

Livermore City Council Majority Declines to Discuss Public Request

Find Out What's Happening

Check Out Section A

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

The Livermore City Council was asked at its Monday meeting to extend the Nov. 2 deadline for responses to the City's request for proposals (RFP) for development on 8 acres in the downtown.

Speakers said that extension would allow more time to provide information to potential developers on the demand for and feasibility of a hotel/conference center

within the 8 acres. A study on the demand and feasibility, to be conducted by PKF Consulting, has been commissioned and is being paid for by a citizen ad hoc committee.

In supporting an opportunity for councilmembers to look at the issue, Bob Woerner and Steven Spedowfski suggested that the matter be placed on the Oct. 26 council agenda. Laureen

Turner, Stewart Gary and Mayor John Marchand did not support the proposal. Because the Brown Act prohibited any comments on the request last Monday, there was no discussion. Without the topic being agendized, the councilmembers' positions on the request cannot be expressed.

Colliers International-DZT/Cushman Wakefield, hired to market the site, issued the RFPs in September. The city owns the old Lucky site, across from the Bankhead Theater on the other side of South Livermore Avenue, as well as the parking lot and Speedy Oil Change sites adjacent to the theater. The RFP also includes the potential to include other properties, if owners were willing to participate in any future development plan.

Speakers asking to ex-

tend the deadline included interested citizens and representatives from the national laboratories, Premium Outlets, a real estate investment company, the arts community, a downtown store, and a nonprofit social organization. All expressed the need to gather additional information in order for the council to make the best decision.

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Sandia to Lead Study on Solid State Materials

Sandia National Laboratories will lead a new tri-lab consortium to address unsolved scientific challenges in the development of viable solid-state materials for storage of hydrogen onboard vehicles. Better onboard hydrogen storage could lead to more reliable and economic hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.

The consortium, called the Hydrogen Materials— Advanced Research Consortium (HyMARC), includes Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Fuel Cell Technologies Office within the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at \$3 million per year for three years, with the possibility of renewal.

"Storing hydrogen on board vehicles is a critical enabling technology for creating hydrogen-fueled transportation systems that can reduce oil dependency and mitigate the long-term effects of burning fossil fuels on climate change," said Sandia chemist Mark Allendorf, the consortium's director.

The consortium will ad-(See STUDY, page 9)

Regional Rail Advisory Group Established

The Board of Directors for the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) voted to establish the Tri-Valley Regional Rail Advisory Group. As currently envisioned, the goal of the Advisory Group would be to ensure that regional rail planning in the Tri-Valley leads to project implementation that is "fast, cost-effective and responsive to community goals and objectives."

Areas of focus will include the review of plans for the interregional rail connection to ACE, the Phase I BART to Isabel Avenue/I-580 project, and improved rail connectivity throughout the Bay Area and Northern California Mega Region.

Board Chair Don Biddle stated, "The Advisory Group is composed of regional leadership that will work to ensure that rail planning and implementation in the Tri-Valley are of the highest priority. That means focusing more purposely on connecting BART with ACE in Livermore."

The Advisory Group will include one representative each from the cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, and Tracy and counties of Alameda and San Joaquin, as well as transportation agencies, LAVTA, ACE and BART.

The next steps will include the member agencies selecting their representatives and holding its first meeting where an update on the BART to ACE project can be provided. Goals and action items will be discussed, and a meeting schedule established.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department hosted a free Fire Safety Expo last Saturday at the Fire Training Tower in Pleasanton. The event featured giveaways, firefighter demonstrations, fire escape planning, information on fire safety, and much more. Pictured is a young visitor trying out the children's obstacle course. Disaster preparedness information and various other demonstrations and activities were part of the event.

Livermore District to Consider Solar Project

A decision on whether or not to proceed with a solar energy program will be made at the next meeting of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board.

A presentation at last week's meeting discussed the benefits and savings the district could realize if it were to install solar arrays on school campuses. Plans were introduced for six sites, with an additional three on the drawing board. The majority of the solar arrays would be placed in parking areas.

The six sites proposed include Granada and Livermore High Schools, Junction K-8 School, Croce Elementary, Altamont Creek, and Christensen Middle School.

Although still in the planning stages, Arroyo Seco, Jackson Avenue and Marylin Avenue elementary schools would be next.

It was estimated that the first six sites would result in a savings of \$219,000 to the district on energy cost the first

year and \$8.2 million over the 20 year life of the project. However, a deadline of 2016 would need to be met in

However, a deadline of 2016 would need to be met in order to realize the full savings. The rules will be changing on net energy metering, rates paid, and the investment tax credit. Projects installed prior to implementation of the changes at the end of 2016, would be grandfathered in.

Net metering represents the credit solar energy receives from PG&E for energy that goes back into the grid. The current price of 40 cents a kilowatt hour will go down. It is not yet known by how much.

Brian Taylor from Sun Edison and Kevin Flanigan, representing SPURR (School Project for Utility Rate Reduction),

presented the school board with a proposal.

Flanigan explained the program would be part of REAP (Renewable Energy Aggregated Procurement), a

(See SOLAR, page 9)

Jordan Ranch OK May Face Referendum

By Ron McNicoll

The Dublin City Council approved a General Plan Amendment (GPA) for Jordan Ranch, which has vested 150 units on 10 acres formerly designated as a school site.

The vote at the council's meeting Oct. 6 was 4-1, with Vice-mayor Abe Gupta voting "no."

One East Dublin resident, Ganesan Ramu, has formed an organization that promises to fight the council's decision by putting a referendum on the ballot.

The organization calls itself Dublin Residents for Responsible Growth (DRRG). Ramu said he has about 100 interested people who will begin canvassing for signatures this weekend at various locations.

The Dublin Unified School District backed the GPA change, because school Superintendent Stephen Hanke and the school board say that it will save the school district close to \$30 million to acquire a school site in Jordan Ranch.

The district had a 10-acre site reserved about three blocks away from Central Parkway. However, over the past two years it has been clear the district can't afford to buy it, said Hanke.

The district worked out deals with the city and the developer. The net effect would have the city lease out, at a low rent to be negotiated, a 10-acre park site on Central Parkway to the district on which to locate its school. At an estimated \$3 million per acre, it will save the district \$30 million. State school bond financing for (See JORDAN RANCH, page 4)

Zoning Change Draws Praise and Criticism

The Pleasanton City Council approved rezoning land from public and institutional to medium density housing, a proposal that drew both praise and criticism during the public hearing.

The council vote was 4 to 1, with Karla Brown dissenting. Rezoned were 4.23 acres at the corner of Valley and Busch. The property, owned by Centerpointe Church, will be purchased by Ponderosa Homes.

Brown was concerned about losing land zoned for public facilities.

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Mayor Jerry Thorne commented that building 25 homes on this site means they won't have to be built elsewhere.

Proponents of the change

felt that homes were a better use for the location than the currently approved plan for a religious campus, because homes would have less impact on the surrounding neighborhood. They pointed out that the Montesorri School, currently operating on the site, will continue to do so and will expand. This will provide additional school space to help alleviate overcrowding in schools.

Speakers who opposed the rezoning noted that very little land that has been zoned public and institutional (P&I) in Pleasanton remains. The city will lose one of the few areas zoned for churches, public and private schools or community facilities. Other objections

(See ZONING, page 9)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen Niles Canvon Road

Literally thousands took advantage to either hike or bike along Niles Canyon Road last Sunday. "The Niles Canyon Stroll and Roll" barred automobiles from a 6.4-mile stretch between Old Canyon Road in Fremont and Main Street in Sunol. The idea was to raise public awareness about a proposed recreation trail through the Canyon.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Two-year-old Tinkerbelle is a shy sprite who needs your help to think happy thoughts! Sprinkle a little love and gentle companionship on this terrier mix and in time the beautiful Tink will soar. Swoop down and see Tinkerbelle today, at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Be sure to enter this beauty in our 2015 Pet Photo Contest! For more information, visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656. Photo - Valley Humane Society/E. Scholz

Pleasanton Residents Urged to Wear Orange on Unity Day

The City of Pleasanton is Pleasanton residents to wear joining the ranks of schools and groups throughout the nation by uniting against bullying by recognizing October as Bullying Prevention Month. Residents are asked to wear orange on one day.

