Sophia Shokoor and driving the ball past the Marin goalie. Ruiz was particularly active on the afternoon putting a half dozen shots on goal throughout the game.

At the other end of the field, the Marin club featured several speedy attackers, but the Wicked played strong team defense to keep their club in the game. Jordan Volponi anchored the defense marking Marin's outstanding right wing and effectively neutralizing her throughout the game. Mackenzie Paulo and Kate Chase, both of whom were returning from injuries, added to the defensive effort. Shannon Holt provided outstanding support from her center back position.

On offense, Misha Brewster assisted Jazmynn Merchant on a second Wicked goal though the lead proved short-lived as Marin tied the game just before the half. The intensity increased in the second half although neither team would score again. Marley Aumua and Nadia Ranagan both scorched shots on the Marin goal only to watch their balls sail over the crossbar. With the clock running down, it was up to the Wicked defense to preserve the tie. Paulo, Volponi and Holt were all credited with key defensive stops while Morgan Hall made a heady play on a Marin foul kick to avoid a goal. In the waning moments, Samantha Gruczak made two exceptional saves against the frenzied Marin attack to preserve the 2-2 tie.

West Coast Wild U16 Girls come back from short break to defeat a tough Boca team 2-0 in Norcal NPL State Division 1 play. The game started off a bit slow as the them worked to get their fitness and touches back in form. It did not take long for the Wild to get it right as Miciah Madison received a ball and surged forward to strike a 25 yard bomb in the upper corner of the Boca Jr. net. The Wild went into halftime with a 1-0 lead but came out the second half with much more composure and worked the ball beautifully down the right hand sideline multiple times before earning a corner kick just 5 minutes into the second half. Autumn Smithers bent a gorgeous cross that landed in front of the near post run by Melissa Ellis who chest trapped the ball turned and volleyed a shot in the upper corner making it 2-0. West Coast Wild would have several other opportunities to score but did not connect on the final shot. The Wild Defense got a well earned shut out and moved up the standing into 2nd of the NPL State Div 1 league. Next up for Wild will be Placer United in Sacramento on Saturday.

Alumni Football Game
Plans are underway for a Livermore versus Granada Alumni Football

Game to be held on Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. Practice will begin at 6 p.m. on Sept. 29.

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

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

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

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



Our Savior Lutheran School girls volleyball team came away with a third place finish in the silver division at the Prince of Peace Tournament. Team members are Kacie, Raegan, Monique, Lauren, Kennedy, Jacqueline, Aspen, Madelyn, Leticia, Chloe and Coach Debbie and Coach Nicole.

regain their self-sufficiency and independence since its inception in 2003. Registration is now open at www.veteransvictoryvelo.com. All V3 rides will begin and end in the parking lot of the Foundation offices located at 2678 Bishop Drive in San Ramon. Riders from the novice to the experienced are welcome. 100-mile ride begins at 7 a.m.; 60-mile ride at 9 a.m. and 30-mile ride at 10 a.m.

The 30-mile ride is an out-and-back along San Ramon and Foothill Bldvs to the picturesque and historic town of Sunol. The 60-mile ride loops through the Tri-Valley area, extending east from Danville to the lush vineyards of Livermore and the rolling hills of Pleasanton before returning through Dublin and San Ramon. The 100-mile Devil Mountain Century Ride takes cyclists to the ranger station on Mt. Diablo, down through Clayton and up and over Morgan Territory lands before descending into the Livermore/Pleasanton/Sunol region on the return.

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


festival is scheduled for 1 - 5 p.m. and is open to the public. Radio sponsor 101.7 KKIQ (www.kkiiq.com) will be broadcasting live at various times throughout the day from the Bishop Ranch start and finish line.

A new custom bike jersey is available for purchase online now through ride day to commemorate the V3 event. The Club Cut, red, white and blue bike jersey, \$65, is a little longer and looser than a Race Cut jersey. Cycling bibs and shorts with the V3 logo may also be purchased at <http://www.voler.com/custom/ordering/li/3545>.

Race to the Flagpole

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

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Fusion Soccer Awards Athlete Scholar Patch

Livermore Fusion Soccer Club announced that over 150 of its youth soccer players have earned the prestigious Athlete Scholar Award for the 2012 /2013 school year. The award recipients represent almost every school in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, the Charter School, Valley Montessori School, St. Michael's, Our Savior's as well as schools from Pleasanton and Mountain House.

The Athlete Scholar Award Patch is earned by maintaining a 3.0 or higher (or all A's and B's or highest number grade if letter grades are not available) while registered as a player for Livermore Fusion Soccer Club. The league values education and recognizes that players cannot be great athletes unless they are first great students.

In a press released, the Fusion Club states, "We are very proud to have awarded the first round of Athlete Scholar Award patches to nine outstanding students at St. Michael's School. Coach Matt was there to announce the students and hand them the patch with a congratulatory hand shake. We are very proud of all of you and look forward to being a part of your continued success both on and off the field."

SPORTS

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more Grove Park. The half marathon goes through Holdener Park in the rolling wine country and continues through Sycamore Grove. These events are open to all ages and abilities.

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

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

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

Softball Tryout

Norcal Extreme 12U-Peterson will be holding a special tryout to add two girls for the Spring 2014 season. Coach Peterson is looking for a catcher and an infielder. Tryouts are October 11th. Call Coach Peterson directly at 925-371-1778 for more details. Must be born in 2001 or 2002.

Girls Softball

LGSA Registration: Livermore Girls Softball Association welcomes all Livermore girls aged 5-18, no experience necessary. Online registration is open now at LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org, or mark your calendars for October 17 and stop by between 4-8pm at the last Thursday Farmer's Market of the year to register in person. Visit the league website or email registration@LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org for more information.

Lacrosse - Player Clinic

Learn why lacrosse is the fastest growing sport in North America. Livermore Phantom Lacrosse is hosting a

new player clinic on Sunday, October 13th at Robertson Park Turf fields from 3:00pm - 5:00pm, check in begins at 2:30. Lacrosse is a dynamic, fast paced sport combining team strategy and individual athleticism.

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

Lacrosse - Signup

Registration for the Livermore Phantom Lacrosse Spring 2014 season is now open. Boys' rules teams are forming for players born between September 1, 1998 and August 31, 2006. Boys' rules teams are open to both boys and girls. The season runs early-January through May. Discounted early registration closes Oct 31st. For more information and to register on-line go to www.phantomlacrosse.org.

Little League Signup

Baseball sign-ups for LNLL, LALL & Granada will be on Saturday, October 19th at the Livermore High Student Union located at 600 Maple St. Registration is from 10 am-2 pm. Please bring copy of birth certificate and proof of residency. Visit your leagues' website for further details.

Football Benefit

A Twilight Tasting at Page Mill Winery in Livermore will benefit the Livermore High School football program.

The event is set for Thurs., Oct. 17, 4:30 to 8 p.m. at Page Mill Winery, 1960 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. There will be wine tasting, shopping and a raffle. \$5 tasting fee donated to Livermore High School football; proceeds benefit LHS football organization.

Vendors to be on hand include: Purse Party, Avon, Scentsy candle, PartyLite, Shadedbling and things, Creations by Christine, and Cookie Lee.

Table Tennis

Tri-Valley Table Tennis Club would like members to know that the gym will be closed Sat., Oct. 19. For information, go to www.trivalleyttc.com.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The 18th annual Airport Open House and Air Show took place on Saturday at the Livermore Municipal Airport, without the aerobatic acts. With the government shutdown, representatives from the FAA were not available to sign off on the permit. Visitors were still treated to fly-overs and a static display of general aviation aircraft: military and warbirds, antique and classic, experimental and homebuilt. Open house exhibits included displays from local flight schools with representatives to talk about aviation training.

SCHOOLS

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schools now include the 4 C's: critical teaching, creativity, collaboration and communication.

In other academic areas, Solorzano told the board that there has been an increase in enrollment in agriculture classes. As a result, new courses such as ag construction technology and ag science have been added. The school hosts the remaining FFA class left in the county. "Students are finding there are many more pathways in agriculture than raising a steer."

The report included information that the hundreds of students who participate in athletics also maintain an average GPA that is higher than the school average. There has been a significant increase in the number of hours that students are spending in community service activities. Students have participated in blood drives, canned food drives, adopt-a-family programs during the holidays, peer tutoring, Big Brother and

Big Sister programs, and a number of fund-raisers for those in need.

Courses offered that help students gain information and experience leading to careers include Sports Medicine, Medical Occupations, Marketing, Economics of Business Ownership, Developmental Psychology of Children, Green Engineering Academy at Livermore and Granada High's Biotechnology pathway.

Project Lead the Way (PLTW) classes provide a 21st century curriculum: Introduction to Engineering; Computer Science and Software Engineering (national pilot course, taught by Carol Kinnard at GHS, one of 50 teachers). These courses, along with Robotics, Exploring Computer Science, Game Design, Design Engineering, Digital Media Production, and Architectural Design provide foundation for technical careers.

Visual and performing arts aren't neglected with successful orchestra, jazz and marching bands, as well as choral groups.

Granada High School has been recognized as a Silver Medal School by US News and World Report, and included in Newsweek's Top 1,000 High Schools.

Both Rambo and Solorzano listed athletics as important to the culture of their schools. There are 1100 student athletes at Granada. Participation in sports is increasing at Livermore.

Trustee Kate Runyon said of the report, "The schools have to deal with a more diverse, more challenging population with more kids in poverty. They must still be able to prepare them for the future. My thinking regarding athletics has changed since I've been on the board. I see the importance of sports to the culture of the schools. We have made it difficult by not properly resourcing the infrastructure needed." She asked the principals to think about what hasn't been provided that would make it possible for every student to participate in sports.

Rambo stated, "More money would be appreciated."

Runyon noted that it is important to provide a safe place to practice and play and to provide the officials needed to put on a game.

She asked what other areas need help.

Solorzano said that consistent professional develop-

ment would be good.

Rambo suggested adding more technology for use by both students and teachers.

Sarah Dreher, LHS Student Representative, supported extracurricular activities. She said that the experiences gained by participating provide students with sources of knowledge they can write about. Just taking an English class doesn't provide the information.

Trustee Anne White was concerned about supporting the infrastructure for athletics, asking whether it was the responsibility of the schools or the community. It would be part of any discussion.

Proposed changes in the future at the schools would include placing less reliance upon end-of-course or end-of-year assessments to determine which students are in need of additional support. The goal would be the development and implementation of intervention plans to help struggling students early.

Other plans include the following: Specifically meet the needs of English Learners (ELs) through English Language Development (ELD) instruction, clustering of ELs in core classes, and assistance from bilingual aide; focus schoolwide on literacy development by incorporating Common Core literacy standards into all courses and teaching and requiring writing in all curricular areas; focus on continued professional development to equip teachers with understanding of research-proven best strategies, especially in the areas of intervention and working with English Learners, to improve student achievement; and align curriculum to the Common Core Standards, working as department teams to review and modify essential standards.

Thomas Coyne: A New View Ahead

by Laura Ness

I'm going to miss the old view from the former location of Thomas Coyne winery on Vallecitos. The first clue that you were about to enter another century was the iconic old wine barrel that guarded the driveway leading to the place Tom and Emilie Coyne called their winery home for nearly 20 years. There was not a more authentically historic tasting room setting in all the Livermore Valley than the old Detjens farm, replete with gorgeous old barns and farming equipment, dating well back to the mid 19th century. Along with the always plentiful and enjoyable selection of wines under the Thomas Coyne label, the thing that visitors enjoyed most about going there was the sense of completely unpretentious authenticity.

And the view: stunning and captivating, as it swept from one century to the next and back again. The old oak trees are a reminder of all that has gone before, a testimony to the things that nature builds that often outlast anything we can build with them. The sense of peace and tranquility that exudes naturally from such a timeworn homestead. It was a place unique in all of Livermore Valley wine country, as we turn the page to a new era of larger, more showy, out of town visitor-oriented wineries.

Thomas Coyne was surely one of the hallmarks of the old old days, along with Fenestra and Retzlaff. Their barnlike buildings bear the stamp of a bygone era: their cellars hold secrets that one can only imagine if one has recently read something from the pen of a 19th century author. The tales those cobwebs could tell.

But that, too, is history. When one of the owners of Detjens Farm decided to sell the place earlier this year, the Thomas Coyne Winery had to find a new home. So, they landed at 2405 Research Drive. Their tasting room will be open by the time you read this. They'll be in good company, with Eckert, Longevity, Nottingham and Occasio right down the street. They'll start out being open on weekends, and will evaluate the possibility of being open on Fridays down the road.

The view will certainly be different, but one thing will not change. Tom Coyne remains one of the most naturally gifted winemakers I know. He is one of the icons of the Livermore Valley wine industry, universally loved and admired. To the betterment of the entire AVA, Tom has tutored many a fledgling winemaker, helping them to spread their wings and cast their own shadows on the vineyard-studded hills of the Valley.

Ardenwood Harvest Festival and More

Park It column by Ned MacKay

The pleasures of a 19th century autumn celebration will come to life again during the Annual Harvest Festival at Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont, set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sat. and Sun., Oct. 12 and 13.

Attractions will include magic shows, cider pressing, corn husk crafts, blacksmithing demonstrations, rides on the farm's unique horse-drawn railroad, and corn harvesting. Bring bags to take home your harvest of organic Indian corn and popcorn. You can also buy a pumpkin at the J.E. Perry Farm pumpkin patch.

Dan Engle and Ray Frank will play lively 19th century music. David Maloney will lead a children's sing-along session.

Entry fee for the festival is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors ages 62 and older, \$6 for children ages 4 through 17, and free for children 3 and under. Parking is free.

Ardenwood is located at 34600 Ardenwood Boulevard, just north of Highway 84 in Fremont. For information, call 888-327-2757, ext. 2797.

At Crab Cove in Alameda, the Family Fun Nature Hour will feature a free history walk from 2 to 3 p.m. on both Sat. and Sun., Oct. 12 and 13, evoking the days when Crown Beach was renowned as the "Coney Island of the West." Later the site saw service as a mer-

chant marine academy. The walk will include special treats original to Alameda. Meet at the Crab Cove Visitor Center at 1252 McKay Ave. off Central Avenue. For information, call 510-544-3187.

If you have energy to spare, you could spend all day Sat., Oct. 12, on guided hikes in north Contra Costa regional parks.

Naturalist "Trail Gail" Broesder is leading a hike from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day at Crockett Hills Regional Park in Crockett. The route leads along a section of the Bay Area Ridge Trail through historic ranch lands to panoramic views of San Pablo Bay and Carquinez Strait. Ages 14 and older, please; bring a snack to share. Meet at the staging area on Crockett Boulevard just south of Pomona Street in Crockett.

Then from 4 to 6 p.m. Sat., Oct. 12, naturalist James Wilson will lead a short, sunset hike to explore the beauties of Briones Regional Park. Meet James at Briones' Bear Creek staging area. It's off Bear Creek Road about five miles east of San Pablo Dam Road in Orinda Village.

Trail Gail specializes in more strenuous hikes. She's leading an eight-miler from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 18 at Redwood Regional Park in Oakland. It's a ridge-to-ridge loop. Again, it's

for ages 14 and up; bring a snack to share. Meet Gail at the park's Canyon Meadow staging area off Redwood Road in Oakland.

All three hikes are free of charge. For more information, call 510-544-2233.