Susan Andrade-Wax, Director for Community Services in Pleasanton, noted, "64% of children who are bullied don't report it. We believe this has become an issue we must all address. As a way to raise awareness about bullying and its detrimental effects, not only did we proclaim October as Bullying Prevention Month, but we also are calling on

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critical for your health when things go wrong

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your body does, from regulating your breathing

orange on Unity Day on Wednesday October 21st, as a way to promote kindness, inclusion, and acceptance for all people."

Bullying has taken center stage in the national spotlight and several states, including California, have enacted strong anti-bullying legislation. In addition to asking residents to wear orange, there are several other ways in which communities and individuals can get involved.

• On social media, change profile picture to the Pleasanton Unites Against Bullying jpg, which can be downloaded by visiting PTown Unity Day

On Twitter, use the following hashtags to join the conversation and add your voice to unite against bullying: #UnityDay2015 #PTownUnites

• For more information, visit http://www.pacer.org/ bullying/

We all know change doesn't happen overnight, but with so many unreported cases of bullying, we need to be vigilant in our ongoing efforts to raise awareness and empower people to stand up to bullies," Andrade-Wax concluded.

Livermore to Host Town Hall Meeting

Livermore residents are tation. invited to the "State of the City" Town Hall meeting at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center Community Rooms on Wednesday, October 21st.

Doors open at 6:30 pm, with the presentation to begin at 7:00 pm.

Mayor John Marchand will present his fourth community address highlighting what's new, what's coming, and a vareity of topics related to Livermore's qualityof-life. Information about downtown development and the Tri-Valley extension of BART along the freeway to Isabel will be included in the presentation.

A question and answer session follows the presen-

Call the City Manager's Office at 925-960-4040 with any questions about the

event. The Livermore Public Library Civic Center is located at 1188 South Livermore Avenue.

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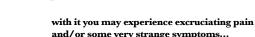
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2. Motor nerves. These nerves control your movements and actions by passing information from your brain and spinal cord to your muscles.

3. Sensory nerves. These nerves relay information from your skin and muscles back to your spinal cord and brain. The information is then processed to let you feel pain and other sensations. Because nerves are essential to all you do, nerve pain and damage can seriously affect your quality of life.

What Are the Symptoms of Nerve Pain and

With nerve damage there can be a wide array of symptoms. Which ones you may have depends on the location and type of nerves that are affected. Damage can occur to nerves in your brain and spinal cord. It can also occur in the peripheral nerves, which are located throughout the rest of your body.

Autonomic nerve damage may produce the following symptoms:

- · Too much sweating or too
- little sweating
- Lightheadedness
- · Dry eyes and mouth · Constipation
- · Bladder dysfunction · Sexual dysfunction

Damage to motor nerves may produce the

- following symptoms: Weaknes
 - · Muscle atrophy

 Twitching, also known as fasciculation Paralysis

Sensory nerve damage may produce the following symptoms:

- Pair
- · Sensitivity
- Numbness · Tingling or prickling
- · Burning
- · Problems with positional awareness

In some instances, people with nerve damage will have symptoms that indicate damage to two, or even three, different types of nerves. For instance, you might experience weakness and burning of your legs at the same time. To further complicate matters we don't all develop the same way and different un-expected nerves can cause similar problems. This has made it very difficult to diagnose disorders caused by nerve damage based on which nerve "should" cause what.

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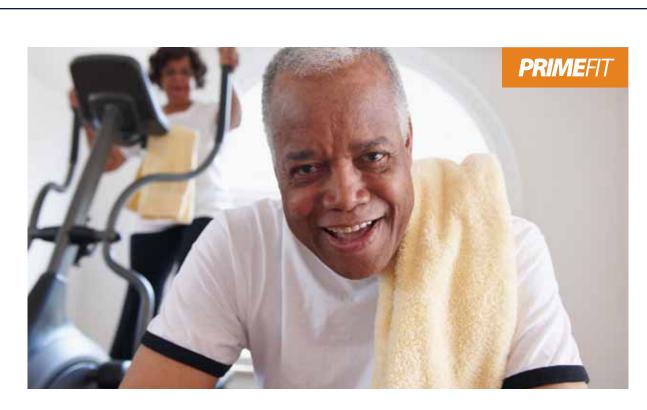
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Tax Bills Go Out

More than 430,000 secured roll property tax bills for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 amounting to \$3.25 billion were mailed in October 2015 by Alameda County Treasurer and Tax Collector, Donald R. White, to all real property owners of record in the Alameda County Assessor's Office.

The secured roll taxes due are payable by two installments. The first installment is due on November 1, 2015 and is delinquent at 5 p.m. December 10, 2015, after which a 10% delinquent penalty attaches. The second installment is due on February 1, 2016 and is delinquent at 5 p.m. April 10, 2016, after which a 10% delinquent penalty and \$10 cost attaches. Both installments may be paid when the first installment is due.

There are several payment options:

• Mail or in person at the County Tax Collector's Office, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, holidays excepted

• Credit card, available 24 hours a day by telephone at 510-272-6800, online at www.acgov.org/treasurer/, or mobile property app at www.acgov.org/mobile/apps/

• Echeck, available 24 hours a day online at www.acgov. org/treasurer/

• KIOSK, located in the Tax Collector's lobby area at 1221 Oak Street, Oakland allowing taxpayers who visit the office to make payments via credit card or Echeck

Real property owners who do not receive their tax bill by November 16, 2015 should contact Tax Collector's Office by calling (510) 272-6800, writing to the office, or downloading an internet copy at www.acgov.org/treasurer/.

Tax bills received for property no longer owned should be forwarded to the new owner or returned to the Tax Collector's Office.

Glazer Adds Staff

Senator Steve Glazer, D-Orinda, announced that he has added two more staff members to his 7th District office.

Wade Harper, the mayor of Antioch, is one of three local elected officials now serving on Sen. Glazer's team, joining Teresa Gerringer, a trustee on the Lafayette School District Governing Board, and Ben Johnson, a city councilmember for Pittsburg.

Elizabeth Patton will serve as Constituent Services Coordinator.

Bomb Threat Investigated

The Pleasanton Police received a call at about 6 p.m. Sunday from Home Depot reporting they had received a bomb threat. The call was received by an employee in the



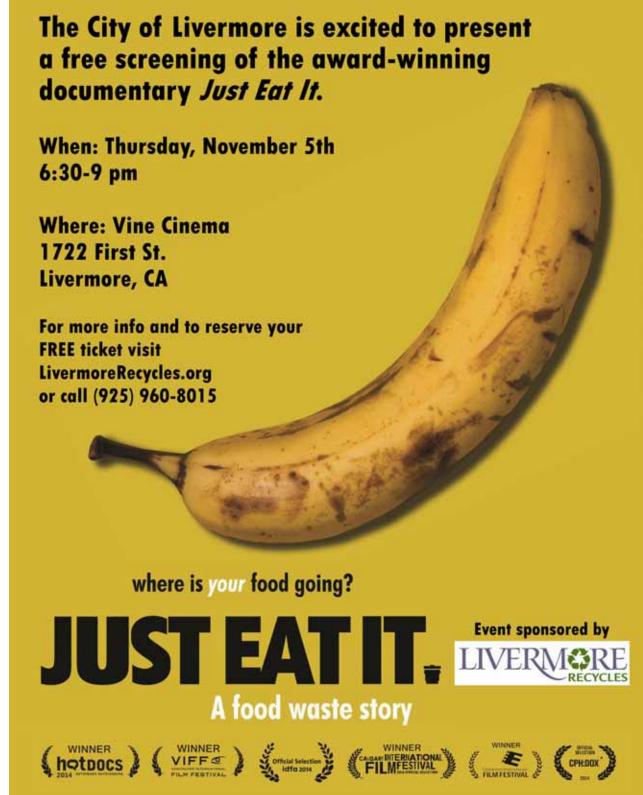
store. The management evacuated the store and all employees were moved to a safe location while police investigated

Police officers arrived on the scene set up a perimeter. Adjoining stores in the shopping center were contacted and informed of the threat and were also evacuated. Pleasanton officers partnered with Home Depot personnel and conducted a sweep of the business. Nothing suspicious was located. Pleasanton PD called BART PD who had an explosive detection canine working. The BART officer

and his canine responded to the store and conducted an additional search of the premises, both internal and external; no device was located.

The investigation is continuing to determine the origin of the caller. The roadway and shopping center were closed for approximately 2 hours while the bomb threat was investigated.

Anyone with information related to this crime is encouraged to contact the Pleasanton Police Department at (925) 931-5100.



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EDITORIAL

Transparency Important

The Zone 7 Water Agency board will be discussing a proposed increase in water rates at its October 21 meeting. The agency needs to proceed with a policy of broadcasting meetings.

An administrative committee was unable to come up with a recommendation for the full board on whether or not to broadcast meetings. At least two of the members argued that it would cost money at a time when the agency is raising rates. They added that once meetings are televised, highly motivated activitists would come to meetings. No one shows up at meetings now unless rates are discussed, they pointed out.

The complaint that televising meetings would attract more scrutiny of the board's actions is the whole reason to do so. As a public agency spending public money, greater transparency should be the goal.

A recent report by the Alameda County Grand Jury in its 2014-15 report alleged that the agency lacked transparency with regard to the purchase of the Patterson Ranch. Every effort should be made to avoid any similar allegation in the future.

That can be accomplished by providing those unable to attend meetings with either an audio or video option.

JORDAN RANCH

new school construction is not available, because there is little state money left for that purpose.

The district will receive an extra \$2.6 million from developer Mission Valley Properties (MVP). The amount represents the total of fees from three categories, including a gift of \$300,000 for anything the district wants to spend it on, \$2 million in school fees for the 150 units, and \$300,000 for street improvements to make access to the park/ school site viable.

Although some residents supported the GPA changes at the audience rostrum, a larger number opposed the change. They said that 150 more units will only make school overcrowding that much worse. They want no more vested units -- Jordan Ranch now will have 899 vested units. About 5000 total units are vested throughout the city.

Ramu told The Independent that he wants the council to uncouple what he sees as two separate issues. One is the MOU by which the city is agreeing to provide the school/park site at a low rental cost. The other action was the GPA, which vested the 150 units.

When Gupta explained his vote against the GPA, he made the same point. Gupta supported the MOU between city and school district, which the council did approve. However, Gupta wanted to bring the GPA change back to the council in 30 days, so more background research could be done.

Mayor David Haubert was interested in pursuing separation, but when in council discussion, it was evident there was no third vote to support the, he dropped his concern.

Gupta also wanted to explore why the old school site was valued at \$3 million per acre, when the underlay district is zoned public and semi-public. Such land is always lower in price than residential or commercial, because the intention is to give a break to houses of worship, schools, or nonprofits so they can acquire

However, city attorney John Bakker said that the "highest and best" use nearby guides the evaluation. A comparable sale involved the Amador Elementary School on Fallon Road at about \$3 million per acre,

Ken Fryer, of MVP, told The Independent that the arrangement between his firm, the city and the school district is interconnected and triangular. The school district, as part of an earlier agreement with MVP, was supposed to buy the original

school site. If the developer firm did not receive the money, the firm would keep the land, as per the agreement with the city and schools in 2012. As early as 2007, that stipulation was in effect, explained Fryer.

The city plays a role in the arrangement, namely approving development for the site, so that MVP could be made whole, added Fryer.

In a vote of a previous council, on June 5, 2012, the underlay district was created. Current councilmembers who were on the council at that time are Don Biddle and Kevin Hart. Biddle and three others, Mayor Tim Sbranti, and councilmembers Kasie Hildenbrand and Eric Swalwell, voted for the overlay change.

Hart said at last week's meeting that he voted against the change. A look at the Dublin council's video record shows that he did. However, the school issue was barely mentioned. Most of the council talk then concerned tandem parking and a potential commercial area.

Hanke told The Independent that the district had intended to buy the original school site. However, in 2014, it became evident that the state bond construction money was inadequate. In addition, Gov. Jerry Brown said he would not support a statewide vote on a bond measure to replenish the money. Then the district had to devise another strategy, stated Hanke.

DSRSD Appoints Two

The Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) Board of Directors unanimously appointed Madelyne (Maddi) Misheloff to fill the vacancy on the Board that occurred when former Director Dawn Benson re-

Four candidates applied for the open seat on the Board: San Ramon resident Rosalind Rogoff and Dublin residents Madelyne Misheloff, Alan Kilpatrick, and Dawn Benson. On Tuesday, Benson withdrew her application. Misheloff will serve the first half of Benson's unexpired term, until Dec. 2, 2016. During the interview process, she said that she would consider running for

At a special meeting on Sept. 29, the Board appointed the District's Administrative Services Manager John Archer as the Interim General Manager, effective Nov. 3, 2015. General Manager Bert Michalczyk, who has worked at the District for 25 years and served as the General Manager since July 2001, is retiring Nov. 2. Staff is developing a plan to recruit a permanent General Manager and will post

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COUNCIL

Bill Dunlop, a senior manager at the Lab for 25 years and former member of the Livermore School Board, joined others to form the ad hoc committee to follow the development of the open 8 acres. He was chosen as the chair. Dunlop stated, "We would like the new downtown development to support as broad a range of community needs as possible. We have learned that without professionally gathered data, developers are likely to propose only a small, low service hotel. The rest of the open acres would then be filled mainly with condos.'

He told the council that the committee had hired highly regarded PKF Consulting to conduct a Market Demand and Feasibility Study. "It will be led by Tom Callahan, who is in charge of both the company's national consulting practice and its San Francisco office. We have stressed that the study needs to be objective, looking at all possibilities." Dunlop added that the study is required to be completed by November 13.

Todd Dibs from Visit Tri-Valley praised PFK as being to the hospitality industry what the Wall Street Journal is to finance. He urged the council to extend the RFP deadline to allow for PFK to complete the study.

Shea Homes Community Development Manager David Best asked for the extension from a different perspective. He said that those in his organization who hope to respond to the RFP would like more time. "It's a busy time in the development world." A little extra time would allow developers the opportunity to create a vision for the downtown.

Jim McGrail, from Mc-Grail Vineyards and Winery, pointed out that people are spending their personal money to engage the consultant. He asked for a continuance of the deadline to allow for additional information to be developed. He did not want to stop the process. Bob Taylor, from Retzlaff Vineyards, made a similar

Jean King, a resident since 1962, drew applause when she went through a long list of organizations with which she has been involved. She used the list to demonstrate that she cares about the community. More information will help the city and the community members understand the options, what is the demand and what is feasible, said

David Ackerman, Direc-

information about the position on the DSRSD website under Current Openings and Employment Information.

Francisco Premium Outlets in Livermore, said that of the 7 million visitors who arrive at the center each year, 65 percent come from outside the country. None stay in Livermore. There is a huge hole in the marketplace, a place to stay.

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Jan Brovant agreed with all of the speakers asking to extend the deadline. This is a huge piece of land, she said. We need to take the time to make it a unique part of the downtown.

A recently retired director from Sandia National Labs, Bob Carling, said that a downtown hotel would add so much more to the visitor experience in Livermore. "But, I want it to be the appropriate facility with the right amenities." The study would provide that information.