Naturalist Trent Pearce leads evening excursions that combine bicycling and bird-watching, designed for ages 12 and older. The next one is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Mon., Oct. 14 through Wildcat Canyon. Meet at the Lone Oak Picnic Area in Tilden Regional Park. The ride is six miles long, mostly flat, on a gravel surface. Bring a bicycle, helmet and binoculars. For information, call 510-544-2233.

Thirty-minute discussion sessions on issues facing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta continue at Big Break Regional Shoreline in Oakley. One will be held 3 to 3:30 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 12.

It's free of charge, but registration is required. To register, call 888-327-2757. Select option 2, refer to program 3896.

The park visitor center offers a program of delta discovery games and activities from 11 a.m. to noon and 2 to 3 p.m. every Sat. and Sun. in October.

Big Break Shoreline is located at 69 Big Break Road off Main Street in Oakley. The phone number is 888-327-2757, ext. 3050.

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OBITUARIES

Esther Lacy Flower

Esther Lacy Flower passed peacefully in her sleep on Monday, September 30, 2013, in Livermore, two months shy of her ninety-sixth birthday. Born November 29, 1917, in upstate New York, Esther was the third of four daughters of Frank Howard Lacy and Clara Mabel Lacy.

Esther and her sisters grew up on the Lacy family farm outside Poughkeepsie, New York, where Esther developed the love for the outdoors that remained with her for her entire life. As a young woman in the late 1930s, Esther and two girlfriends drove alone from New York to California and back in order to see the West.

Esther attended St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York, and the Katherine Gibbs School in Boston. Following school, Esther worked at Vassar College and then at General Electric in Schenectady, New York. At GE, Esther met Bob Flower with whom she shared a passion for canoeing, camping, hiking, and skiing, which they pursued together on frequent weekend trips in the Adirondacks.

Bob and Esther wed in 1944 and would be married for over sixty years before Bob's passing in 2005. Together they raised four sons - Dick, Bill, Terry, and Jack - living first in Schenectady, then in Cincinnati, and finally in Phoenix, Arizona, where Esther would live for over fifty years. Weekends were most often spent outdoors - picnicking and camping and exploring Arizona - and summer vacations were spent visiting the national parks of the west.

Esther was an avid bridge player, which she learned as a very young girl, she and a sister partnering with their parents to play during evenings on the farm.

The wife of an engineer and mother to four more, Esther was the quickest with numbers of the bunch.

Esther moved to the Livermore area in 2011 to be closer to her sons. To her last days, Esther was most happy when she was outdoors with family. She spent her final evenings sitting outside with sons on the deck at Quail Garden, her residence in Livermore, enjoying a warm September breeze. Esther was blessed with incredible optimism and a tremendously positive attitude. She will be greatly missed.

Esther is survived by sons Bill of Livermore, Terry (Sue) of Vancouver, WA, and Jack (Paula) of Reno, by granddaughters Melissa of Long Beach, Stephanie of St. Louis, MO, and Julie of Vancouver, WA, and by nine nieces and nephews. Esther was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Mabel Lacy, sisters Betty, Evelyn, and Doris, her husband Bob, and by her eldest son Dick.

Esther's family would like to thank Alicia and Bob and all the staff of Quail Garden in Livermore for the loving care they provided to Esther during her twenty months with them.

Dorothy Viola Hovenden

Oct. 20, 1921 - Sept. 26, 2013 Resident of Livermore since 2004

Dorothy Viola Hovenden passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on September 26, 2013; a little over three weeks shy of her 92nd birthday.

Dorothy was born in



Wisconsin on October 20, 1921. She married Charles Hovenden in 1952. Dorothy and Chuck relocated with their children to Tucson, Arizona in 1961 and later to Bellflower, California.

Dorothy was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Her hobbies and interests involved her family and friends. For twenty years, Dorothy was an avid canasta player. She was talented at handiwork, especially crocheting and sewing. Dorothy passed her love of sewing on to her daughter Christine. In the '80s, she was awarded a sweepstakes award from the California Federation of Women's Clubs for original needlework when creating a life-sized baby doll for her granddaughter.

For many years, she enjoyed volunteering at the Friends of the Library in Paramount and in the PTA. Every Halloween she enjoyed making tissue Tootsie Roll ghost pops for the neighborhood children. Later in life, Dorothy was quick to engage in discussions surrounding the many talented contestants on programs such as *Dancing With the Stars* and *America's Got Talent*. In 2012, she traveled to Las Vegas with her daughter to attend the *America's Got Talent* tour and celebrate her 91st birthday.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, sister, two brothers, and her parents. She is survived by her three sons, daughter, and five grandchildren.

A private memorial of her life was held at Callaghan Mortuary as well as a graveside service in Los Angeles.

Dorothy was a delightful, kind-hearted, sweet, and lovely lady who will be greatly missed and cherished by all who knew her.

Caryn Chiatovich

May 14, 1942-Sept. 23, 2013



It is with saddened hearts we announce the passing of our loved one. Born to Daniel and Catherine McClure Chiatovich, passed in Livermore, California.

Caryn was a Reno native, attended the University of Arizona and University of Nevada, Reno.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Daniel G. Chiatovich. She is survived by her sisters, Andra C Murray (Lee) and Louise Chiatovich (Kevin Crawford); her daughter, Lisa Alley Poulin (Dan) and her son, Jeffery Alley (Darcy); grandchildren Travis Alley, Megan Alley and Ethan Poulin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Caryn was a homemaker and lived in California - Sacramento, Chico and Livermore. She entertained us all with her acerbic wit. She touched our lives and those of her friends. She was a gentle soul, and she will be greatly missed by our family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Please go to www.rgj.com/obituaries to sign her guest book and share memories of Caryn.

Donations may be made

to the Nevada Humane Society, Reno, NV or the charity of your choice.

Stephen Alger

Stephen Alger passed away September 28, 2013. He was born December 21, 1954.

He survived by his fiancée Jolynn Maciel and his sons Michael, Stephen and Christopher, and daughter Stephanie.

He loved music, the guitar, TV and playing the guitar. He is missed. All of Joe and Steve's friends love him forever.

Joseph Fabyan

Joseph Fabyan, 89, of Rocky Hill, KY, passed away Tuesday, September 10, 2013 in New Albany, IN.



The Denver, CO native was born on March 22, 1924 to the late John Fabyan and Frances Konty Fassler and was married for 54 years to the late Louella Fabyan.

Joe was a Navy Veteran serving during World War II and the Korean conflict. After being discharged from the service he moved to Livermore in 1952 and found employment as a Mechanical Technician with CR&D, California Research and Development, which later became Lawrence Livermore Laboratory. He was involved in and present for the atomic tests at Enewetak and Bikini Atoll in the mid 1950s. He was transferred to the Nevada Test Site in

1959 and returned to the Livermore Lab in 1961 until his retirement in 1985. In 2003 he moved to Smiths Grove, KY to be by his daughter. He was a member of American Legion Post #115 and attended Fairview Baptist Church.

Joe is survived by two daughters, Diana Miller (Skip) and Sandra Fabyan-Booker (Marc) of Smiths Grove, KY; two sons, Aldean Fabyan (Kathy) of Livermore, CA and Wylie Fabyan, (Liz) of Lathrop, CA; four half brothers; eleven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Estella Fabyan.

Memorial services will be held on October 14, 12:30PM at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Gustine, CA.

Maria "Olympia" Avila

Maria "Olympia" Avila was born on December 10, 1927 in Tecoluca, El Salvador and passed away on Sunday, September 29, 2013 in Livermore, CA. She was 85 years old.

Olympia loved going to Church and Sunday School and read her Bible every day. She grew up in an orphanage in San Miguel and never forgot her humble beginnings, always cherishing the simplest things in life, never wanting more than the basic necessities and trusting God would always take of her. She lived in New Orleans, LA for about 55 years; she adored the New Orleans Saints and never missed watching a game. Olympia relocated to CA in 2005, due to the aftermath of hurricane Katrina. She resided in Livermore, CA for the last 6 years.

She was preceded in

death by two sons, Homer Avila and Ephraim Avila. Olympia is survived by her son, John Avila and his wife, Sharon, of Livermore, CA, and three grandchildren, Ahnna Avila of Livermore, Michael Avila of San Diego, and Kendrick Avila of New Orleans.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, October 11, 2013 at 7 PM at Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore, CA.

Thelma T. Patterson

Former resident of Livermore

Thelma was born on Jan 31, 1922 in Alexandria, Louisiana and passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013 at the age of 91.

After attending college, Thelma served as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army Nurse Corps, stationed in Guam. She worked as a Registered Nurse at the VA Hospital in Livermore for over 20 years.

She is preceded in death by her husband Robert Cletus Patterson in 1971. She is survived by her children, Tressie Ann Tom and husband, Kisa of Rocklin, CA and grandchildren Jared and Ryan Toms. William Thomas Patterson and wife Rita of



Livermore and grandchildren Robert and Christopher Patterson. Robert Cletus Patterson Jr. and wife Aida of Dalton Gardens, Idaho and James Michael Patterson and wife Caralyn of Groveland CA.

A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, Oct. 11 at 1PM at Callaghan's Chapel, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. Burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery with Army Honors.

Robert Herrera Jr.


Resident of Livermore

Oct. 5, 1967-Sept. 30, 2013

Robert lost his life to a short battle with cancer on September 30, 2013.

He is survived by his wife Ronda Herrera of Livermore, his three daughters Marissa Herrera, Megan Herrera, and Madysen Herrera; parents Roberto and Hildeberta Herrera of Livermore, and sisters Elva Kohler, and Ana Lorena Ayon; in-laws Gordon Santos Sr. of Texas, and Sally Molinari; brothers in-law Gordon Santos Jr., Steve Kohler, and Leonel Ayon; sisters in-law Jerine Palmer;

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A FREE Educational Event



living with arthritis

San Ramon Regional Medical Center and the Northern California Office of the Arthritis Foundation's Great West Region are proud to present the 9th Annual Bone & Joint EXPO. This one-stop shop for arthritis education and resources is open to anyone living with arthritis and related diseases, their family members and caregivers. EXPO will offer educational workshops, arthritis-safe exercise demonstrations, peer networking opportunities, and vendors with products and services aimed at improving quality of life and enabling better self-management of America's number one cause of physical disability. Physicians and clinicians from San Ramon Regional Medical Center, and other local healthcare professionals will present the following educational workshops:

Saturday, October 19, 2013
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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10:00 am - 11:00 am	11:15 am - 12:15 pm	12:45 pm - 1:45 pm	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Arthritis of the Foot & Ankle Judianne Walker, DPM, Podiatric Surgeon	Arthritis in the Hands Gregory Horner, M.D., Orthopedic Surgeon, Hand & Upper Extremity Specialist	How to Walk Away Your Pain & Walk with Ease Ida Hirst PT, Physical Therapist	Benefits of Acupressure and Therapeutic Massage Kathy Lorenz, CSTD, CMT and Pete Foldes, BA, CMT
Arthritis 101 Anthony Padula, M.D., F.A.C.R., Rheumatologist	Arthritis in the Hip & Knee Ian Stine, M.D., Orthopedic Surgeon	Heal Write: Writing for Wellness Deborah Steinberg, MA	Manage Arthritis with Physical Therapy & Exercise Matthew Wollaston, PT, MS, Physical Therapist
Rheumatoid Arthritis Treatment Advances Rashmi Dixit, Ph.D., M.D., Rheumatologist	How to Walk Away Your Pain & Walk with Ease Ida Hirst PT, Physical Therapist	Traveling with Pain Liz Hamill, Travel Guide Author	Gaining Access to the Best Possible Care Joanna Smith, LDSW, CHA, MPH, CHA
Arthritis in the Neck & Spine Hieu Ball, M.D., Orthopedic Surgeon & Spine Specialist	Golf and The Aging Athlete Charles Preston, M.D., Orthopedic Surgeon, Sports Medicine Specialist	Naturopathic Approaches to Treating Arthritis Lena Kian, N.D., Naturopathic Doctor	Managing Arthritis Through Life's Transitions (Young Adults, 18-39) Erica Lawson, M.D., Pediatric Rheumatologist
Arthritis in the Hip & Knee Robert Spraul, M.D., Orthopedic Surgeon	Fibromyalgia Treatment Advances Anthony Padula, M.D., F.A.C.R., Rheumatologist	Osteoporosis: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You Lucille B. Andersen M.D.	

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SHORT NOTES

Springtown's Secret

Springtown's Special Secret is the topic of a Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger program this Sat., Oct. 12. Meet Ranger Patti Cole at 4 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue.

There is a very special, highly misunderstood ecosystem that can be found on the north side of I-580. Words like "Birds Beak," "alkali sink" and even "wasteland" are sometimes used when talking about this area. This presentation will provide an introduction to the saline-alkali ecosystem, with a focus on what makes this area a truly unique gem for Livermore. Please call 925-960-2400 or e-mail pcole@larpd.dst.ca.us in advance if you plan on coming to allow for enough seating for everyone.

Oaks and Acorns will be the topic at 2 p.m. on Sun., Oct. 13. Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer at Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Rd.

Come to the park for a short walk to admire the oaks and help collect some acorns for planting. Participants will also learn about how important oaks and acorns were to the American Indians who lived in this area and the process they used to make the nuts edible. There will be some replicas of tools and baskets used in the process.

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.

Antique Faire

The Antique Faire is returning to Downtown Pleasanton October 13.

There will be up to 400 dealers selling Antiques & Collectibles only. All items will be twenty years or older. The show is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free appraisal will be offered by Steve Yvaska, appraiser and dealer with 40 years experience, from 10:00AM - 1:00PM. He will be located near the information booth on the corner of Main and Division. Limit three items per person.

This is a rain or shine event. No admission fee.

The event has been running here for over fifteen years.

The Pleasanton Downtown Antiques and Collectibles Faire is run by Jerry Goldman. For dealer or show information, contact Jerry at Turn Key Show Productions, (650) 242-1294 or email jerry@turnkeyprod.com, or website www.pleasantonantiquefaire.com.

The event is presented by the Pleasanton Downtown Association.

OBITUARIES

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Janet Allen, and Katie Elder; nieces and nephews, Zinnia Ayon, Christian Ayon, Bayliegh Santos, Callie Santos, Makayla Luce, Tyler Gregge, Dyan Longtin, Amanda Knox, Patrick Allen and Matthew Allen; great grandmother Aurelia Nevarez, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He loved his family very much and would do anything for them. He loved keeping his yards perfectly manicured and even forbid the mailman to walk across his lawn. He enjoyed going on snow trips and annual Big Sur camping trips with his family. He was an avid Raiders fan and watched every game with his dog "Raider" beside him. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends and will forever be in our hearts.

Services were held on Oct. 8th, 2013. Final resting place at Memory Gardens Cemetery, Livermore, CA. Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Scholarship Available

The Community of Character Collaborative invites all high school seniors in Pleasanton to apply for the annual Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarship. Long-time school board member Juanita Haugen inspired the Pleasanton Community of Character initiative. In her honor, annual \$500 scholarships will recognize students who have a strong record of civic engagement and have demonstrated exceptional character by role modeling the traits of Compassion, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Integrity and Self-Discipline.

Applications are currently available online at www.CommunityofCharacter.org or at the Pleasanton Unified School District Student Services Office located at 4665 Bernal Ave.

The deadline to apply is October 28th, 2013. Selections will be made in early November to allow finalists to include the award on their college applications.

The Community of Character Collaborative is a non-profit committee of volunteers representing a cross section of the community including the PUSD, City of Pleasanton, Chamber of Commerce and other organizations working to create a community culture built on values, goodwill and these character traits. We strive to inspire, encourage, recognize, and reward good character! We believe these six character traits can impact the culture of our community.

Fun on the Farm

Fun on the Farm is offered from 10am to 2pm the 2nd Saturday of each month at Forest Home Farms Historic Park.

The theme for October 12, 2013 will be Horse Power to Gasoline Power. Imagine starting your trip by hitching up the horses instead of stepping on the gas. The 1900's brought a switch from animal power to gasoline power. Visit the farm to see examples of vehicles and equipment from both eras.

Meet a farrier who will demonstrate what is involved in preparing shoes for horses. Then trace the changes in automobiles and engines from the early days through the 1950's featuring antique engines that powered everything from water pumps to washing machines. See cars displayed by several car clubs. Among them will be the Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club with cars from 1916 and earlier, the Pacific Bus Museum with buses from 1945 and 1955, and the Tri-Valley Classic Chevy Club showing cars from the mid 1950's.

Tours of the restored Victorian Glass House Museum will be held at 10am, 11am, 12pm and 1pm and tours of Forest Home Farms Historic Park, including the tractor museum, at 11am and 1pm. Each tour lasts approximately 45 minutes and the fee is \$5 per person or \$8 for both tours taken on the same day. Tour tickets can be purchased in the Gift Shoppe. Children ages 2 and under are free.

For more information about Forest Home Farms Historic Park call (925) 973-3284 or visit www.SanRamon.ca.gov. Forest Home Farms Historic Park is located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., just south of Pine Valley Road in San Ramon.

Disability Awareness

Alameda County, in partnership with the California State Department of Rehabilitation, is hosting its 10th Annual County-wide Disability Employment Awareness Conference and Training on Thursday, October 17, 2013 at the Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 Ninth Street in Downtown Oakland. The conference will coincide with the celebration of National Disability Awareness Month.

This one-day educational event will help participants cultivate and effectively manage a truly inclusive workplace, by servicing individuals with disabilities and educating people who work with them. This year's theme is "Decade of Disability Diversity: Continuing our Commitment to Awareness, Action & Inclusion."

The Conference is spearheaded by Alameda County's Diversity Programs Unit and its Department of Human Resource Services. Keynote speakers are Phyllis Cheng, Director of California's Department of Fair Employment and Housing and motivational speaker Jessica Cox (www.rightfooted.com). "AXIS," a dance company that creates, performs, and teaches "physically integrated dance" that evolves from the collaboration between dancers with and without disabilities, will provide entertainment during lunch.

Conference workshops will be facilitated by leading experts, including Tom Foley of World Institute of Disability, Martha Artilles of C5 - Collaboration for Diversity and Business Success, Jeffrey Tanenbaum of Nixon Peabody, LLP and Yomi Wrong of Center for Independent Living. In addition, the conference will provide attendees opportunities to network with other professionals to discuss best practices, share ideas, challenges and solutions in the areas of diversity and inclusion.

For more information contact the Diversity Programs Office at (510) 272-3895 or see <http://www.acgov.org/cao/diversity>. Conference registration is open and space is limited.

Excel Classes

The Pleasanton Library is presenting Excel classes in beginners and intermediate levels. Gain skills for career advancement, learning formatting, and more. Classes taught by a finance professional with over 10 years of experience.

Sign up for one or two sessions from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Library: Monday, Oct. 21: Beginners Excel; Thursday, Oct. 31: Intermediate Excel.

Registration is required, as space is limited. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400, extension 4. All library programs are free and open to all.

DISCOVERY

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of the top. I think we're the best kept secret in Pleasanton."

The Discovery Shop recently re-opened its doors after flip-flopping spaces with the UNCLE Credit Union in a mutually advantageous move within Mission Plaza, a center easily identified by its digital temperature marquee on Santa Rita Road close to Valley Avenue.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, the Discovery Shop is divided into two stores: the main shop, which sells clothing, shoes, jewelry and accessories; and the furniture and home décor shop which is kitty corner to the main shop.

"People say this is the nicest thrift shop they've ever been in, that it's more like a boutique," said Wiseman who has managed the shop for 17 years. "All the time people think we're a consignment shop. I tell them, 'I'm sorry, these are donations to the American Cancer Society.'"

The American Cancer Society is a nationwide, community-based organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem through research, education, advocacy and service.

"My older sister passed a couple of years ago from ovarian cancer," said Butzke, one of 98 volunteers who work a four-hour shift each week. "She was 52 when she passed after fighting for seven years. When she knew there wasn't any hope, her thought process was to do whatever she could for the

Young Professionals

Young professionals interested in networking with emerging and established peers gathered at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, September 24. More than 60 people attended the Pleasanton Young Professionals (PYP) Open House to learn more about the new organization. The group was created to help young professionals continue to learn and grow in their careers while empowering them to become future business and community leaders.

"We were thrilled with the turnout for the open house. Our office was packed with ambitious young professionals looking to advance their careers through leadership development and networking opportunities," said Dawn Wilson, Membership Relations Manager for the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce.

The first Pleasanton Young Professionals' professional development meeting will take place on Thursday, October 17 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce office located at 777 Peters Avenue in Pleasanton. Richard King will be speaking. He is a past world president of Rotary International and a partner in the law offices of King, King, King located in Pleasanton. One of Rotary's most popular speakers, King has addressed Rotary International Conventions, Assemblies, Institutes, Seminars, Conferences and Rotary Clubs throughout the USA and some 100 countries.

All professionals ages 21 to 40 are encouraged to attend. Register online at <http://www.pleasanton.org/> under upcoming events

Cemetery Master Plan

The City of Pleasanton is currently recruiting one (1) member at large position for the Pioneer Cemetery Master Plan Oversight Committee. This will be a seven (7) member ad hoc community committee that will

provide ongoing dialogue and direction for the master planning process. The Committee will work with City staff and a consultant to help guide the process.

Committee representatives include: Two (2) Parks and Recreation Commissioners; One (1) Civic Arts Commissioner; One (1) Veterans Organizations Pleasanton representative; One (1) representative from the Community Cemetery Support Group; One (1) representative from Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services; One (1) member at large.

The city seeks adult Pleasanton residents with an interest in the Pioneer Cemetery and its future. The role and expectations of committee members include: Being informed, collaborative, and solution-oriented; able to provide a forum for community discussion; able to provide input on draft products and reports; keeping the Commissions and/or agency informed and current regarding Committee activity; and able to provide recommendations as requested by City staff

Applications should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on October 31, 2013. They are available at the City Clerk's Office, 123 Main Street, or on the City's website at <http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/documents/Committee-Application-Pioneer.pdf>. For additional information, please contact the Kathleen Yurchak at (925) 931-5506.

Book Programs

Towne Center Books will host the following events:

- Read It and Eat with Nina Schuyler Wed., Oct. 16. Her newest book, the Translator, reveals how interpreting a person is as complicated an art as translating a book. It's a novel about both language and human relationships. Social time is 11:30 - 12:00; lunch at 12:00; \$35.00 for lunch and book; \$15.00 for lunch only. Reservations are required 925-846-8826.

- Contemporary Teen Fiction Night., 7:00 Thursday, Oct 24, two debut authors, Corina Vacco with her book My Chemical Mountain and Stephanie Kuehn with her book, Charm and Strange. There will be readings, signings and lots of time for questions. Free event, bring your friends!

- Author William Petrocelli, 7 p.m. Wed., Oct. 30. He will introduce his first novel, the Circle of Thirteen, Set in a turbulent futuristic society, this provocative drama follows one woman's investigation into the dark forces unleashing chaos around the world--a thrilling ride that will mesmerize until the end. Free - reservations are always helpful.

Towne Center is located at 555 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton.

Pink Ribbon Mats

Carpet One of Livermore has released its new collection of pink ribbon welcome mats to support breast cancer research. The Carpet One Welcomes Your Support campaign has been raising funds to support organizations and researchers searching for a cure since 2004. This year's collection features twelve new designs that make a statement of support in any home.

Twenty-five percent of each sale will be donated to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation® (BCRF). The mats are designed to withstand conditions both indoor and outdoor; each complete with a sturdy rubber backing and a pink ribbon to remind people of the cause each mat stands behind. All of Carpet One Floor & Home's welcome mats are stain-and-water resistant and machine-washable.

The pink ribbon welcome mats have raised more than \$850,000 for breast cancer research since the campaign started in 2004.

Pink ribbon welcome mats are available year round at Carpet One of Livermore.

rest of the world and she donated her body to medical study. That is why this shop is near and dear to me."

Wiseman added, "Everybody's touched by cancer. I think that's why we receive such great donations. It's amazing, we have the best donors around. This isn't like other thrift shops; this is a quality resale shop; and we work really hard at that. Items must be clean with about 75% of wear left in them. We have terrific volunteers who are knowledgeable about a lot of things."

The shop's numerous signature events are designed to triple the typical daily intake of \$1,800. "We host a two-day jewelry event in the spring that brings in \$18,000," said Wiseman. "There are lines out the door. Lance Cavaliere in Livermore is our go-to guy; he goes over all the pieces for us for free, tells us what they are, and gives us his opinion."

Other events include the Little Black Dress event, the springtime gardening event, the kitchen and cookbook event, and two semi-annual sales for which everything is marked half off.

"Sometimes what constitutes an event is when we receive a windfall donation of a lot of one thing, like a collection," said Wiseman. "We were getting a lot of dolls. We have a couple of volunteers who are very knowledgeable about dolls, so we had an event. They sold really well. And, the Barbie stuff, oh my gosh! There are more Barbies than I ever knew about - nieces,

cousins, friends and different Kens. Even a pregnant Barbie - Midge. I think - that was still in the box."

Perhaps the most popular signature event is kicking off November 1st. "The furniture store is transformed into a Christmas shop," said Wiseman. "We put Christmas wrap over everything and decorate for three days. Volunteers decorate big trees - we sell them decorated! - and teen clubs in town decorate wreaths for us."

The concept of quality resale was started in 1965 when Denise Noel opened the first Discovery Shop in the San Fernando Valley. "Cancer was a dirty word for a while, especially back when Denise got started," said Wiseman. "We've come a long way, baby. The American Cancer Society has funded 42 Nobel prize winners. We're the biggest donor to cancer research next to the federal government. We advocate in the political arena. I've always felt this was an interesting job and very, very rewarding. Many of the volunteers who come here have had cancer; a couple are battling

it right now."

Donors are invited to drop off items during regular store hours: Monday - Friday, 10 to 6 (furniture shop closes at 5), Saturday, 10 to 5; and Sunday, noon to 5. Even items not meeting the top-quality requirements help raise money. "Clothing goes to Africa, but we are paid for it by the pound," said Wiseman. "Towels go to local animal shelters. Eyeglasses go to the Lions Clubs. Cosmetics and toiletries go to women's shelters." For people interested in hearing about upcoming events - both as shoppers and donors - an email sign-up sheet is available in the main shop. Volunteer forms are also available onsite. "We can always use more volunteers," said Wiseman. "Then we can process faster."

Added Butzke, "I work in the back on Tuesdays. It's fun to go through all the things and see what people have donated. There are stories behind so much of it. When I realized the Discovery Shop was to help fight cancer? I was all over that."

For more information, visit www.cancer.org.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 482603

The following person(s) doing business as: H. I. P. Renovations - Home Improvement Pros, 1059 Lambaren Ave., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Joseph Anthony Cravotta, 1059 Lambaren Ave., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the

fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/: Joseph A. Cravotta / Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 10, 2013. Expires September 10, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3527. Published September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 481690

The following person(s) doing business as: Skin Bliss, 411 South L Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kathleen Bagatelos, 2765

San Minete Dr., Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/: Kathleen Bagatelos. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 15, 2013. Expires August 15, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3528. Published September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 481613

The following person(s) doing business as: Walovich Architects, 6200 Stoneridge

Mall Rd Suite 300, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Fredrick C. Walovich, 3721 Smallwood Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94566

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on August 1, 2013. Signature of Registrants :s/: Fredrick C. Walovich. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 13, 2013. Expires August 13, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3530. Published September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 482066

The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Hydroponics, 22 Rickenbacker Cir., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Daniel Armbruster, 148 Barber St, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/: Daniel Armbruster, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 27, 2013.

Expires August 27, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3535. Published October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 483281

The following person(s) doing business as: Sample Anatomy, 2278 Normandy Circle, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Bruce MacVaughn, 1201 Pine St #351, Oakland, CA 94607 (2) Scott Samuel Beard, 2278 Normandy Circle, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant began to transact business under the

fictitious business name(s) listed above on 9/27/2013. Signature of Registrants :s/: Scott S. Beard, Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 30, 2013. Expires September 30, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3536. Published October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 483126-8

The following person(s) doing business as: (1) Dandelion Lane Rescue (2) Dandelion Lane Rescue dba East Bay Rabbit Rescue (3) East Bay Rabbit Rescue, 1945 Fifth St, Livermore, CA 94550,

is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Dandelion Lane Rescue, 1945 Fifth St, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7/22/13. Signature of Registrants :s/: Joan Wegner, Executive Director. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 25, 2013. Expires September 25, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3537. Published October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2013.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 482989
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 482952-3
The following person(s) doing business as: (1) Pacon Company (2) Pacon, 4777 Bennett Drive Unit H, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pacon Mfg, Inc., 4777 Bennett Drive Unit H, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Steven McClure, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 23, 2013. Expires September 23, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3539. Published October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2013.

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Buying a Home during Government Shutdown Requires Patience

By Cher Wollard

Jill and Frank got married last year. This year, they want to buy a house.

They have done all the right things: saved money for closing costs, met with a loan officer to go over their finances, gathered the necessary documents, consulted with their Realtor.

As most homebuyers, they do not have enough cash to pay for a home outright, so will be relying on obtaining a mortgage to finance their purchase.

Now they are worried the government shutdown will delay their plans.

"It's difficult to accurately assess the full impact the shutdown is having on transactions because different agencies are responding differently to the situation," according to David Stark, public affairs director for the Bay East Association of Realtors.

That means Jill and Frank's plans are dependent in part on what type of mortgage they are seeking and how far along they are in the process.

Spending authority for most of the government expired as of midnight Sept. 30. So until Congress approves and President Obama signs a continuing resolution funding the government, many federal offices and programs – including those related to housing – have shut down.

An estimated 97 percent of U.S. home mortgages are either written or guaranteed by the federal government.

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the government-sponsored enterprises behind the issuance of most conventional 30-year fixed mortgages, are continuing to operate, as is their regulator, the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

Jill and Frank, like many first-time homebuyers, are considering applying for a mortgage with the Federal Housing Authority. FHA is continuing to accept and process loan applications for homebuyers, but applicants should expect delays.

The U.S. Housing and Urban Development, which runs FHA, only has 337 out of 8,709 managers and staffers on the job.

"If the shutdown lasts and our commitment authority runs out, we do expect that potential homeowners will be impacted, as well as home sellers and the entire housing market," according to the HUD report outlining contingency plans for the shutdown. "We could also see a decline in home sales during an extended shutdown period, reversing the trend toward a strengthening market that we've been experiencing."

Already, those looking to purchase multi-family units under FHA are stymied. That program is shut down until funding is restored.

If Jill and Frank want to buy a home in a community that falls under the federal definition of "rural," they would not be able to apply for the Department of Agriculture's Rural Housing Program loan, since the field office staff who typically issue conditional commitments, loan note guarantees and modification approvals for that program are considered "non-essential," and so are not working during the shutdown.