Other speakers brought up the lack of a full service hotel-conference center in Livermore. As a result, visitors to the labs and local businesses are housed elsewhere, conferences are scheduled away from Livermore, and there are no opportunities in the downtown to provide space for local groups.

Denise Ledden read a letter from Lara Webber, music director for the Livermore Amador Symphony.

Webber stated in her letter, "I strongly believe our city needs a major, top quality, full service hotel and conference center in the downtown." She noted that the lack of such a facility means that guests and their dollars are sent to neighboring cities for housing and services.

A letter was read from Tim Stultz, President & CEO of Nanometrics. He wrote that Livermore has many things to offer. What it doesn't have is a full service hotel with dining and conference space. "I can find other business leaders who share my view. It is the missing piece in an otherwise compelling package. John Sensiba, Board

Chair of Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group, sent a letter asking for an extension. He wrote, "We believe that additional time is required to properly assess the market demand. We believe that the community group that is currently privately funding a study is committed to obtaining an expert, professional and unbiased analysis of the potential for use of the land. This study would provide additional information for the community and the Council to consider before committing to such a significant course of action.

"Further support for ad-

ditional market analysis came from speakers at the Sustainability Forum held by Innovation Tri-Valley on September 24th. The speakers from large employers in the Tri-Valley were unanimous in their opinion that Livermore and the Tri-Valley suffer from a lack of suitable hotel and gathering space," continued Sensiba.

Asked about a study conducted by Bay Area Economic Group that conducted a feasibility study on potential success of a hotel in downtown Livermore, City Manager Marc Roberts said the study results were not included in the RFP, nor are they part of the marketing effort. "It was meant to be used for background." He added, "The study was accurate, but conservative.'

Others disagree. They have pointed out that the study was flawed. For example, it projected an increase in tourism business based on an increase in Livermore's population growth. Professionals have stated that the growth in tourism is not related to the growth in population. Appropriate amenities and a variety of attractions lead to increases in tourism.

Dunlop's ad hoc committee is proceeding with the PFK study.

Pleasanton Sewer, Water Rates Increase

The Pleasanton City Council voted to to increase water & sewer rates by 6.7% and 3%, respectively. The new rates go into effect today, Oct. 15.

Rates will continue to increase each January 1. The amount of the increase will be based on the cost of living index.

The water rate increase is needed in order to capture the total amount of operating expenses of purchased water, to fund the repair and replacement costs of aging infrastructure, and to diversify the city's water portfolio by increasing the amount of recycled water used.

Based on a study of water & sewer rates, it was found that the city was collecting only 87.5% of the cost to purchase water from Zone 7 Water Agency. The city's general fund made up the balance.

The city will continue to offer a 30 percent discount to income-eligible ratepayers and 20 percent for seniors (those 65 years of age and older). A cap was placed on the level of usage that qualifies for the discount. It was 40 CCF (hundred cubic feet). Now usage may not exceed 30 CCF units in a billing period. To apply for a discount, contact the **Operations Services Center** at 931-5500.

The rate impact for the average residential user for their combined water and sewer bill based on 30 CCF units used per month will be approximately \$5.37 monthly or \$10.73 bi-monthly.

ivermore Accepts Bronze Sculpture

Acceptance of Sunday with Jessie, a bronze sculpture by Susan Geissler, was proved by the Livermore City Council.

The Harrington Art Partnership will purchase the sculpture and pay to have it shipped. The city will install and maintain it.

The painted bronze sculpture, 34" tall and 45" long, depicts a young boy holding an ice cream cone and a Labrador Retriever dog licking ice cream off of the boy's face.

It will be placed along

the parking structure crosswalk to First Street at the public art it made a strong back of the Bankhead Theater near Railroad Avenue near Cream.

Originally, the work had been offered to the City of Pleasanton, which indicated there were enough sculptures in the downtown.

Nancy and Gary Harrington, who created the partnership, then offered the bronze to Livermore. Nancy told the council, "We are quite excited. We've always loved art." In all our jour-

the walkway leading from neys, we noticed that when we went into cities with statement about that city. "We hope this happens."

She said of Sunday with Jessie, "Susan captured the child's face. It brought such a good feeling when we saw it."

Councilmember Stewart Gary commented, that there is plenty of space in Livermore for sculptures.

Councilmember Bob Woerner added, "This sculpture and the location are a really good combination."

MAILBOX

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Zoning Change Karla Brown 2015 Pleasanton Vice Mayor

At Pleasanton's most recent City Council meeting on October 6, 2015, the Council was presented with a Staff report and recommendation to approve a General Plan Amendment and associated Ordinance, to rezone 4.23 acres of Public and Institutional (P&I) land that is steeped in Pleasanton History. As you may recall, in February 1998 by City leaders Mayor Ben Tarver and Councilmembers Pico, Michelotti, Dennis and Ayala, that council voted 5:0 to rescind their prior approval of a housing development by Ponderosa Homes on this housing site, often referred to as the "Pumpkin Patch."

The rescission was based on the Council's refusal to allow this project to proceed. Their justification to stop the project was based on harassment by Ponderosa "goons" while citizens gathered signatures to referend this large housing project, all in an effort to qualify for a vote by the citizens on a future ballot.

With time and an apologetic Ponderosa, a new heavily negotiated project returned in 2002. This new project would have 365 homes, plus land set aside for a church (P&I zoned land) and public school. Later, the Pleasanton School District decided they did not need a new school and sold the land to Ponderosa for 110 new senior houses. The only remaining land for community use was the 6.22 acre parcel of P&I land approved for a private school and church.

Tuesday's Council vote of 4:1 to approve 25 more houses on 4 acres of the site, at the loss of highly coveted Public and Institutionally zoned land, is a major loss to this community. I voted NO.

The Centerpointe church had many other options that

would have benefited the **Gun Control** larger community such as the sale to another church, a larger private school to help with public school overcrowding, or a community building. All of these options were rejected because conversion to residential housing would net more money for Centerpointe, as noted in the church's newsletters.

I understand that the church ran into financial hardship, and that church leaders knew the land would be more valuable if they sold it to a housing developer instead of another church. However, a well-balanced community is more than just houses, it also needs community facilities to achieve a quality of life for our residents, and past city leaders knew that fact. I fear this sets a dangerous precedent for other churches or businesses throughout the Tri-Valley to petition their city leaders with a homebuilder under pending contract, and ask for the rezoning of their land into more market rate houses. This is particularly a loss for the community if

the land was zoned for the

Public and Institutional uses,

and was the restitution for

bad business practices by the

Dave Pastor Pleasanton

I'll bet that those who call for more "common sense" gun laws do not know the laws already in effect. Universal background checks? Yep, CA and OR have it. One gun a month? Yep, CA has it. 10 day waiting period? Yep, CA has it. Leave a fingerprint? Yep, CA has it. Test of gun handling and laws? Yep, CA has it. Registration of firearms? Yep, CA has it. Gun show loophole? Doesn't exist since all state and federal laws apply there too. And, many more. All of which are directed at law abiding gun owners. Not criminals. The ability of law abiding citizens to carry a gun for self defense? Nope, most Californians can't get a permit. Have we reduced gun violence in CA. Nope. It has increased.

National statistics show that "gun free zones," like our schools, are killing fields waiting for a perpetrator. Duck and cover didn't work for nuclear bombs in the 50's. It doesn't work for an active shooter. Waiting for a police response doesn't work either. An armed citizen in attendance at least gives you

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The Boyz battled the Little Monsters in a Boys U5 Fusion soccer game. The offense was on point all game. The Boyz were led all game by team captain Beckett Guenther in all aspects of the game. The Little Monsters were led offensively by the speedy Drake Elong, while The Boyz were led offensively by Landon Peterson, Sammie Zavala, and Gavin Maier. Cooper Hahn had a stellar game on defense with several saves and big kicks throughout. Photo - Lyndsey Guenther



Pictured is Pleasanton Ballistic Soccer Club U9 RCD Mallorca's Andrew Negd going for the ball. Photo - Iris Hur



Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club U12 Hamburger SV's Naveen Gopalakrishnan dribbling the ball up the field. Photo - Dena Downum



Dominic Scalise netted 4 goals and was among the top scorers who led the Foothill High School varsity boys water polo team to a 16-5 victory over Granada.