(Buyers whose lenders have already received a conditional commitment may proceed, but they will not be able to close on the transaction until funding legislation is enacted.)

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is also closed, so all real estate transactions on tribal lands are suspended.

Frank spent four years in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged, so he likely qualifies for a mortgage through the Veterans Administration Loan Guaranty Program. That program is continuing to operate for now.

But submitting a loan application is only step 1. Jill and Frank's loan officer will have to obtain verification of the information they have provided before the loan can be funded. This includes validation of their Social Security numbers and tax returns.

The Social Security Administration has suspended most customer service functions, including verifying Social Security numbers through the Consent Based SSN Verification Service.

The IRS has suspended the processing of all forms, including requests for tax return transcripts. FHA and VA do not require these transcripts, but many lenders do, including banks funding the FHA and VA loans.

Most lenders are currently accepting loan packages, subject to verifications before close of escrow. That means they will start processing the applications, but if the shutdown drags on transactions will be delayed.

If either Frank or Jill were federal employees their situation would be further complicated.

For many government workers, as well as those employed in industries dependent on government operations, the uncertainty of the current situation could make it difficult to move forward on purchasing a home.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, which is primarily funded through the Department of Energy, is Livermore's biggest employer with about 6,000 personnel. As of Tuesday no one had been furloughed, but the uncertainty has many folks on edge.

"For now, everyone's job is on hold until a budget is passed," according to Ann Stark, a public information officer at LLNL. "We are reshuffling funds to continue working."

If the DOE instructed the lab to close down, all but about 400 "essential employees" could be furloughed, she said.

The impact would be felt not just by employees and their families, but throughout the community.

As for federal employees trying to purchase homes: Even those not directly impacted by furloughs will have a tough time obtaining verification of their employment.

And for both buyers and sellers, there's the issue of consumer confidence.

Nationally, consumer confidence, which had been steadily increasing since 2011, plummeted 14 points in the three days leading up to the shutdown, according to recent Gallup polls.

As for Jill and Frank, they will submit their application for a mortgage this week and then go shopping for their dream home.

The shutdown may delay their dream of homeownership, but it won't stop it.

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Spooky, But Not So Scary: LARPD's Halloween Picks and Fall Fun

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District has an array of autumn events planned. To learn more about LARPD events, visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

Families with children ages 2 to 7 are invited to have some not-too-frightening fun at the annual Halloween Carnival from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. The event includes ghostly basketball, a spooky bean bag toss, a mini pumpkin patch, air jumps, face painting and more. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are \$8 per child; parents are free. Tickets are available at the Community Center or

by calling 925-373-5700. Volunteers are also needed for the Halloween Carnival. Contact Julie at 925-373-5769 or jrost@larpd.dst.ca.us to volunteer.

Find what lurks inside Sycamore Grove Park during this spooky season with the annual Scary Stories at the Haunted Hobbit Tree. Join the rangers for this half-mile walk, then listen to scary stories while sipping "Witch's Brew." Participants are also invited to tell a short story or Halloween joke if they dare. The Haunted Hobbit Tree will run from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Sycamore Grove Park. Pre-registration is required by calling 925-373-5700

or online at www.larpd.dst.ca.us. \$8 per person.

On the haunted holiday itself, seniors can enjoy the It's Halloween social in the Vintage Lounge at the Community Center. There will be cookies, apple cider and trivia – plus treats for those wearing costumes. This free senior services event is from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31.

Senior Services is also offering the fall-friendly "Who's on First" Buffet luncheon. Join this baseball-themed hot dog buffet with peanuts, popcorn, Cracker Jacks, games and door prizes. Entertainment by the Tri-Valley Repertory Broadway Chorus. Tickets are \$5 and

must be purchased by 4 p.m. Oct. 7, at the Community Center or by calling 925-373-5700.

Back for another year is the Mommy & Son Dance. It's ladies' choice on Friday, Nov. 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center. The evening will include dancing, DJ, refreshments and a

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VHS's "Is Spot Hot...or Not?" Showcases the Lovability of All Pets

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Contest winners will be determined by public voting. Votes cost \$1 each with a minimum donation of \$5, or five votes (votes can be split among multiple entries). Entrants are encouraged to share their pet's picture through email, Facebook, Twitter, and other social media sites to enlist the support of friends and family and help their pet win. Every dollar funds VHS programs, including the rescue and rehabilitation of cats and dogs awaiting the love and security of their own forever home.

The contest runs from 12:01 am on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 through 11:59 pm on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 with Wednesday,

October 23, 2013 at 12 noon the deadline for entries. Complete rules available through valleyhumane.org. Prize packages will be given to the first, second, and third place winners as determined by public voting. Among the prizes are a Pet Food Express "My Mut" poster, a

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Fiona, the life-sized fiberglass cow used to demonstrate milking, will be on hand for the 5th Anniversary Celebration of Alviso Adobe Community Park.

5th Anniversary Celebration of Alviso Adobe Set

The 5th Anniversary Celebration of Alviso Adobe Community Park in Pleasanton is slated for Saturday, October 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The public is invited to this free event. The park is located at 3465 Old Foothill Road.

The day's schedule includes showings of a locally student-produced documentary about the Alviso Adobe, a presentation by Meadowlark Dairy, a visit with Fiona—the park's life sized, fiberglass cow-in-residence, free seedlings from Western Garden Nursery, authentic Californios music and dance by Los Arribenos, and games and crafts for children.

The event will feature 17 hands-on activities and presentations from the Adobe's three time periods:

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Chorale Opens 50th Season with 'The Top Choruses'

The Valley Concert Chorale opens its 50th Anniversary season with a performance featuring selections from the most well-known choral works spanning the centuries. Joining the Chorale is the Las Positas College Chamber Choir and VCC alumni members for this special anniversary performance.

The Best of the Best: The Top Choruses will be performed 7:30 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 19 at the First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore.

From a vast selection of music through the centuries written specifically for choral groups, Music Director John Emory Bush has chosen what are considered the greatest. Sharing the podium with Bush in directing the combined choruses is Robert Lappa, Choral Director of Las Positas College Chamber Choir.

"All of the choral pieces are audience pleasers," says Bush. "These are familiar melodies by

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Organist Jerome Lenk will accompany the chorus.



Pictured are Patsy played by David Irving and King Arthur portrayed by Scott Phillips. Photo - James Miille

Monty Python's 'Spamalot' Launches Season of Musicals

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre will open the 2013-14 season with Monty Python's Spamalot. The musical, "lovingly ripped off from the film 'Monty Python and the Holy Grail,'" runs weekends from Oct. 19 to Nov. 3 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

Performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Rude Frenchmen, cancan dancers, the Lady of the Lake and her Laker Girls, Killer rabbits, catapulting cows, and the somewhat odd Knights who say "ni" are just part of the adventures and dangers awaiting King Arthur and his knights of the very, very, very, round table in their quest for the holy grail.

Spamalot is the fresh Broadway hit and irreverent

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VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE

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composers including Bach, Mozart and Handel plus contemporary composers such as Bernstein, which the audience will recognize immediately.”

The choral selections representing the evolution of music include Palestrina's *Sicut Cervus* from the Renaissance period, Bach's *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* from the Baroque, Mozart's *Laudate Dominum* from The Vespers representing the Classical period, and Mendelssohn's *He Watching Over Israel* from the choral work *Elijah* and *How Lovely are Thy Dwellings* from Brahms *Requiem* of the Romantic period.

Soprano Jumi Kim, member of VCC, will perform the solo in Mozart's *Laudate Dominum*. Organist Jerome Lenk will accompany the chorus for several musical selections.

Representing contemporary choral works are two lively pieces: the first movement of Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* performed in Hebrew, and William Dawson's American spiritual *Ezekiel Saw de Wheel*.

“Both of these composers are among the best of the 20th century,” explains Bush. “Dawson is known as one of the top choral arrangers of American



Soprano Jumi Kim

spirituals. Bernstein, though best known for his Broadway musicals *Candide* and *West Side Story*, I believe, will one day be recognized as a great 20th century choral composer. His *Chichester Psalms*, of which we will sing the first movement, is his choral masterpiece and a favorite of choruses all over the world.”

Other selections will feature choral works by Rachmaninoff, Durufle and Britten. The performance will conclude with Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* from *Messiah*. For this finale, any VCC alumni who are in the audience will be invited to sing with the choirs.

“This special concert will demonstrate to the audience the vastness and variety of choral repertoire that both choruses and VCC alumni are capable of

performing at a high level of quality,” adds Bush. “It will be an exciting performance for seasoned choral fans and those who have yet to discover the beauty of this musical genre.”

The audience is invited to a reception with refreshments immediately following the performance. A timeline depicting VCC's 50 Years of Singing will be on display consisting of photos, news articles, critical reviews, concert programs and more.

Tickets are \$20 if purchased in advance, \$25 at the door. High school and college students are \$10 with valid student ID, children are free. Advanced tickets may be purchased online on the Chorale's website at www.valleyconcertchorale.org, or by calling (925) 866-4003.

More information about the Valley Concert Chorale is available at www.valleyconcertchorale.org or by calling the general information line at (925) 866-4003.

The Valley Concert Chorale is celebrating its 50th Anniversary season as the Tri-Valley's premier chorus.

Under the direction of John Emory Bush, the Chorale has offered a variety of musical performances to serve the diverse musical tastes of its audiences.

ALVISO ADOBE

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Ohlone, California, and the Meadowlark Dairy. Of special interest are cultural presentations by four generations of Ohlone descendants, including acorn processing, cordage making, jewelry making, and soap root brush making. Other activities include adobe brick making, soap carving and cider making. Guests will also be treated to complimentary food and refreshments. The event will include presentations by Pleasanton's nationally recognized teen improv group, *Creatures of Impulse*.

Of the more than 700 adobe structures originally constructed in the San Francisco Bay Area during the Spanish and Mexican periods, just a few exist today, including Pleasanton's Alviso Adobe. It serves as the centerpiece of a seven-acre park that tells the story of how one piece of California land has been inhabited and used in different ways since the time of the pyramids in Egypt. From its earliest recorded human habitation as a settlement of the native Ohlone Indians, to the days of the Spanish ranchos managing herds of cattle on the original 12,000-acre Rancho Santa Rita, to the turn of the century when it was home to California's first certified dairy, original portions of each historical period have been left intact.

A \$4.5 million restoration transformed the site into an interpretive park where school children and visitors learn about the history of the Amador Valley and are given a glimpse of times past. A



Pleasanton's Alviso Adobe is one of a handful of adobe buildings still standing in the San Francisco Bay Area. It serves as the centerpiece of Alviso Adobe Community Park.

re-creation of the historic Meadowlark Dairy Milking Barn and Bunk House/Interpretive and Activity Space serve as classrooms and indoor interpretive displays. Since its opening in October 2008, more than 200 third and fourth grade classes have visited the park to learn about local history. Additionally, the Environmental Education staff based at the park provided programming for more than 1,800 students last year with off-site visits to Pleasanton pre-schools and elementary schools to educate 4 to 7 year-olds about regional natural history.

The site also features a dramatic overlook of the valley, with images of Pleasanton at different time periods. A small amphitheater seats 20-30 people for lectures and storytelling. Nearby are demonstration areas that

involve visitors in the activities of the past, such as making adobe bricks, churning butter, and weaving baskets. The park grounds have been carefully landscaped with native plants, ancient Heritage oak trees, and a seasonal creek.

The event is also made possible with assistance from Friends of the Adobe and the Museum on Main, and sponsors KKIQ Radio, Western Garden Nursery, Walmart Neighborhood Grocery, Bay Area News Group, and the Meadowlark Dairy.

Some parking for the anniversary celebration is available on-site and overflow parking will be available at nearby Foothill High School, with a free courtesy shuttle to the event and back. For more information about the event, please call (925) 931-5357.

World Cultural Connection- Asia Set at the Livermore Public Library

The Livermore Public Library invites children and families to enjoy, “*The World Cultural Connection/Asia*,” the first in a yearly series of multicultural celebrations of rhythm, harmony, dance and more. “*The World Cultural Connection/Asia*,” is a free event. It will take place on Saturday, October

12, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

Author Hildi Kang, winner of the 2013 Asian American Children's Literary Award, will be on hand to talk about her book, *Chengli and the Silk Road Caravan*. Ms. Kang will be available

to sign copies of her book available from Towne Center books, at the program.

The day includes a special performance by Japanese-style drumming group, Eden Aoba Taiko, as part of the celebration. The members of the East Bay-based Eden Aoba Taiko range in age from six years to over

seventy, and build their own traditional drums. The largest of these taiko measures nearly three feet in diameter and was constructed from an 80-gallon wine barrel.

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traditional art form of Bahratanatyam. Kalaikoil dancers will show you how to dance a few of the steps and even teach you to say a few Indian words.

After the performances, visit the Children's Room and enjoy the art exhibition from the Fei Tian Academy of the Arts located in San

Francisco.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive early for best parking and viewing opportunities, and bring appropriate sun gear.

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



Empty bowl photos by Kevin Morikawa. Pictured above is Sergio Graciano, while at right other students work to create bowls.



Empty Bowls Project Will Have Booth at Livermore ArtWalk

ArtWalk Livermore 2013, is set for October 12th from 11:00 am to 5:00 p.m. It will feature work by over 150 artists in a different sort of festival, where the streets are kept open and displays are set up through the downtown in and around parks, sidewalks, galleries, wine bars, restaurants and shops. This allows visitors and our local community to experience all that this wine country has to offer with art as the theme for the day.

This year, ArtWalk donates a booth to the Granada High School students' extended "Empty Bowl Project," part of a worldwide campaign to help end hunger. 128 Granada High School students and DIY Club mem-

bers create ceramic bowls, sell them at ArtWalk, and donate the proceeds to Open Heart Kitchen. Their booth will be located directly in front of the Bankhead Theater, and coincides with the high school and school district art exhibition inside the theater.

Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger and was created by The Imagine Render Group. The basic premise is simple: Potters and other craftspeople, educators and others work with the community to create handcrafted bowls. In exchange for a cash donation, guests are asked to keep a bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. The

money raised is donated to an organization working to end hunger and food insecurity. <http://www.empty-bowls.net>

Local Art Teachers and Private Educators will be showcased during the Bankhead Theater's Exhibition Program through November 12. Among those included are private educators Margaret Franks, Maryann Kot and Lisa Rigge and public school teacher notables such as Laura Thornir, Debra Bailey and Las Positas' Bill Paskewitz.

Their reception is to coincide with ArtWalk on Oc-

tober 12th from 11:00 am to 5:00 p.m. This show also coincides with the local High School and District Wide Art Exhibition in the lobby during ArtWalk and gives students and teachers a unique chance to explore each other's works and interests.

Many of the teachers work with adults as well and have helped to foster the growing visual arts community in the area with dedication and hard work.

An artists' gallery and maps for the event are available online at www.artwalklivermore.com.

Pleasanton Youth and Family Website Sponsors Youth Photography Contest

Ptownlife.org, the City of Pleasanton's youth-centric and family oriented website, is sponsoring a youth photography contest. Pleasanton residents in grades 6 through 12 are invited to take creative and original photos around the com-

munity that depict how they view Halloween—through a camera lens. The contest runs through Tuesday, October 22, 2013.

In order to participate, photographers must be a member or have an account at Ptownlife.org, present

their original work in color or black and white, and ensure that submissions are appropriate for all audiences. Any submissions with explicit content will be disqualified. Only one submission is allowed per account at Ptownlife.org.

For official contest rules and instructions on how to enter a photo, please visit <http://ptownlife.org/play/contests>. The winner will be announced on October 31, 2013 on ptownlife.org, and will receive a gift card.

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Pictured are participants all dressed up for last year's Brew Crawl.

Halloween Brew Crawl Returns to Pleasanton with More Beer and Boo!

The Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) will host the third annual Halloween Brew Crawl in Downtown Pleasanton on Saturday, October 26 from 5 -8 p.m. Downtown merchants and local breweries will come together for a night of trick-or-treating for adults. Patrons can shop along Main Street while sampling a variety of beer and tasty bites at 25 locations. To add to the festival Halloween spirit of this event, guests are encouraged to wear costumes.

Presale tickets are available for \$30 online at instagift.com/pda as well as at Pleasanton Main St. Brewery – 830 Main Street, Redcoats Pub – 336 St. Mary Street, and Studio Seven Arts – 400 Main Street. The week before the event, tickets will be available for \$35.

Tickets can be redeemed on October 26th from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center located at 4444 Railroad Avenue. Ticket price includes beer tastings at 25 downtown locations, a commemorative beer glass and tasting map. Only 1,100 tickets will be sold.

The Pleasanton Downtown Association encourages everyone to enjoy downtown responsibly. To support this effort the PDA will be selling designated driver tickets for \$10 on the night of the Brew Crawl. The event programs will include taxi contact information.

Event is rain or shine, no refunds.

Pleasanton Downtown Association may be contacted at (925) 484-2199, www.pleasantondowntown.net.

Pleasanton Poet Laureate Presents a Workshop with the Theme "Un-Pretty Up a Poem"

Pleasanton's Poet Laureate Sandra Harrison Kay will be conducting her second workshop at the Firehouse Arts Center this fall. It will be held on Wednesday, October 23, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

In this session, entitled 'Un-Pretty Up a Poem,' participants will "reverse engineer" a selection of poems to deepen their appreciation for the creative process, then "pretty-up" some new poems from scratch. All experience levels are welcome. Information is available at www.firehousearts.org/programs/literary-arts, or by contacting coordinator Julie Finegan at 925-931-4849 or jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Workshop leader Sandra Harrison Kay serves as the City of Pleasanton's current poet laureate. She is described as an enthusiastic writer, teacher, and supporter of all things literary. A recipient of multiple awards and honors for published work, including poetry, short stories and creative non-fiction, Kay is also a frequent guest on TV30's popular "In a Word" book discussion program. According to her blog (www.writeousmom.com) Sandra is "an unstoppable blogger and pre-famous American writer." Her enthusiasm for the arts combined with her gregarious nature and love of poetry make her workshops well worth attending.

Registration: www.pleasantonfun.com and select code 56621. Cost: \$7 residents, \$9 non-residents.



Sandra Harrison Kay

Harringtons to Host Art Walk in Pleasanton

Saturday, October 12, Nancy and Gary Harrington will lead a free Pleasanton Public Art Walk, Southern Tour of Downtown Pleasanton.

The Southern Tour Art Walk begins at 8:30 from Pleasanton City Hall parking lot located at 200 Old Bernal Ave. View over 15 public art pieces, and hear their fascinating, sometimes funny stories. Three new private public art pieces will be presented. A local artist may give a brief talk about his art and public art in Pleasanton. Also learn about a ghost who drives a Wells Fargo stagecoach.

This Southern Pleasanton Saturday Art Walk will include Public Art pieces in the library plaza, Civic Park, Centennial Park and downtown Pleasanton south of Neal St. Free Pleasanton Public Art Walk brochures



Nancy Harrington discusses the Firebell.

will be given to those attending.

Nancy and Gary will also discuss the history of the

Harrington Art Partnership and how the public, businesses, and organizations can assist in bringing Public

Art to Pleasanton. For questions about the art walk or partnership, contact the Harringtons at 925-846-9757.

Concert at Wente to Benefit for Wounded Warriors

Kenny Loggins, Joe Mantegna and American Idol's Lacey Brown will join several local wounded for a benefit concert at Wente Vineyards.

Local veterans and military family support groups have come together to put on the "Tri-Valley's Benefit Concert for Our Wounded," October 10th featuring Kenny Loggins as headline artist, actor Joe Mantegna as host for the evening, with a guest appearance by Lacey Brown, American Idol finalist.

This event gives members of the community the chance to show support for local wounded troops and veterans, while enjoying world-class entertainment.

The concert format will be similar to Wente Vineyards Summer Concert Series with three levels of seating, two of which are dinner seating options. All net proceeds from ticket sales will go directly to provide financial assistance to local seriously wounded troops from our own Tri-valley community.

Tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster.com

Wente Vineyards Event Center is located at 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

Vocal Ensemble to Perform Program at the Livermore Library

The *Vita Voci* A Cappella Vocal Ensemble will perform on Sunday, October 13, 2013 at 2 p.m. at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

There is no charge for this event.

The *Vita Voci* ensemble sings a variety of music without instrumental accompaniment. Their repertoire spans Motets, Madrigals and Ayres of the high Renaissance, as well as early Baroque to 20th century *a capella* works and novelties.

Vita Voci literally means *life voices*, and this ensemble makes music the old fashioned way—breath and folds, lips and teeth and tongue and all.

Singing together since 2012, the members of *Vita Voci* are: Lucy Hair and Carola Moulton, soprano; Susan Anderson and Sally



Vita Voci ensemble

Mote-Yaffe, alto; Gerry LaTorraca and Barry Leece, tenor; Kurt Haller and David Yaffe, bass.

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.

Planning Underway for Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner is celebrating 31 years of providing free hot meals on Thanksgiving Day.

Guests include seniors, singles, shut-ins, families and veterans from the VA Hospital. This dinner is for anyone alone or without on Thanksgiving Day. On Thanksgiving

Day between 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM over 1000 meals will be served and hundreds more will be delivered to those unable to attend. Transportation available to and from the dinner. Those who need a ride or a meal delivered, please call 455-9782.

For anyone interested in helping, there will be an infor-

mation and planning meeting on Wednesday, November 13th at 7:00 PM at the Bothwell Center, 2466 8th Street. Volunteer sign-ups begin at this meeting.

For more information please call 455-9782 anytime or check the web site at WWW.LCTD.ORG.

State Senators to Host Reception for Local Artists of the Year



Linda Jeffery Sailors • Grapevine



Carolyn Lord • Sunol Renaissance

Senate Majority Leader Ellen M. Corbett and Senator Mark DeSaulnier will host an evening honoring artists of the year from their districts.

Carolyn Lord has been selected from Senate District 10 and Linda Jeffery Sailors from Senate District 7.

The reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wed., Oct. 16 at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St., Pleasanton.

Carolyn Lord is a watercolor painter who has studied, taught and created art throughout the Bay Area. Lord enjoys architectural history, opera, boy choirs and quilts. She embroiders on occasion, and relishes painting the fruit trees that grow in her garden.

Linda Jeffery Sailors delights in color. She often makes that a compelling element of her painting. Those attending will learn about the California Contemporary Art Collection and receive updates on current legislation.

Please RSVP to Mona.Barra-Gibson@sen.ca.gov or 510-577-2310

SPAMALOT

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parody of the Arthurian legend. It was nominated for 14 Tony Awards, winning three, including Best New Musical for 2005. During its initial run, it was seen by more than two million people.

In addition to its run on Broadway and UK's West End along with three North American tours, Monty Python's Spamalot has played to enthusiastic audiences in Australia, Switzerland, Canada, New Zealand, Spain, Germany, Hungary, Sweden, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Mexico, Japan, South Korea, Norway, and Poland.

Leading the quest is King Arthur (Scott Phillips) with his trusty servant Patsy (David Irving). Playing his gallant knights - and a broad assortment of other characters - are Jeff Seaberg as Sir Lancelot, Alan Coyne as Sir Robin the Not-Quite-So-Brave-as-Sir-Lancelot, Paul Plain as Sir Galahad, the Dashing Handsome, Michael Markovich as Sir Bedevere, the Strangely Flatulent, the melodic talents of Chris Olson as Herbert and Alexis Rogers as The Lady of the Lake.

Rounding out the talented cast are the Laker Girls, Morgan Breedveld, Michelle Freschi, Carmen Hanson, Phoebe Leppla, Cara Pardo, Abby Peterson and the male ensemble, KJ Brown, Jason Crispell, Max DeSantis, Brian Olkowski,



Pictured are Paul Plain as Sir Galahad and Alexis Rogers as the Lady of the Lake. Photo - James Miille.

Nick Sears and Bob Stratton.

In an interview with the Las Vegas Review-Journal John Cleese (founding member of Monty Python) said, "I defy anyone to go and not have a really fun evening. It's the silliest thing I've

ever seen."

Books and lyrics are by Eric Idle; music by John Du Prez and Eric Idle. The local production is produced by Kathleen Breedveld, directed by Joan Maio, with vocal direction by Evan Alparone and choreography by Todd Aragon and Morgan Breedveld.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets may be purchased at the box office, online at www.bankheadtheater.org or by calling 474-6800.

Visit the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre website for more info: www.trivalley-rep.org

One Dream, Two Tasting Rooms and Three Steves: Greenville's Latest Star

by Laura Ness

When the deal to purchase the Red Feather property came to fruition earlier this year, three guys named Steve were elated, ecstatic and relieved. After a few months of back-breaking work to get the place into shape for harvest and the grand opening at the end of July, they're simply exhausted. But still ecstatic. A recent visit to the beautifully remodeled tasting room, with its stunning views, and the small, but efficiently laid out crushpad out back, unleashed a torrent of stories from two of the Steves.

The third, who they simply refer to as "Howard," a glib reference to the elusive Howard Hughes, had spent the previous day de-stemming their very first lot of Viognier from a neighbor in Brentwood, was at his day job. For both Steve Burman and Steve Zigante, however, this insanely demanding physical labor of love, is their day job. And, their night job. And, their second job. And, their third. They still have the Swirl tasting room in downtown Livermore cranking, and will continue to operate that as they have for the past 11 months.

Says Steve Z, "We see a totally different crowd at Blacksmith Square. It's the locals who live in the area and want to hang out and have a glass of wine before they go home for the evening. Here on Greenville, it's a real mix. It is mostly people we haven't seen before." Adds Steve B, "We've been slammed! Five deep most weekends and we're selling so much wine, we're a bit concerned about meeting demand.

We've got great wines in the pipeline, but we don't want to release them too early."

They're still debating about which wines to release for their next Club shipment: will the Chardonnay port be ready for the holidays? Steve Z's wife Randy would certainly like that. She's a huge fan of big rich, butterscotchy wines. The look on her face as she tastes the 2012 Reserve Chard, barrel-fermented in toasty, caramel oak, tells you she's in butter-basted heaven. In fact, that wine made me yearn for some lobster with drawn butter and a touch of lemon. Yum! The other Chardonnay on the menu was stainless fermented to focus on the bright fruit, but was finished off with some Seguin Moreau wood, and wouldn't you know it, that wood left its mark like the nun's rulers across your knuckles in the days of old.

Speaking of knuckles, these guys have worked theirs to the bone refinishing the tasting room, inside and out. Somebody (actually the tall one) had a bright idea to purchase some old bowling alley lanes to create the tasting bar surface. Hey, the alley offered them free shipping from Colorado! The catch was they had to be cut in half, and they turned out to be nailed together. Says Steve Z, "That project cost me 8 weeks of hell and 3 notches in my belt!" He is clearly 40 pounds lighter and looks more like a middleweight fighter than ever. The front of the bar is a work in progress. People sign corks and they are glued to the face, creating a

living tribute to the dream that unfolds a little bit more every day.

Just then, Bent Creek's Tom Heineman stops in to say hello, and to see if the bin dumper he and Dick Bartlett of Charles R, brought to the 3 Steves crushpad earlier in the week was functioning as expected. "Are you kidding?" says Steve Z. "That thing is a lifesaver! This is the first harvest where my back isn't killing me!" Steve Burman offers another observation. "Being here on Greenville has been beyond my expectations. I have always thought the Livermore Valley wine community was very cooperative and friendly, but our neighbors out here have gone out of their way to make us feel welcome! We couldn't ask for a better reception!"

To which Steve Z adds that neighbor Dick Bartlett has been a godsend in sorting out drainage issues on the crushpad and helping them in the remodel, including the immaculate and well-furnished restrooms, which set a new standard for winery comfort stations. Says Steve B, "We personally clean the restrooms, every day!"

Then, there's the vineyard. We cruised through the vinerows on a day so windy, I thought I'd blow clear to Tracy, tasting ripening Cabernet. The flavors were brilliant and layered, promising a complex and fabulous beverage. The fruit from the morning and afternoon sides displayed different tangy goodness, the acidity of the former being more pronounced. Flavors also changed as we

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Review: Danville's Dramatic Double-Header

by Susan Steinberg

Lucky local theatergoers were privileged to enjoy a rare dramatic double-header recently, as the Eugene O'Neill Festival presented the virtually unknown "Chris Christ-offerson" at the famed playwright's beloved Tao House in Danville. Just a week earlier, "Anna Christie," O'Neill's later rewrite of the plot ended a 3-week run at Danville's Village Theater.

Dauntless Director Eric Fraisher Hayes took quite a leap of faith in scheduling these two plays so closely, as the same cast had to rehearse the original version while still performing the later hit, a major mind-bender. Characterizations and accents had to

change back and forth, and hardest of all, many lines in both first acts are nearly identical, but the players certainly rose to the challenge and performed both scripts flawlessly.

How exciting for cast and audiences alike to experience the two plays in juxtaposition. One ("C.C.") was a complete flop that never made it closer to Manhattan than Atlantic City, while the reworked "A.C." earned O'Neill a Pulitzer Prize two years later. It became a Broadway hit, and the early film version (Greta Garbo's first speaking role) is still considered a classic. (Frankly, Danville's Role Players Ensemble did a much better job with it.)

Watching both plays

was like a lesson on the development of American Theater. "C.C." is a rather sweet "happy ending" romantic melodrama, with Eden Neuendorff playing a genteel heroine, raised in England, and determined to have a career and make her own way in the world. That's quite a stretch from the "ruined" and bitter prostitute of the later script. Not as deep or histrionic a role, it still gave her enough scope to showcase the range of her acting skills, as well as her amazing command of "mixed British" speech, from her lower-class origins to a posh overlay, reflecting her life experiences.

Robin Taylor, the company's driving dialectician, achieved great results from his meticulous drills of each character, including John Hale's pitch-perfect Swedish lilt as Chris, Josh Schell's rough and tumble "foc'sle" jargon, and Tom Reilly's starchy style as a ship's captain. O'Neill, who had known all these "types," represented their speech patterns exactly, but it is a rare theater group that can reproduce them so well.

Josh Schell as Paul, the earnest young ship's officer who woos Anna as a soul-mate is also a far cry from the rough and lusty Irish seaman who falls for Anna in "A.C.". Spurred to higher ambition by Anna, Paul vows to work hard for his captain's license, enabling him to take Anna as his wife on all his voyages. His Horatio Alger transformation mollifies Chris's opposition to their marriage, and promises Anna the happy-ending prospect of love plus a comfortable life.