Foothill Water Polo

The Foothill High School Falcon varsity boys water polo team defeated the Granada Matadors 16-5 during an EBAL game Thursday night at the Robert Livermore Community Center Pool. The Falcons immediately jumped out to a 5-0 lead, affording more playing time for everyone on the varsity squad. Standouts on offense were Dominic Scalise with 4 goals, Joe Schafer with 3 goals and Freshman Dylan Weiglein with his first hat trick (3 goals). Also scoring were Matthew Dotson with 2 goals, Matthew Kim with 2, Aaron Li with 1 goal and 3 assists, and Fabio Salvioni with 1 goal and 3 assists. Defensive standouts were Salvioni and Nathan Williams with 4

Foothill has many players ranking among the top five in EBAL stats. Joe Schafer is currently the league leader in both goals and total points (combination of goals and assists). Dominic Scalise holds the fourth place ranking in points, and Scalise, Salvioni, Dotson and Li hold second through fifth spots in the total assists category

The Falcons will match up against the league dominant San Ramon Valley High School next Thursday at Foothill at 6:00 pm. This is also Senior Day where graduating seniors, Bryan Meyn, Dominic Scalise, and Joe Schafer will be honored prior to the start of their final home game.

Pleasanton Ballistic

Club results:

U9: RCD Mallorca took on Levante UD. Top Offensive Players: John Salter, Anthony Negd, Korben Reyes; Top Defensive Players: Sean Lau, Cole Edgerton, Andy Hur; Gavin Schoenweller played a great game in defense, then in goal. He stopped Levante UD from running away with the game. John Salter scored a goal. AJ Becker did a great job pushing the ball up the field. RCD Mallorca's defense held strong. Both teams played great games. This was a very exciting game to watch with lots of action on both sides of the field.

U12: Hamburger SV 5, FC Freiburg score 1: Top Offensive Players: Derek Wang, Simon Clarke, Senyi Yang; Top Defensive Players: Aadarsh Tripathi, Soham Kinhikar, Josh Young; FC Freiburg came out fighting with the first goal of the game. Oliver De La Torre answered back with four goals Aadarsh Tripathi got an assist. Derek Wang scored a goal. Josh Young and Archie Darlaston played fantastic on both offense and defense.

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Livermore Fusion Soccer U9 Boys: The Dragons 4, Thun derbolts 4: A hard fought game ended in a tie between The Dragons and Thunderbolts. The Dragons showed great teamwork with Tyler Franchi, Anthony D'Onofrio, and Kaden Green all scoring goals. The Dragons' defense was led by Nolan Lehew and



Fusion U9 Crazy 8's and Snap Dragons played an even match up this weekend, ending 2 to 2. The Snap Dragons led by one for much of the game. Crazy's 8's scored near the end of the game to tie it up. Top offensive player for Crazy 8's was Alice Graham, scoring 2 goals, and top player for Snap Dragons was #22 Caitlyn.



The Granada High School Varsity Girls Cross Country won the 2015 Clovis Invitational Division II Race by exactly 100 points. The effort was highlighted by two top 5 finishes Megan McCandless (#1) and Taylor Lawsen (#5), with 5 scoring runners in the Top 27. The team is currently #1 in NCS for Division II and is a strong contender to return to Clovis to compete for the State Championship in November. Pictured are (left to right) Kinga Bihari, Taylor Lawsen, Gracie Dupuis, Megan McCandless, Daisy Guinchard, Colleen McCandless, and Katie Reddick.



The St. Michael CYO cross country team competed in their third meet of the season on October 2 at Oak Hill Park in Danville. In an unusual relay format of five runners each covering half a mile, the girls "A" team of Mina Thompson, Amelia Sanchez, Viviana Valenton, Jana Barron, and Sasha Piper took first out of 38 teams. For the boys, the "A" team of Adrian Gomez, Justin Peterson, Chase Vogler, Jacob Walker, and Giorgio Piazza finished third out of 48 teams. A total of 37 runners from St. Michael competed in the two races. The team's season finishes with the Diocese Championship on October 16. For more information on St. Michael CYO cross country and track, see the website at http://www.smisctrack. org. Pictured is the winning girls relay from the meet at Oak Hill Park (from left) Mina Thompson, Amelia Sanchez, Viviana Valenton, Jana Barron, and Sasha Piper.



Pictured are West Coast Wrath players Rachel McCarthy and Devyn Baldus in Wrath's 3-0 win over Mustang Spirit.

U8 Boys: Lightning Dogs vs Skull Crushers: There was an exciting match up between the Lightning Dogs and the Skull Crushers. The first half of the game was a back and forth battle. For the Lightning Dogs, the defensive effort was led by Connor Werley. Erik Kowash and Jasxon Hornett made key blocks as goalies. Huck Easter had a great goal late in the game. For the Skull Crushers, Logan Simonetti played well and scored two great goals. Seth Sprague anchored the defense. Sean Silvia and Manning DeKay also scored goals.

Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage U15 Division 1: Pleasanton Rage Orange U-15 took the lead in a NorCal State Cup qualifying game against the East Bay United's Bay Oaks Bears when Rage's Lucia Castaneda shot at the Bears goal. The keeper never got full control of the ball. Rage teammate Lauren Londono tapped the loose ball in for Rage's first goal. Playing mid-field for Rage, Eve Varela took a strong shot from an assist by Ariyana Walling. Varela aimed her shot high, but the Bears' keeper stretched out vertically to make the save.

In the second half, Megan Stewart, Isabella Clark and Walling made aggressive shots that began to wear down

the Bears' defense. The second Rage goal began with a back-heeled ball by Walling to Ashley Lopez, who crossed to Castaneda, who hooked the ball into the right back corner of the net. The Bears, determined to answer back, drew Rage goalie Brooke Delaney out of the box, and shot on the open goal, but Rage's center back Julianna Pereira chased the ball to clear it just before it touched the line, preventing the goal. The referee later called a Rage handball in the box, and the Bears took the penalty kick. Delaney blocked the ball from its target. Final score: Rage

2, Bears 0. On Oct. 11, Rage hosted the Walnut Creek Reign. In this second seasonal match-up between Rage and Reign, the first half ended scoreless, despite powerful shots by Rage's Emma Monsen, Jessica Stubbs, Hunter Faria, Varela and Clark. Reign took two consecutive corners towards the end of the first half, but both attempts were stopped by Rage defense, which includes Samara Ayoob-Ahmad, Samantha Cawthorn, Alexandra Greth and goalie Cierra Lofthouse-Wolf. Rage's Allison Defazio also played a strategic role in the Rage defense when she headed the second Reign corner out of the Rage box.

In the second half, Reign scored a goal in the sixth minute. Rage responded three minutes later when Stewart put the right amount of arc



The Granada High School freshman football team hosted California High School losing its first game of the year 21-7. First half highlights included a 25 yard pass completion from Jacob Morton to Robert Sandoval, several runs by Octavio Morales and an interception by Morton. Granada received the second half kick-off. A 60 yard pass completion from Morton to Thomas Vi, Zack Macintire scored the touchdown. RJ Ruckteschler forced a fumble recovered by Jonathan Nguyen. Rudy and Adrian Ayala, Macintire, and Morales led in the number of tackles followed by Gabriel Pinon and Sandoval and then Malini Tia, Colby Smith, Dylan Banot, Spencer Williams, lan Ravera, and Wyatt Calkins. In the photo Spencer Williams and Ian Ravera push past opponents.