Except for Anna's speech about working-girl

aspirations, the play is a pretty typical nineteenth-century plot. With such a marvelous cast, it certainly works as a satisfactory show. Two years later, however, O'Neill had evolved into a harder style of gritty realism, using psychological undercurrents to drive his angst-driven characters' words and actions. Instead of stock external dangers like the "Perils of Pauline" shipwreck in the earlier play, he staged explosive confrontations among his protagonists, creating internal storms of alarming ferocity.

"C.C." certainly has dramatic interactions, played in perfect period style without sounding dated or stuffy. Eden Neuendorff inhabited the original Anna with the sweetness and spunk that made listeners forget some of the obvious clichés of the role, and believe in this idealistic heroine.

For John Hale, the earlier version of Chris seemed a grateful change, with no scenes of violent outrage at his daughter and her sailor lover. Instead of continuing to curse "that ol' debbil sea," he makes his peace with it by returning to his proud former post as bosun, cheerfully envisioning a better life for his beloved child. Certainly he makes the most of many comic scenes, from trying to learn proper English from Anna to clumsily imitating her dainty hold of a teacup. His nervous attempts to tell Marthy, his live-in companion, that she must leave before his daughter's arrival, are delightful bits of classic comedy, but also very true observations of human nature.

Many viewers, including this reviewer, missed the more in-depth scenes

Marthy enjoyed in the later play, especially in her conversation with Anna, and her subtly nuanced farewell to Chris, so beautifully delivered by Sally Hogarty, who has little character development in the earlier version. Surprisingly, there was a general feeling of sadness as Chris made his final exit, singing a last reprise of his old favorite "Yosephine". After several performances this simple hard-drinking old Swede had proved an endearing character, thanks to John Hale's sympathetically natural and sincere portrayal.

The show was a tribute to the excellence of the entire company, Director Hayes, Costumer Lisa Danz, Set and Sound Designer Robert Bo Golden, and Lighting Designer Joshua Hardwick. Turning

the old Tao House barn into the virtual reality of a ship at sea on a foggy night was quite an accomplishment on a sunny afternoon in the Danville hills.

Perhaps the ghost of O'Neill himself contributed to the effect. One can't help feeling his presence at the place he fondly called "my final harbor." The National Park Service may have preserved the physical property, but the Eugene O'Neill foundation has preserved the spirit and literary legacy of the man and his work. Great thanks are due for their generous sponsorship of these annual festivals and so many ancillary theatrical activities for aspiring writers, actors, and artists. Information about them is available at www.eugeneoneill.org, taohouse@eugeneoneill.org, or 925-820-1818.

THREE STEVES

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went from the top of the hill down into the swale. The parcel is 24 acres, of which a little over six are planted to clone 8 of Cabernet Sauvignon.

At the bottom, near where Big White House and John Evan have their winery, there are two ginormous, ancient eucalyptus trees. "Lots of people told us to take out the vines down there to avoid the eucalyptus taint," says Steve B. "However, Dick Bartlett told us to isolate the influenced vines and ferment those grapes separately to see what happens." After tasting grapes from around these ancient sentinels, we all agreed wholeheartedly that the zesty and exotic flavors of juniper, mint and licorice basil that these trees impart are worth preserving on their own. Perhaps there will be enough for a separate bar-

rel: something special for the wine club.

Meanwhile, they are feverishly readying the property for some upcoming special events, and of course, the holidays. Be sure to visit them soon, and grab some 2011 De Rose Vineyard Cab Franc, deep, dark and delicious with a plummy core and a finish of raspberry pecan truffles.

Come December, you'll be able to snag that buttery Chardonnay and their outstanding 2011 Cab from Mt. Veeder, perhaps the most elegant wine they've yet made. There's a heavy duty 2011 Napa Cab from Calistoga in the wings as well. This is one tasting room, where, in spite of the bowling lane tasting bar, you will never strike out.

3 Steves Winery: 5700 Greenville Road, Livermore; 925-997-7736; <http://3steveswinery.com/>

Fun on the Farm Slated

Fun on the Farm is offered from 10am to 2pm the 2nd Saturday of each month at Forest Home Farms Historic Park.

The theme for October 12, 2013 will be Horse Power to Gasoline Power. Imagine starting your trip by hitching up the horses instead of stepping on the gas. The 1900's brought a switch from animal power to gasoline power. Visit the farm to see examples of vehicles and equipment from both eras.

Meet a farrier who will demonstrate what is involved in preparing shoes for horses. Then trace the changes in automobiles and engines from the early days through the 1950's featuring antique engines that powered everything from water pumps to washing machines. See cars displayed by several car clubs. Among them will be the Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club with cars from 1916 and earlier, the Pacific Bus Museum with buses from 1945 and 1955, and the Tri-Valley Classic Chevy Club showing cars from the mid 1950's.

Tours of the restored Victorian Glass House Museum will be held at 10am, 11am, 12pm and 1pm and tours of Forest Home Farms Historic Park, including the tractor museum, at 11am and 1pm. Each tour lasts approximately 45 minutes and the fee is \$5 per person or \$8 for both tours taken on the same day. Tour tickets can be purchased in the Gift Shoppe. Children ages 2 and under are free.

For more information about Forest Home Farms Historic Park call (925) 973-3284 or visit www.SanRamon.ca.gov. Forest Home Farms Historic Park is located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., just south of Pine Valley Road in San Ramon.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT



A new exhibition now showing at the Blackhawk Gallery in Danville features the work of Pleasanton artists including work by Claudette McDermott. Steam Punk 3D Artwork is featured during this 10 week exhibition available for viewing through December 1. The Cooperative Blackhawk Gallery helps to raise funds by donating a portion of sales each month towards Art in the San Ramon area schools. Open Daily at 3416 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville; 925 648-8023.

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

Pleasanton Art League Fourth Annual Members' Exhibition at the Harrington Gallery: PAL celebrates 55 years of creating and supporting the visual arts with their annual fall juried exhibition at the four-year-old Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. The exhibit will run through October 19. Art media of all types will be represented. Special guest judge for the exhibit is internationally renowned artist, educator, juror, and author Gerald Brommer. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Donations always appreciated.

Art Teachers Showcase, Bankhead Theater exhibition September through October. Reception during ArtWalk, Oct. 12, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Further information, www.bankheadtheater.org.

12th Annual ArtWalk Livermore, Sat., Oct. 12, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. downtown Livermore.

Artist Play Night, 6 to 9 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 24, Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. Presented by Way Up Art and Frame. Play with hundreds of art materials; demonstrations, door prizes, etc. Frameit@wayupartand-frame.com

Pleasanton Art League (PAL) at the Community Center, Nov. 1-31, open for viewing during regular business hours, Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. www.PAL-AT.com.

Remnants: Recent Works by California

Fiber Artists. New exhibition of eclectic and colorful two- and three-dimensional artwork created with a fusion of fiber and other materials using a wide variety of methods. 29 artists and over 60 works. November 6 through December 18 at the Harrington Gallery in the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Free reception with artists Thursday, November 7, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Special Gallery Event: November 19 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. artist and gallery docent Claudia Hess will speak about textile arts, history, materials, and specific works on display. Suggested donation for the session is \$7. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Pleasanton Art League and Livermore Art Association, meeting 7:30 p.m. Mon., Oct. 14. Guest Artist: Stephen Bruce, Patina Painting on Copper. Rec. Center, 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. www.livermoreartassociation.org or www.pal-art.com.

Drawing and Painting Classes at the Figurehead Gallery — Ozell Hudson, Portrait Painting, Tuesdays 9-11:30 a.m.; Pastel Portrait Drawing, Tuesdays 6-8 p.m. Drawing I, Wednesdays 9-11 a.m.; Drawing II, Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. To register online go to figureheadgallery.com/classes or call the Figurehead Gallery at 925-353-0419.

Sip and Sculpt Workshop series, \$50 for 3 sessions featuring hands-on sculpting lessons at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays Oct. 12, 19 & 26 and Nov. 9, 16 & 23, 2013. Clay, tools, and pastries included. Bring your coffee or tea. If you have tools bring them also — don't worry if you don't. Space is limited to 12 students. Registration, email info@BeverlyTurnerSculptures.com or call (562) 822-5247.

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

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

Figure Drawing Workshop, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore.

Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or e-mail Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 - microangelo@earthlink.net.

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

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

Colored Pencil Classes "Basics and Beyond." Instructor Maryann Kot. Starting at 9:30 a.m. Mon., Oct. 21st for five weeks and also 6:30 p.m. on Tues., Oct. 22nd for five weeks. Classes will be held at the Bothwell Arts Center 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Sign up at Way Up Art and Frame, Livermore 925-443-3388. View Maryann's artwork at www.maryannkot.com

MTAC Piano Master Class with Hans Boepple. Las Positas College, Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free admission. Main Stage Theater, Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore.

WINERY EVENTS

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

The Winemaker's Pour House, Live music: Oct. 10, 6-9, Jimmy Ashley; Oct. 11, 7-10, Tumbledown House; Oct. 12, 7-10, Blind to Reason; Oct. 13, 4-7, Joey T; Oct. 15, 6-9, Glenn Osur at the Piano; Oct. 17, 6:30-9:30, Natalia Sings; Oct. 18, 7-10, The Hurricane Band; Oct. 20, 4-7, Jimmy Ashley; Oct. 22, 6-9, Glenn Osur at the Piano; Oct. 24, 6:30-9:30, BoSco Duo; Oct. 26, 6:30-9:30, Joey T; Oct. 29, 6-9, Glenn Osur at the Piano; Oct. 31, 6:30-9:30, Toucan Jam. 2241 First St., Livermore. www.winemakerspourhouse.com or 215-2656.

Las Positas Vineyards, Friday, October 18, "Evening in the Vineyards" free concert from 6-9 p.m. featuring live music by The Catfish Boys. Wine, beer and Artisan pizzas crafted by On the Vine Catering available for purchase (sorry no outside food or beverages permitted). Space is limited, please contact 925-449-9463 or info@laspositasvineyards.com to make a reservation. Reservations are held until 7 p.m.

McGrail Vineyards and Winery upcom-

ing events: Retrospective Tasting of James Vincent Cabernet, 6-8 p.m. Fri., Oct. 11, 5 vintages of small-lot handcrafted Cabernet Sauvignon. \$60/person; \$45/wine club member. Ladies Night: Sip and Shop, 6-8 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 17, Jewelry, skin care, makeup, bows, and more. RSVP requested: sipandshopmcgrail@gmail.com. Information at www.mcgrailvineyards.com, 5600 Greenville Rd., Livermore, (925) 215-0717.

Twilight Tasting, Thurs., Oct. 17, 4:30 to 8 p.m. Page Mill Winery, 1960 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Wine tasting, shopping and a raffle. \$5 tasting fee donated to Livermore High School football; proceeds benefit LHS football organization. Vendors include: Purse Party, Avon, Scentsy candle, PartyLite, Shaded bling and things, Creations by Christine, and Cookie Lee.

La Luna Fridays are Back at Murrieta's Well tasting room. 6 to 9 p.m. Wines served on the terrace under the light of the full moon, accompanied by live music, East Coast Clam Bake; Sept. 20, Southwestern Cuisine; Oct. 18, Hawaiian fare. \$45 Silver Spur members, \$55 non-members. Price includes live music, family style dinner and wine. Discounts available on selected wines. Reservations at 925-456-2395. 3005 Mines Road, Livermore.

The Steven Kent Winery, Lineage - Livermore Valley Vertical tasting in the reserve room on Saturdays and Sundays in October, starting Oct. 6. Taste 2007, 2008, 2009 and newly released 2010. 12-4:30, Reservations Required, 21 and over only, \$25 club members, \$50 general public. 5443 Tesla Rd., Livermore. www.stevenkent.com

Cuda Ridge Wines and El Sacromonte Winemaker Dinner, Livermore on Thursday, Oct. 10, reception starts at 6:30 PM. Each course has been carefully paired by El Sacromonte Chef Rodrigo Ochoa and Winemaker Larry Dino. First course will be served at 7:00 PM. Rodrigo and Larry will discuss each of the courses and wine pairings. The cost is \$100.00 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. El Sacromonte is now taking reservations at 925-371-1173, please RSVP by Oct. 5th. El Sacromonte is located at 2062 First Street in Downtown Livermore. More information and menu can be found at www.CudaRidgeWines.com

Murrieta's Well, Muestra de Arte, October 26, 2013. View works of fine art by local artists and sample artisan cheese and wine tastings in the historic barrel room at Murrieta's Well. Admission is free. Wine tasting \$10 per person, complimentary for Silver Spur members. 925-456-2395. 3005 Mines Road, Livermore.

Spooktacular Wine Tasting at RMW, October 26 & 27th 12:30-5:00 p.m. Come out to RM winery and taste great wine with the ghosts in a haunted tasting room. Pouring a special witches brew and offering Halloween candy. There will be some scary wine sales. Only \$5/10 per person, wine club free. A great way to celebrate the fall and Halloween. Rodrigue Molyneux Winery, 3053 Marina Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, 925-443-1998, www.rmwinery.com, info@rmwinery.com

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MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

Steve Fread performances: Fri., Oct. 11, 5:30 p.m. Concannon Vineyard Underdog Winebar, Livermore; Sat., Oct. 12, 6 p.m. Harry's Hofbrau, Livermore; Thurs., Oct. 17, 4 p.m. Thirsty Thursday Livermore Farmers' Market; Fri., Oct. 18, 6 p.m. Ruby Hill Country Club, Pleasanton. Sat., Oct. 19, 6 p.m. Harry's Hofbrau, Livermore; Wed., Oct. 30, 5:30 p.m. Concannon Vineyard Underdog Winebar, Livermore.

Livingston Taylor, singer and guitarist. Thurs., Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Benefit Concert for Our Wounded, featuring Kenny Loggins. Wente Vineyards on October 10 at 7:30 p.m. Actor Joe Mantegna will act as host; guest appearance by Lacey Brown, American Idol finalist. All net proceeds from ticket sales will go directly to provide financial assistance to local seriously wounded troops from our own Tri-valley community. To learn more about the event go to concertforwounded.com or facebook.com/woundedwarriorsconcert. Tickets can be purchased at either of the above online sources as well as through Ticketmaster.com. Wente Vineyards concert venue is located at 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

School House Rock Live, Jr., Civic Arts Stage Company, Oct. 11-20, Fri. 7:30 p.m., Sat. 2 and 7 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Del Valle Concert Series, 8 p.m., October 12, pianist Alexander Ghindin, 1st prize Cleveland International Competition. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Orchestra Concerto Concert, Las Positas College, Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m. Main Stage Theater, Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Tickets www.brownpaperstickers.com or 1-800-838-3006.

Pleasanton Community Concert Band Family Concert, Sun., Oct. 20, 2 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. www.pleasantonband.org.

Jonathan Batiste and the Stay Human Band, Jazz. Thurs., Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Livermore-Amador Symphony Pops Concert, Oct. 25, 8 p.m. Pops Around the Clock theme. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. www.livamsymp.org.

Rick Springfield, Oct. 26, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. www.sanramonperformingarts.com or 973-3343.

Celebrate the Pleasanton Library's 25th anniversary with a concert and birthday party on Sun., Oct. 27 starting at 2 p.m. Jazz Caliente will perform in the meeting room. From samba to mambo, bossa to bolero, and bebop—to Lee Waterman's original compositions, Jazz Caliente percolates with West Coast Cool. The Lee Waterman Latin Band has performed all over the Bay Area. There is no admission charge. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal, Pleasanton.

Greg Kihn, rock, Nov. 1 and 2, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

The Grascals, Bluegrass, Thurs., Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Tommy Castro and the Painkillers, blues and Memphis soul. Fri., Nov. 8, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Del Valle Concert Series, 8 p.m., November 9, Divisa Ensemble: flute, oboe, violin, viola and cello. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Turtle Island Quartet and Nellie McKay. Sun., Nov. 10, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Pacific Mambo Orchestra, High-Energy Latin Big Band. Wed., Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Vienna Teng, Chamber Folk. Thurs., Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Rockapella, Fri., Nov. 15, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

John Sebastian, Hall of Fame rock and roller, Sat., Nov. 16, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The Jive Aces with the Satin Dollz. Sat., Nov. 23, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Pacific Chamber Symphony, Crazy About Bach: The Brandenburg Concertos. 2 p.m. Sun., Nov. 24. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Lady K and the Kings of Swing, Winter Wonderland big band holiday show, Nov. 30, Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. www.sanramonperformingarts.com or 973-3343.

Teen/Youth Music Festival, holiday variety show, Nov. 30, 2 and 7 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

ON THE STAGE

Sleepy Hollow, the Musical, Front Row Theater at the Dougherty Station Community Center, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. Performance Days: October 11th, 12th, and 13th.

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www.sanramoncommunitytheater.org or 925-389-7529. San Ramon Community Theater is a volunteer theater group and is part of the San Ramon Arts Foundation.

Letice and Lovage, Role Players Ensemble, Oct. 18-Nov. 9. Village Theatre, 233 Front St. Danville. <http://roleplayersensemble.com/>

Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr. at the Firehouse Arts Center. Based on the Emmy Award-winning Saturday morning educational cartoon series and pop culture phenomenon, that turns grammar, math, social studies, and science into a rollicking good time for the whole family. Presented by City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company in partnership with Bay Area Children's Theatre. Friday, October 11 and 18, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday October 12 and 19, 7:30 p.m.; and 2 p.m. matinees on Saturdays and Sundays October 12, 13, 19, 20. Tickets are \$10, \$15, \$18; Child or Senior: \$6, \$9, \$12. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are also available at the Firehouse 2 hours prior to the performance.

Monty Python's Spamalot, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Oct. 19, 20, 25, 16; Nov. 1, 2, 3. www.bankhead-theater.org or 373-6800.

Jerry's Girls, a musical review directed by Gary Wright. Chanticleers Theater production is a musical review of the work of Jerry Herman, who wrote Mame and Hello Dolly, among others. Oct. 11-12, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27; Nov. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10. Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m. General admission \$24; seniors, students, military \$20. Chanticleers Theater, 3683 Quail Ave., Castro Valley. Tickets at the door or at <http://chanticleers.org/tickets.html>

Creatures of Impulse presents: Nightmare. A live, improvised horror show! The Bay Area's award-winning teen improv troupe at the Firehouse Arts Center with their fall classic. Three different evening shows on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 24, 25, and 26 at 7:30 p.m. Audience suggestions drive the characters and stories for this un-scripted theatrical horror fest. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. General admission tickets: students \$5, adults \$10. Early bird discount (purchase by October 19): \$2 student, \$5 adult. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Box Office at the center. Free parking.

Children's Theater, Invisible Treasure, Las Positas College, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 2 at 2 p.m. Main Stage Theater, Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Tickets www.brownpapertickets.com or 1-800-838-3006.

Little Shop of Horrors, Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre, Nov. 8-24, Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Shakespeare on Tour presents, "The Tragedy of Julius Caesar," Performance by the San Francisco

Shakespeare Festival at the Pleasanton Library at 2 p.m. on Sun., Nov. 10. Kids are invited to participate in Playshop, an interactive one-hour session (post show) with the cast of Julius Caesar. This professionally-directed 55 minute show is performed in Shakespeare's original text, by a cast of professional actors in costume, with set, props, and recorded music. At the conclusion of the show they will stay to take questions from the audience. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton; 931-3400.

Fahrenheit 451, based on Ray Bradbury's book. Las Positas College Theatre Arts Department. Nov. 15, 16, 22, 23 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 17 and 24 at 2 p.m. at the Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. brownpapertickets.com or 1-800-838-3006.

Hot Peas 'N Butter, family fun. Sun., Nov. 17, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Julian Sands, A Celebration of Harold Pinter. Fri., Nov. 22, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

MOVIES

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

Classic Films at the Pleasanton Library, 7 p.m. first Thursday of each month through June 5, 2014. Las Positas College and the Pleasanton Public Library present "Make 'em Laugh" Series" Hosted by Candy Klaschus, film historian and Coordinator of the Humanities Program at Las Positas College. A brief talk about each film is presented prior to the screening. Refreshments are served. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 925-931-3405. Admission is free. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

New film, "Gasland 2" will be shown on Sat., Oct. 12 at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Meet & greet potluck begins at 6:30 PM, the film follows at 7 PM, discussion or Q & A follows the film. In this explosive follow up to the first Oscar nominated "Gasland," filmmaker Josh Fox uses his trademark dark humor to show how the stakes have been raised on all sides. This event, sponsored by Food & Water Watch and Californians Against Fracking, is open to the public, free (although a \$3.00 donation is appreciated), and wheelchair accessible. For more information about this event, call 925-462-3459.

DANCE

Balé Folclórico da Bahia. Thurs., Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankhead-theater.org or 373-6800.

Smuin XXMAS Ballet. Fri., Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 30 at 2 p.m. and

7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankhead-theater.org or 373-6800.

CHORAL

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

OPERA

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Harvest Festival, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. and Sun., Oct. 12 and 13. Ardenwood Historic Farm, 34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont. Harvest Indian corn and popcorn and help fill our corncribs. Take home a share of our colorful corn for your holiday table. Enjoy magic shows, cider pressing, old-time music

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

Harvest Faire, Sat., Oct. 26. Heritage Park and Museums, corner of Dublin Blvd. and Donlon Way, Dublin. 452-2101. Take a step back to simpler times and spend the day learning how to live the old-fashioned way. Try your hand at some old-time harvest activities like hand-cranking your own ice cream, weaving, and churning your own butter. Take a wagon ride, listen to live bluegrass music, and play in the haystack. Work up an appetite and feast on a variety of good country food. Free general admission; pay-to-play tickets will be available for some activities.

"Un-Pretty Up a Poem" Poetry Workshop. Participants will "reverse engineer" a selection of poems to deepen their appreciation for the creative process, then "pretty-up" some new poems from scratch. All experience levels welcome. Presented

and facilitated by City of Pleasanton Poet Laureate Sandra Harrison Kay. Wednesday, October 23, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Location: Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. Registration: www.pleasantonfun.com and select code 56621. Cost: \$7 residents, \$9 non-residents. More info at www.firehousearts.org/programs/literary-arts, or contact Julie Finegan, (925) 931-4849 or jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Halloween Brew Crawl, Pleasanton Downtown merchants, restaurants and local breweries will come together on Saturday, October 26 for a frighteningly good time. October 26, 2013, 5 to 8 p.m. www.pleasantondowntown.net/

Diablo 3D & Symphony Watch, For one night only, step into the Mt. Diablo wilderness in digital 3D. This show will feature dramatic images by photographer Stephen Joseph and be accompanied by an original music score performed by the Contra Costa Wind Symphony. Wed., Nov. 6, 6 to 8 p.m. \$55 for general admission. \$100 for tickets to the show and after party at Scott's Seafood with the artists. Tickets available at 947-0642.

Hometown Heroes Celebration, Nov. 2, 2:30 p.m. Dublin Senior Center, celebration kicks off with presentations by local Military and City Officials, followed by a musical performance by the CoolTones Big Band. Light refreshments will be served after the concert. www.ci.dublin.ca.us.

Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade, Nov. 3, 1 to 2:30 p.m. will feature military and veteran color guards, marching bands, horses, military vehicles, patriotic units, local dignitaries and overhead flights of military aircraft. Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. Patrick Leahy contact at 816-225-1805.

Tony La Russa, Rae Dorough Speaker Series, 7:30 p.m. Wed., Nov. 6. Major league coach of both Oakland A's and St. Louis Cardinals; he and his wife founders of ARF (Animal Rescue Foundation). \$30, \$15 for students 21 and under. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Magical Holiday Evening, annual "open house" and evening of shopping and dining. Downtown Pleasanton, Nov. 23, 4 to 7 p.m.



Over 50 Arroyo Seco students in conjunction with the Missoula Children's Theatre performed a full scale musical adaptation of The Wizard of Oz last Saturday in the Livermore High Theater. To a packed audience, the students sang, danced, and recited lines that were memorized in only one week. Pictured are the cast of characters in The Wizard of Oz: Dorothy - Brooke Carter, Tin Man - Nira Dungwatanawanich, Lion - Emily Silva, Toto - Daniel Moy, The Professor/Wizard - Kinsey Claudino, The Green Guard - Tyler Olcese, Wicked Witch - Giulia Cuppoletti, Glinda - Katelyn Hornbeck, Mayor Munchkin - Lia Hamilton, Farmer Munchkin - Tori Murphy, Magicians - Jacey Abrams, Shelby Bowman, Patrick Harvey, Cassandra Matchett, Shelby Mavrakis, Isabella Messamer, Bella Murphy, Ben Nelson, Georgia Pournaras, and Ava Owens, Munchkins - Janessa Arretche, Connor Kenyon, Kiara Franklin, Cheyanne Harvey, Savanna Johnson, Alex Jones, Naomi Morrison, Bryce Moy, Joanne Nelson, Nubia Pokam, Madison Scerbo, and Mackenzie Wherry, Winkies - Jayden Helm, Rasten Lafever, Dustin Malarae, Avery Maxwell, Grace Quintana, Casey Reil, Chloe Rotermund, Christopher Silva, and Wyatt Watson-Bird, Fierce and Ferocious Flowers - Grace Biermann, Paige Boskie, Isabella Draghi, Nitti Dungwatanawanich, Kylie Franklin, Jake Johnson, Claire Kenyon, Honour King, Lily Musto, Katherine Nelson, and Evie Richardson. The show was also facilitated by Piano Accompanist Aimee Shaw and Aunt Em/Scarecrow played by MCT's Anna Lewing, and directed by MCT's Stephanie Brown. Technical and Assistant Directors were provided by Livermore High School staff and students and East Avenue Middle school leadership students.

Haggerty Brings Distracted Driving Presentations to Livermore Teen Drivers

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty teamed up with the California Highway Patrol Dublin branch to promote vehicle safety in drivers and soon-to-be-drivers at Livermore High School last month. During 2nd and 3rd periods on September 19th, teachers were invited to bring their junior and senior classrooms to the school theater for a distracted driving presentation put on by Impact Teen Drivers. The same presentation, made open to parents and the community, was held on the evening of September 23rd.

“Principal Solorzano was hugely supportive in bringing this important message to the drivers, and to-be drivers, within his school. We are so grateful to him for allowing this opportunity,” said Supervisor Haggerty. “In light of all of the sadness lately surrounding driving-related instances, I think



Video presentation spells out dangers.

the message delivered was a lasting one, and certainly relevant to us all.”

Impact Teen Drivers is a non-profit organization traveling schools nationwide as an educational program to reveal the real dangers and consequences of distracted and reckless driving. Impact Teen Drivers offers free resources to those that serve

our communities—first responders, educators, health professionals, parents and many others.

The program shares information about good decision making behind the wheel for drivers and passengers of all ages.

Through a unique, multi-faceted approach, Impact Teen Drivers uses video,

interactive modules, print, audio, and presentation formats to bring teens face-to-face with the real dangers of distracted driving: the number one killer of teens in America.

“I cannot speak enough on the significance of this organization, nor can I even begin to put into words the lasting message it brings to the audiences it serves,” Haggerty said. “I was hugely impacted when I heard Martha Tessmer, of Impact Teen Drivers, tell her story. If this program doesn’t spark a change in one’s driving habits, I’m not sure what will.”

For more information on Impact Teen Drivers, visit <http://impactteendrivers.org/>.

To schedule a free presentation for a local business or youth organization, contact Leah Doyle-Stevens in the office of Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty at 925-551-6995.

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 editmail@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.)

Valley Humane Society (VHS) is offering a new calendar, Wine Country Critters 2014. It presents a flight of friends from the Livermore Valley wine region to benefit the animal welfare and community programs of VHS. Order online at www.valleyhumane.org for just \$17 each (includes shipping & handling), or stop by adoption center, 3670 Nevada St., Pleasanton, to pick one up for only \$15. 426-8656

Become a volunteer literacy tutor for the Livermore Public Library. Over 60 adults are waiting for help. A free tutor training workshop will be held at the Livermore Library on Saturday, October 19th, from 9AM-3PM. Once trained, a volunteer can tutor on any day/time that fits his or her schedule. To register, or for more information, call 373-5507.

The Animal Lover's Boutique, which is located year-round in the lobby of Feline Medical Center (FMC), 3160 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton, will hold the 14th Annual Holiday Sale for the Animals event on Saturday, November 2nd. Proceeds from the 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. boutique will benefit Jackie Barnett's Just Like New (JLN) Fund, a Valley Humane Society program that aids sick and injured pets.

Crafters Wanted for Christmas Holiday Boutique. Boutique will be Saturday, December 7th in Pleasanton from 9am-1pm. For more information or to register contact Valerie Fleming at Valerie@HarvestValley.org or 925/484-2482 ext. 121. Fund-raiser for mom2mom at Harvest Valley Church.

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated, meets Thurs., Oct. 10. Special guest speaker will be Assemblyman Tim Donnelly, candidate for governor in 2014. Social 6:30 p.m. with meeting at 7 p.m. at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Rd., Livermore. Contact Rebecca Potts 925-294-4013 or Rebecca.potts@comcast.net.

Understanding Medicare Options, health care reform and what it means for you, presented Oct. 27, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Presented by Kelly Harp, HICAP. Please call 373-5700 for reservations.

Fall clothing and equipment sale, Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club. Oct. 12, 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. (1/2-off sale 1:30-2:15). Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Maternity wear, tons of clothing for newborns to teen, car seats, single and double strollers, swings, bouncy seats, baby carriers, cribs, high chairs, safety gates, tons of toys, books, videos/DVDs will be available. All items go through a quality control process, and items that are found to be stained, worn, or broken are not sold. Please note strollers or carts are not allowed into that sale. www.tvmtc.org

Holiday Craft Boutique, Saturday, November 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Presented by the Dublin Senior Center and the Dublin Senior Foundation. Selection of original handmade arts and crafts. Entrance is free. For more information

call (925) 556-4511 or email seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov.

10th Annual "Toasts & Tastes of Fall" Culinary Competition and Fund-raiser for Pleasanton Unified School District, October 19, 2013, 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at the California Center in Pleasanton. The event is hosted by the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE). Features fifteen culinary teams comprised of a local chef, school principal and corporate/community sponsors who compete for “Top Nod and a Cash Prize” in one of three categories: “Savory” “Sweet” and – new this year – “Slow!” Jazz, no-host bar staffed by PUSD administrators, and complimentary hors d'oeuvres hosted by Pleasanton City Council, silent auction. Tickets are \$75 per person. They can be purchased on-line at www.ppie.org and by personal check, made out to PPIE and noting “Toasts & Tastes” in the memo line. Mail checks to PPIE, 333 Division Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Names will be placed on a guest list at the event- no hard tickets will be mailed. Guests must be over 21 years old to attend. For more information, contact the PPIE office at 925.846.5620 or mail@ppie.org.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Oct. 12, 31 miles from Shannon Center in Dublin to Castro Valley and back, meet 9 a.m. Steve Kowalewski, 510-246-2815. Sun., Oct. 13, 40 miles, Alamo Plaza, Danville hills and north Livermore, meet 9 a.m. Karin Poe, 216-4781. Wed., Oct. 16, 39 miles, from Livermore Airport to Lake Del Valle and back, meet 9:30 a.m. Steve Kowalewski, 510-246-2815. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Tri-Valley Democratic Club meeting with US Congressman Eric Swalwell CD 15 at 7 p.m. on Mon., Oct. 21 at the IBEW 595 Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. He will tell the club why he should be endorsed in the Democratic Party Pre Primary endorsement process. Public and press invited. Refreshments.