West Coast Krush Goalkeeper Jillian Barth with the ball after stopping a potential go ahead penalty kick.



The Pleasanton Seahawks pictured are Joycelyn Martin, Sydney Lu and Mica Wang.



Center midfielder Delanie Sheehan and the West Coast Wild move past LaMorinda to claim top spot in the California Regional League Eastern division.

to the ball so that it sailed over the crouching Reign's goalie. Final score: Rage 1, Reign 1.

West Coast Soccer

West Coast Wild competes in the two top CA state playing leagues CYSA- CRL (California Regional League) & Norcal- NPL (Champions

Wildended its U18 divisional play with a victory over rival LaMorinda placing them at the top of the Eastern group with 4 straight victories and 12 points. Wild will now have to wait to combine the work of the see who claims the top spot in the West for a CRL championship game to be held on November 8th. The winner of this game will be awarded the spot to represent California at regionals

Lamorinda made it a game when

they took the lead last Sunday in the 8th minute on a long shot from their centerback that flew into the upper corner. Wild steadily went to work wearing down Lamorinda's passing game with powerful runs forward. The game changer was Melissa Ellis coming off an injury. She entered the game and scored two stunning goals. The team defense held strong and all their players played a perfect second half to preserve the victory. Wild's

next game will be state cup group play where they will attempt to defend their three-peat state title.

West Coast's U10 Krush took on Pleasanton Rage in a battle for the top spot in NorCal Fall League Gold Division. Nadia Sherman started off the scoring for Krush, netting a free kick to put Krush up 1-0. Later in the 1st half Arianna Butler hit a beautiful

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Foothill Dances over Livermore for Homecoming Win

By Travis Summers

LIVERMORE - Possessing an undefeated record and tasked with facing a struggling opponent, Matt Sweeney should have been excited about his team's chances.

Instead, the Foothill High School head football coach's anticipation was replaced with the fear that his team might be a bit too focused on the week's Homecoming festivities and not on the Falcons' opponent. Sweeney was concerned that Foothill might be positioned for the "trap game" performance.

Sweeney's fears were unfounded, as Foothill exploded for three touchdowns in the first quarter and cruised to a 42-7 blowout School.

"Homecoming is always a big distraction, but our guys came to play," Sweeney said. "When I started coaching in 1984, I didn't know anything except that you have to play with your head, your heart and your toughness. Tonight we played with those three things and we did

mance was especially impressive for Foothill. Defensively, the Falcons (7-0, 3-0 EBAL) limited the Cowboys (3-4, 0-3 EBAL) to threeconsecutive three-and-out drives, while the offense compiled 178 yards on only 19 plays from scrimmage in the game's first 12 minutes. Of the 19 first quarter plays, eight gained 10 yards or more.

A 5-yard run from Matt Gates and a 14-yard carry from Isaiah Floyd represented Foothill's first two touchdowns before Ruben Mercado caught a 4-yard pass from quarterback Ben Wooldridge to build 21-0 lead before the start of the second quarter.

"Everything was clickvictory over Livermore High ing for us tonight," Mercado said. "Our defense did what it was supposed to do. Overall, it was a clean game for both the offense and defense."

Foothill added two more touchdowns, a 23-yard pass from Wooldridge to Gates and a 13-vard rush from Cash Connolly to build a 35-0 lead at halftime.

The lone brightspot for The first quarter perfor- Livermore came late in the third quarter when senior Jerry Rocque intercepted a Wooldridge pass in the Cowboys' end zone. The score-saving pick set up an 80-yard touchdown pass from Livermore quarterback Daniel Crisp to Simran Bhatia on the following play.

Memories of those two plays were quickly erased, however, when Foothill's Floyd broke free for his second touchdown, a 63-yarder, three plays later. Floyd finished the night with 189 yards rushing on 15 carries.

His running back opponent, Saul Darius Hunter, was held out of the end zone for only the second game this season. Hunter, known for his playmaking ability, recorded only one carry for more than seven yards (a 14-yarder) while compiling only 39 yards on 11 rushes.

"I thought our entire defense flew around really well," Sweeney said.

Foothill's next opponent is arguably its toughest to date. The Falcons will travel to Monte Vista (5-2, 2-0 EBAL) this week.

Livermore will face San Ramon Valley (1-5, 0-2) on the road.

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Foothill 21 14 7 0 F - Gates 5 run (Guzman kick) F – Floyd 14 run (Guzman kick) F – Mercado 4 pass from Wooldridge

(Guzman kick) F – Gates 23 pass from Wooldridge (Guzman kick) F – Connolly 13 run (Guzman kick) L - Bhatia 80 pass from Crisp (Vega

F – Floyd 63 run (Guzman kick)

Statistics

Rushing - F: Isaiah Floyd 15-189, Cash Connolly 8-112, Matt Gates 3-35, Christian Meekins 1-21, Clayton Marceau 3-5, Ben Wooldridge 4-0, Jake Wilson 1-0, Derek Rodriguez Jake Wilson 1-0, Derek Rodriguez 1-(-1). Totals: 36-361. L: Saul Hunter 11-39, Jerry Rocque 2-(-2), Daniel Crisp 9-(-7). Totals: 22-30. Passing –F: Ben Wooldridge 6-12-

1, 97 yards. L: Daniel Crisp 15-26-0. Receiving – F: Ruben Mercado 3-56, Matt Gates 1-23, Isaiah Floyd 1-10, Josh Merryman 1-8. L: Simran Bhatia 2-88, Justin Mitchell 2-44, Jerry Rocque 3-31, Connor Parkerson 2-28, Dominic Range 3-(-5), Zakier Martin 1-(-1), Saul Hunter 1-(-1).

Monte Vista 34, Amador Valley 12: The Dons



Foothill High School remained undefeated with a 42 to 7 win over Livermore High School in EBAL action.

(4-2, 1-1) must have used up all their luck in their comeback victory against Granada last week, as the mighty Mustangs (5-2, 2-0 EBAL) proved to be too much in the 34-12 victory in Pleasanton.

Monte Vista running back Shane Perry proved to be the Dons' kryptonite, recording three touchdowns and 93 yards rushing.
Ronnie Jones' 39-yard

touchdown pass to Abraham Flynn cut the Mustang lead to 11 late in the third quarter, but Monte Vista quarterback Jake Haner hit Noah Sol for a 30-yard score on the following possession to retake momentum.

Amador Valley will face another undefeated team in EBAL when it hosts Cal High (5-1, 3-0 EBAL) this

California 31, Granada 21: For the second-consecutive week the Matadors failed to hold a secondhalf lead. This time it surrendered a 21-17 lead late in the third quarter when California receiver Cameron give the Grizzlies a lead they would never give back.

Malek Alatasi's touchdown run early in the fourth quarter gave Cal (5-1, 3-0 EBAL) the double-digit lead it would eventually finish with.

Granada (3-4, 0-3 EBAL) did manage scores from Aaron Andrews, Garrett Hart and Ryan Silvas, who also recorded an interception in the contest.

Granada has a bye this week and will return to action on Oct. 23 against Monte Vista.

Dublin 17, Acalanes 0:

touchdown of the game to The Gaels (5-1, 1-1) held their opponent scoreless for the third time in five weeks while recording its first DFAL win this season in the home victory.

Dublin rebounded from its first loss of the season two weeks ago with an impressive bounce-back win against Acalanes (2-4, 1-1). It held a slight 7-0 lead at halftime, but added a field goal from Stefen Dillon midway through the third quarter before recording its

final touchdown. The Gaels will hit the road to take on Alhambra (3-4, 0-3), who is still looking for its first DFAL victory







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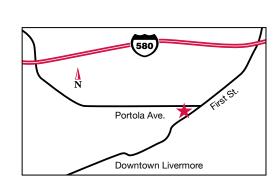
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TOPSoccer Provides Action for Children with Disabilities

It didn't take long for Coach Catherine Christian to realize that TOPSoccer would be a success.

"I didn't know what to expect," she said of launching the program last year. "The players were a little reluctant to go onto the field at first, but they put on their Fusion jerseys and joined the coach. I stood on the sideline and watched players quickly get the idea of dribbling a soccer ball toward the goal. I could see the parents standing and watching on the opposite side of the field. One of the players, along with a mentor coach, closed in on the goal and scored. The parents on the sidelines erupted in cheers, and the player and mentor coach high fived each other. It was at that moment that I knew this program would be all

Now wrapping up its second season, TOPSoccer has continued to exceed expectations. TOPSoccer, The Outreach Program for Soccer, is offered through the Livermore Fusion Soccer Club to provide a program for boys and girls with mental or physical disabilities to play on a team.

"TOPSoccer has been a godsend for our family, opening up new opportunities for Ruby to be successful and shine in ways we never thought possible," said mom Susie Marino. "She gets to participate in soccer, an American rite of passage, which wouldn't have otherwise been possible for her. This is huge for her. This is huge for our family."

It's hard to miss seven-year-old Ruby when she takes to Kellman Fields at Independence Park.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Steamroller Print Fest was one of many art events held during the annual ArtWalk last Saturday in downtown Livermore. Visitors watched the process of creating large prints using a steamroller as a printing press. Pictured is one of the volunteers inking the plate from which the print will be made.

Cathy thought that might help get her off the sidelines. It did just that!" said Marino. "Coach Cathy is the kind of woman who creates positive change in our community. While there are people who don't 'get' our children, her concern and efforts mean the world to families like ours.

Christian was inspired by the Granada Little League Challenger Program, which allows mentally and physicallychallenged youth to enjoy Little League participation structured around their abilities.

"I felt a call to offer a similar program for soccer," she said. "I've been involved with Livermore youth soccer since 1995, having four kids who played for Fusion."

Fusion SC is the assumed name for Livermore Youth Soccer League, a non-profit organization started in 1976 that each year serves more than 2,500 players aged 4-18.

Fusion SC fully funds TOPSoccer to ensure that the program and uniforms are free for participants. Signups take place in August with athletes, 20 this year, meeting on Saturday mornings. Practices include stretching, running and practicing drills, along with scrimmages for athletes and their mentor coaches, older Fusion players who work one-on-one with players during drills and games.

"My 12 year old son, Mikey, is a mentor coach who has worked with the athletes since the program's inception," said Christian. "He and his Fusion U12 teammate Chandler Olsen are compassionate kids who know how important and rewarding it is to help someone, and to see the athletes learn a sport that they love.'

Viki Yearby's seven-year-old son Devin joined the team

"Devin is gaining skills and able to participate in something that he has been a spectator of for years. He sees kids from school outside of school, which is a rarity for children in special day classes," said Yearby. "This program and other programs that include the special-needs community are of huge value. Not only are the kids who often get left out included, but they offer opportunities for typical youths to reach out of their comfort zones to play with, coach and assist children with exceptional and diverse needs. Personally, I'm thrilled to get to network with the other parents and families. It's a win-win situation for all involved.

Christian agreed. "The most rewarding thing for me is seeing a shy, reluctant young player hiding behind a parent's leg as they approach the field. After being welcomed and offered a Fusion jersey, the player transforms almost immediately, runs onto the field and doesn't stop for the full hour!

"The program is having such a positive impact," she added. "Players have fun while learning a sport and being a part of a team in an environment where they can be suc-

"She wears a diamond-studded uniform because Coach cessful. They feel a sense of belonging and accomplishment. I love when they see other recreation players wearing the same uniform in the grocery store or around town, and they can say, 'I play for Fusion, too!""

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There is no admission charge for this Community Education Series.

One of the workshops is geared towards students, while the other is designed for parents.

• Top 10 Tips for Technology-Student Workshop (from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) Students are invited to participate in a panel discussion about the best apps, tools and technology. Panelists will include Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) high school students, PUSD Technology Coaches and the Pleasanton Police Department's School Resource Officer. Registration is recommended. Go to pleasantonfun.com and enter course code #61122.

 Technology & Our Kids—Parent Workshop (from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.) Parents will hear from the **PUSD Technology Coaches** and the Pleasanton Police Department about how to navigate in a digital world and how to keep their kids safe online. Registration is also recommended. Go to pleasantonfun.com and enter course code #61123.

The Community Education Series was developed by the Community Services staff in conjunction with the Pleasanton Youth Commission to meet the goals of the Youth Master Plan.

For more information, please email info@ptownlife.org or call 925.931.5359.



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to the rezoning were based on school overcrowding, increased traffic, the drought, and the fact that Pleasanton does not need to rezone land for housing.

Staff noted that the city has met its regional housing needs allocation obligations for the next eight years. Approving the plan would increase the inventory of market rate housing.

In analyzing traffic and water use, the city found that the homes would generate less traffic and use less water than if the current plan were to build out.

dress the gaps in solid-state hydrogen storage by leveraging recent advances in predictive multiscale modeling, high-resolution in situ characterization and material synthesis.

The fuel cells generate electricity to run the vehicles.

For its part, the Lawrence Livermore team, headed by Brandon Wood, is receiving nearly \$1 million per year. Livermore will focus primarily on the theoretical and computation component of the proposal, with additional contributions from the Lab's synthetic and characterization expertise.

We will generate muchneeded understanding that will accelerate the development of all types of advanced storage materials, including sorbents, metal hydrides and liquid carriers," said Wood.

The supercomputing facilities at Lawrence Livermore and Sandia are key elements of the team's strategy to develop the enabling science for hydrogen solid storage technologies, along with advanced experimental tools available at Berkeley Lab's Advanced Light Source and Molecular Foundry facili-

In the past five years, fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEVs) have gone from a concept to reality. Automakers are starting to roll out commercial FCEVs. Investments are being made to deploy hydrogen refueling infrastructure, especially in early markets, such as California and the Northeast.

"Hydrogen, as a transportation fuel, has great potential to provide highly efficient power with nearly zero emissions," said Allendorf. "Storage materials are the limiting factor right

In response to concerns about building during the drought, one of the conditions of approval relates to when homes could be constructed. Ponderosa Homes will receive an allocation for 7 building permits in 2016, 15 in 2017, and 3 in 2018.

Centerpointe Church Pastor Mike Barris said, The difficult reality is that we, as a congregation, cannot financially bring our plan to fruition and must relocate. We have been searching and have found a nearby location that will enable our congregation to be anchored in the community where we can continue meeting the spiritual and human needs of this and future generations.'

He added that the vested plan, which the housing would replace, includes a three-story 900-seat sanctuary, a three-story gymnasium, a two-story adult education building, and a three-story classroom addition totaling 81,400 square feet. Together with the already constructed parking lot, the final build-out of the church campus would have easily supported a religious organization of 3,500 mem-

Barris said that the surrounding community benefits because the new plan results in a reduction in actual square footage, elimination of large building masses, and less overall traffic.

Eric Alexander, director of Montessori School of Pleasanton, said he believes that having the school within walking distance of the existing and planned homes benefits the Ironwood community as a whole. He urged the council to approve the rezoning.

Prior to opening the public hearing, Mayor Thorne asked for a show of hands from the audience on a number of issues. Asked how many were in support of the change, about 80 percent raised their hands. Of those opposed, most were concerned about building more homes during a drought.

During the public hearing, Pam Harding, from Ponderosa Homes, commented on the loss of P&I zoning. She noted that the city's planned unit development (PUD) process allows for churches to locate in industrial and commercial areas.

Resident Maurice Turner said there are lots of places you can build houses. "You can't build a church just anywhere.'