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet on Thursday, October 10, 7:00 p.m. at Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Gary Behrtek of the San Francisco Begonia Society will speak on Begonias: How to Grow Them. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Bev at 925 485 7812.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA. Lunch in Fremont, Oct. 16, 1 p.m., RSVP by Oct. 14 to Ginny, 51-656-5626. Happy hour in Pleasanton, Oct. 17, 5 p.m. RSVP by Oct. 15 to Marge, 828-5124.

Friendly bridge in Dublin, Oct. 19, 1 p.m. RSVP by Oct. 12 to Marge, 828-5124. Poppy Ridge brunch in Livermore, Oct. 20, noon, RSVP by Oct. 17 to Ruby, 462-9636. Lunch in Pleasanton, Oct. 24, 11:30 a.m. RSVP by Oct. 21 to David, 83307647. Day at the Races, Golden Gate Fields, Oct. 27, 11 a.m., RSVP by Oct. 10 to Gino at 243-1282. Lunch in San Ramon, Oct. 30, 11:45 a.m., RSVP by Oct. 27 to Patti, 510-427-8891.

Tuff Girl Fitness in Livermore is now offering a new workout called Pound-Rockout. This workout is a fusion of cardio, Pilates, plyometrics, isometric movements and poses into a full-body 45 minute classes that can burn 600-900 calories per hour. It can be modified to any-level. Free classes, Oct. 12 and 13. For times and more information go to www.tuffgirl.com or

ValleyCare Health System to Host Breast Cancer Symposium

ValleyCare Health System will host the 4th Annual Breast Cancer Symposium on Wednesday, October 16, 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:

Rakesh Patel, MD – Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Patel is Medical Director of the Targeted Radiation Institute at Valley Medical Oncology Consultants.

Hope Rugo, MD - Keynote Speaker: Dr. Rugo is Director of UCSF Breast Oncology Clinical Trials Program, and is also a medical oncologist and hematologist. Her topic will focus on the “Latest in Breast Cancer Research and Treatment.”

Rishi Sawhney, MD, Medical Director of ValleyCare Cancer Program, will talk on “Breast Center of Excellence: A Beacon of Exceptional Care in our Community.”

Ruby Chang, MD, Medical Director of ValleyCare Diagnostic Imaging and Co-Chair of ValleyCare Breast Program, will discuss “Breast Density - What does it mean? Mammograms and Beyond.”

“Integrative Medicine” is the topic for Katheryn Darlington, RN, BSN, CHTP, Healing Touch and Guided Imagery Practitioner.

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.

Arthritis Foundation Presents Bone and Joint Expo

The Arthritis Foundation will present its annual Bone and Joint Expo on Sat., Oct. 19.

The expo is a one-stop-shop offering 20 seminars on arthritis-related conditions and how to improve quality of life. Exhibitors

with products and services will show and demonstrate items that can ease the daily challenges of living with arthritis. Guests can receive Arthritis Foundation educational materials and Programs for Better Living

exercise demonstrations, networking with peers and health professionals, and 100+ gift cards for fee massages compliments of Massage Envy.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the

Hilton Pleasanton at the Club, 7050 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton.

There is no admission charge. To find out more about the event, visit www.arthritis.org/northern-california

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Workshop Building Effective Instruction, Communication and Strategies to Help Your Child Succeed, Sat., Oct. 12, 1 Crow Canyon Ct., #105, San Ramon, 10 a.m. to noon. Led by Gina Miller, M.Ed and Deirdre Ryan-Booth, Psy.D. BCBA for an interactive discussion. This workshop is designed for parents who have school-aged children exhibiting challenges during structured and unstructured settings. Please RSVP to Gina Miller at gina@ginamillerconsulting.com or 925-826-7529 by September 28, 2013. Light refreshments will be provided.

Annual Holiday Bazaar, Fri. and Sat., Nov. 1 and 2, from 9am-3pm. Handmade gifts, jewelry, ornaments, and holiday decorations. Jellies, candies, and baked goods available. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho Street, Livermore.

St. Michael Christmas Boutique, November 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parish hall, 458 Maple St., Livermore. A full house of vendors, food, drawings, prizes, crafts for the kids.

Dress a Girl Around the World, meetings once a month, next Sew-Fest is Saturday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. St. Michael Hall, Livermore. Help is needed sewing, ironing, cutting. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) There is a lot of fabric and pillowcases, so there are many kits ready to sew. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, please arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

Writing Club for Young Adults led by published young adult author J.L. Powers at the Livermore Public Library. The Club will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays, October 17, November 21 and December 19 in the Storytime Room at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The event is free. No registration is required. For more information, please visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website: www.livermorelibrary.net, or contact Jennifer at 925-373-5576.

Beginners Internet and e-mail classes. Free classes for absolute beginners who have never clicked a mouse, used e-mail, or surfed the net. Learn the basics in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Learn to keep in touch with loved ones and access internet sites all around the world. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Four one-hour classes in each series. Registration is required, as space is limited. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400, extension 4. Library programs are free and open to everyone. An ongoing program. Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 for information.

New film, "Gasland 2" will be shown on Sat., Oct. 12 at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Meet & greet potluck begins at 6:30 p.m., the film follows at 7 PM, discussion or Q & A follows the film. In this explosive follow up to the first Oscar nominated "Gasland," filmmaker Josh Fox uses his trademark dark humor to show how the stakes have been raised on all sides. This event, sponsored by Food & Water Watch and Californians Against Fracking, is open to the public, free (although a \$3.00 donation is appreciated), and wheelchair accessible. For more information about this event, call 925-462-3459.

Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, meets the first Saturday of the month through May at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel of Asbury United Methodist Church, Livermore. Members are descendants of patriots of the American Revolution. DAR is dedicated to preserving American history, promoting patriotism and securing America's future through patriotism and better education. For information contact jhlchapter@yahoo.com or 784-1935.

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

Granada High School Homecoming Alumni BBQ, October 11, 2013 5:00 PM - 9:00 p.m. All GHS Alumni are invited to gather, reminisce and support GHS's Homecoming Football game. Family and friends invited, too. Meet at Granada High School, Alumni Plaza (entrance to the stadium), 400 Wall Street, Livermore. Thank you Granada Supporters Club for providing hot dogs, water & soft drinks. If planning to attend, please bring an appetizer serving 10-12 & sign up on Jooners: <http://bit.ly/1fklBaf> For more information, visit Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/granadaHS/> or contact stevegoodman@granada.com (925) 323-5712

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

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

Pleasanton Newcomers Club, open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley. Activities include a coffee the first Wednesday of the month, a luncheon on the second Wednesday of the month, Bunco, Mah Jongg, walking/hiking groups, family activities, and monthly adult socials. Information, call 925-215-8405 or visit www.PleasantonNewcomers.com

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

Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) offers services to help people with disabilities and supports them to live independently and participate in their community for as long as they are willing and able to do so. CRIL maintains offices in Hayward, Fremont and Livermore to provide information and referrals and provide community education at senior centers and affordable housing complexes to residents of Southern Alameda County. The Tri-Valley office is located at 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore 94550 and can be reached by phone at (925) 371-1531, by FAX at (925) 373-5034 or by e-mail at abril.tamayo@cril-online.org. All services are free.

Lawyers in the Library, program offers free legal information and referral. The program is co-sponsored by the Alameda County Bar Association. The third Tuesday of each month at the Pleasanton Library. Each person will have a 15 to 20 minute free consultation with a member of the Alameda County Bar Association. Appointments are by lottery. Register from 5:30 to 5:45 p.m. Names will be selected at 5:50 p.m. You must be present when names are drawn. Appointments begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. For more information, call Merry Luskin, 931-3400, extension 4.

Beeb's Team Trivia is Back, every Wednesday 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Teams of 1 to 6 players. Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill, 915 Clubhouse Dr., Livermore. 455-7070. www.beebsatlaspositas.com

M.I. Hummel Club, San Francisco Bay Chapter, meets second Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. at a member's home. Guests always welcome. Topics include sharing of Hummel figurine news and information. For information, contact Joan Mamma, club secretary, 447-5164 or www.mumma.org/hummel/

Assistance League® of Amador Valley invites all visitors to join this group of volunteers, reaching out to those in need in the Tri-Valley and having fun doing it. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Parkview, 100 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, go to www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org. e-mail assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com, or call (925) 461-6401.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the second floor conference room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore All are welcome. Contacts are: Sandra Grafrath 443-6655 or Lee Parlett 922-9280.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Tri-Valley Parent Resource and Support Group is a twice-a-month parent support group for parents with children to age 18 diagnosed with or suspected of having bipolar or other mood disorders. It meets First and third Tuesdays of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite #114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in, no registration required and is free. Suzi Glorioso by phone: (925) 443-1797 or by e-mail: glorios4@comcast.net

Operation: S.A.M. "Supporting All Military" is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued support of deployed troops. Preparation of comfort packages takes place every other

week - all year long. Providing morale support for those deployed. All information provided is confidential and is not shared for security purposes. To submit a name and address, inquire about donations or helping, please visit www.operationsam.org, email operationsam@comcast.net or call 925 443-7620 for more information and the calendar of events.

RELIGION

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

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

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

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

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (csjo.org). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 485-1049 or EastBaySecularJews.org.

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

Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

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

Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. worship (semiformal); 10:30 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school; 11 a.m. worship (informal). For information, call 925-447-1246.

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

Calvary Chapel Livermore, Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. 545 No. L Street Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www.calvarylivermore.org.

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

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

Granada Baptist Church, 945 Concan-

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

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

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

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

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

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details please see www.stinnocent.net or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, Services on Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Chapel at 10:15 a.m. All are most welcome to come and worship with us and to enjoy our hospitality. For more information call the church office 925-462-4802.

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. (925) 447-3289. Sunday Services: Contemplative Eucharist 8:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:20 A.M. Choral Eucharist with choir 10:30 A.M.; Childcare for children under 5 available at 10:30 service.

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

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

Pathway Community Church, 6533 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 pnjrmueller@gmail.com for more info.

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

Unity of Tri-Valley Church - Sunday services are at 10:00 a.m.; all are welcome. Ongoing small groups, weekly activities, choir, classes, and Children's

church. 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley (2 miles west of Stoneridge Mall). (925) 829-2733. www.trivalleyunity.com Rev. Karen Epps.

Bethel Family Christian Center, 501 North P Street, Livermore, Pastors are Don & Debra Qualls. Weekly ministries: Sunday 10 a.m. - Teaching Sessions; Sunday 10:25 a.m. - Holy Grounds Fellowship; Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Elementary aged children go to Kid's Church following worship, nursery available; Wednesday 7 p.m. - Back to the Point Bible Study; all ages; Friday 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery; in the dining hall; 925-449-4848.

Lynnwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Sunday worship at 9:00 and 10:30am with childcare and Sunday school at 10:30am. (First Sun. of month is informal with guitar.) Located across from the aquatic center. Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer minister. All welcome. www.lynnwood.org 925 846-0221.

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

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

Valley Bible Church, Livermore, Meeting at Altamont Creek Elementary School, 6500 Garraventa Ranch Road, Livermore. Services at 10:00 a.m.

Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. www.cedargrove.org or call 447-2351.

St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church (1928 Book of Common Prayer), 193 Contractors Avenue, Livermore. Sunday services: 8:45 am (Low Mass) and 10 am (High Mass with Sunday School). Other Holy Days as announced. For information, call msg. center at 925/906-9561.

Chabad of the Tri-Valley, 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. www.jewishtrivalley.com. Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

Well Community Outreach Center ministry provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, please call the office at (925) 479-1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10:00am - 3:00pm, and Thursday 4:00pm - 6:30pm. Pick up by appointment only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts. This will be on a first come first serve basis between 11:00am to 12:30pm. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat, an informal gathering to discuss ideas, Café Rumi, 4799 Heyer Ave., Castro Valley. The topic is "What would a utopian society be like? Is it possible to create a utopian society?" Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat is an activity of the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, a Secular Humanistic Jewish community, but is open to the entire community. (Non-members are asked to donate \$5 per session.) Further sessions are scheduled for November 3 and December 15 with topics to be announced. For information, please contact (925) 240-5612.

Milestones

Community



The American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), in collaboration with the House and Senate Steel Caucuses and the National Steel Bridge Alliance (NSBA), hosted an event in honor of SteelDay 2013. Winners of the 2013 ASCE/AISC National Student Bridge Competition from the University of California – Berkeley, as well as competition contestants from the University of Akron, University of Delaware and University of Maryland, showcased their large-scale, modular steel bridge designs during the event. AISI serves as the voice of the North American steel industry in the public policy arena and advances the case for steel in the marketplace as the preferred material of choice. For more news about steel and its applications, view AISI's website at www.steel.org. UC-Berkeley students participating in the event (from left to right) were Fayad Rahman, Ryan Sanders, Curtis Siegfried, Henry Sweat, and Rep. Foxx pictured. Siegfried is a Livermore resident.



As the Girl Scout year begins, troops using the Ladd Street Girl Scout Cabin (the cabin has been used since 1957) will see a change. Girl Scout Juniors of Troop 31179 of Livermore completed their Bronze Award (the highest award for this level) last spring by building 2 new benches for the cabin and placing 3 yards of drain rock to the side of the cabin. Completing this project required more than 20 hours, teaching the girls planning, courage, confidence, character and how to make a difference in the community. The gravel was donated by Tri-Valley Concrete and Landscaping Materials.

Occasio Winery Releases Third Varietal in Heritage Collection

Occasio Winery has released the third of its Heritage Collection, a Petit Verdot created by winemaker John Kinney as a tribute to the Heritage varietals of Livermore Valley.

"More than a century ago, Livermore Valley introduced the world to California wines of exceptional quality," said Kinney. "These wines were an expression of the earth in which they were grown. We pay tribute to those early wines and our Valley's proud history with this newest addition to the Occasio Heritage Collection."

Rich and intense, with a hint of Bordeaux's typi-

cal herbiness that evolves into blackberry and spicy mocha, the 2010 Occasio Heritage Petit Verdot (\$55) is a classic representation of Livermore Valley's success with this wine.

"Our Heritage Collection are special wines, not because they are cherry-picked from our 'best' barrels, but because they are carefully crafted from the beginning to express their terroir, using 130 years of history as our guide" said Kinney.

According to Kinney, the difference also lies in the crafting of the Heritage wines—through a rigorous attention to historical,

more natural winemaking practices that have become known as the Methode a l'Ancienne.

Harvested from a rock-strewn hillside vineyard, each grape cluster was hand-selected for this rare, single varietal bottling. The result is an age-worthy wine filled with fruit and spice; at its core is an energy that mirrors the Valley. Only 72 cases have been produced.

The first two varietals, the 2011 Fumé Blanc, Del Arroyo Vineyard and the 2010 Cabernet Franc, Del Arroyo Vineyard, were released in November 2012, and have since sold out.



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