Kelly Cousins wondered if Centerpointe had approached other churches to determine if there were an interest in buying the land. She said that what residents value most in Pleasanton is the land use balance. The goal is to provide sufficient public facilities such as churches, schools and day

Also coming into play in opposing the rezoning was the history of the site. In 1998, after a successful referendum drive, the council voted unanimously to rescind its prior approval of a housing development by Ponderosa Homes in this area, often referred to as the 'Pumpkin Patch.'

Ponderosa then negotiated a project and returned with it to the council in 2002. This new project included 365 homes, plus land set aside for a church and public school. Later, the Pleasanton School District sold the land set aside for a school to Ponderosa for 110 new senior houses, leaving 6.22 acre parcel of P&I land.

Former Mayor Tom Pico, who helped negotiate the 2002 plan, made an impassioned plea to retain P&I zoning. "The space is important to provide places for people to gather." The 2002 plan limited housing, created a school site, as well as an additional park and a P&I use. "It is an insult to the people who worked on the plan to allow Ponderosa to proceed. This is one of the last pieces of P&I land in Pleasanton.'

Several neighbors of the site preferred the housing to a large facility. "I'd rather have people as neighbors," one commented.

Another stated, "Give due deference to this church. It is not in the business of making money, but in providing spiritual support."

Brown said she was disappointed that the land wasn't marketed to see if there were another way for the church to get out of its financial situation. "This is not a minor change. It is a big change in how the city is run. It is precedent setting. She added, "rezoning can't be used as a policy to get businesses or churches out

of financial hardship.' Pastor Barris responded

to those who wanted the land offered to another church. He pointed out that the church is not making money on the deal. "We cannot afford to sell at a discount to a small church." He said that Centerpointe will be moving to a commercial-industrial area where two other churches are already located.

Councilmember Jerry Pentin said he looked for community benefit. He determined that the previous plan does not work for the church. Ponderosa is taking a chance that there will be no moratorium, if Pleasanton were to go to stage 4, there would be a growth moratorium. There is a school here. The church will still be able to create a place of worship elsewhere.

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pre-negotiated project pricing and terms agreement established under a master request for proposal process. It streamlines the solar buying process, drives down solar project pricing and improves project terms for California public agencies,

according to Flanigan. Taylor told the board that there would be no upfront cost to the district. The project will be financed, installed, owned, operated and maintained by Sun Edison for 20 years. At the end of 20 years, the system would be removed or the district could chose either to buy it, or to extend the contract for Sun Edison to operate it.

On the whole the board was enthusiastic about the proposal. Craig Bueno commented, "It's nice to get off the grid and onto sustainable

The one exception was Chuck Rogge. He was concerned about the removal of trees, security, and the possibility of Sun Edison going bankrupt. He asked if the company would be willing to provide a performance

Taylor replied, "Yes." Board President Kate Runyon said the district should commit to replace any trees that are removed.

LED lights will be part of each installation, which should provide the needed security. Cameras could also be mounted in order to have a clear view of what is occuring beneath the solar panels.

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BART and ACE Tom Isenburg Livermore

Less than 150 Livermore residents split their rides between ACE and BART. The traffic of thousands tha Congressman Swalwell's Staffers are excited about come from East of the Altamont Pass; not from Livermore. If his handlers want to spend billions of dollars on BART then send it to Tracy and maybe those folks will take car trains from there. Livermore will not be the County Transit district.

Mr. Swalwell, the County and State legislators have succeeded in building a truck farm and warehouse district along highway 84 which is scheduled to widen into a 6 lane large truck bypass between I580 at Livermore and I680 at Sunol. We suspect that adding high volumes of traffic through the Livermore Valley will destroy the agriculture, especially the wine grapes due to the LA type smog and the metals, carbon and fuels leaching into the soil over the next few years. But commercial trucking will be improved and can industrial parks be far behind?

The Altamont Corridor Express is a great train service to San Jose. Unlike the car trains of BART you have space, comfort and quiet to work or sleep. For those of us who need to take BART we catch it at the Fremont station or for the West Bay we connect with Cal Train in San Jose. But wait; isn't BART headed to San Jose? If so those folks could take BART from Tracy to San Jose or San Francisco.

In point of fact, Congressman Swalwell, Mayor Marchand and Supervisor Haggerty you could spend those billions on freight trains to carry tractor trailers to Oakland and San Jose. In so doing you could alleviate vehicle traffic and make I580 more commercially viable for your investors to move fewer and fewer products from the central valley that

Governor Brown and his handlers want to convert from farming to Industry.

It is disappointing that every couple of years our electorate thinks Alameda County from Pleasanton to Livermore would best be served by duplicating the high density of Industrial LA County to commercially service the Bay area. With our surrounding hills the commercial traffic will develop an orange color sky of smog so thick that we will need to keep our headlights on during the day.

Congressman, Mayor, Supervisor and Governor, You and the BART Company stay out of Livermore. Fix your "commercial" business problem in the central valley since residential citizens are not your priority.

Disappointed with Vote Leon Fenton Pleasanton

I watched the Council meeting online and was disappointed that Mayor Thorne did not ask the most important question when asking for a "show of hands." It was so obvious that Centerpointe Church had stuffed the meeting with its members and supporters that a show of hands was a worthless exercise.

A more accurate measure of the residents desires is the survey which indicates by far that we do not want more construction in our city at this time!

Also, contrary to what was said about water usage, it will be increased because the church intends to relocate within the city limits. The only way water usage would not increase is if the church locates outside the city which I would suggest that the city council insists upon to achieve this neutral effect.

Needless to say I am extremely disappointed in the city council members who voted for this rezoning in opposition to the residents' wishes and contrary to the city plan. Remember the only vote against this was Karla Brown.

Betty J. Williford Born 1928 - died 2015

She was born in Tennessee and moved to California in 1940; married to Bob Williford in 1953 and moved to Livermore in 1954.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bob Williford. She is survived by three children Pamela Williford of San Jose; Roger his maternal grandfather, Alan Williford of Livermore, CA; and Linda Lewis of Ione, CA; five grandchildren Becky Bruce of Chico, CA; Ashley Schaack of Red Bluff, CA; Kyle Williford of Livermore, CA; Trevor Lewis of Ione, CA; and I-Ialey Williford of Livermore, CA. She is also survived by one brother James Wells of Coaliliga, CA.

schools with her children, loved gardening, painting, fishing, involved with her church and working with the Livermore Amador Symphony and the Las Damas Ladies Club.

17, 2015 at 10:30 in the morning at Live Oak Cemetary in Livermore, 3873 East Avenue, Livermore, ing child. He loved singing, CA 94550

No flowers please - donations in her memory to the Alzheimers Association or a charity of your choice

Jonathan Paul Killian

Jonathan Paul Killian was born on July 2, 1980. He went to be with his Lord and Savior on April 14, 2015. He was interred in Arlington National Cemetery on October 16, 2015.

Paul, as he was called by his family, was the loving son of Randy and Brenda Killian of Richmond, VA.



Brenda was a former resident of CA and Maid of Livermore and

Alameda County. He is preceded in death by

Dewey (Bob) Halcomb of Livermore. His maternal grandmother, Sumiko Halcomb, still lives in Livermore along with extended family. He is survived by his three loving daughters, Tarralyn Faith (18), Trinity Hope (10) of VA; Patience Rene (7) of GA; brother Chris Crossman of N.C.; sister Amy Taylor and broth-Betty was active in ers Daniel Killian and Abel Killian, all of VA. Surviving relatives in the Livermore area include his Aunt Donna Redfern and Uncle Robert Halcomb, both of Livermore; cousins, Rashelle, Lynette, and Trisha Redfern, Services will be October Christina Davis, Staci Halcomb; and 2nd cousin Noah Redfern.

He was a happy and lovcamping, hiking, animals, collecting baseball cards, and was adventurous. At age 10 he climbed Mt. Katahdin in Maine, the third highest mountain on the east coast. He loved the Philadelphia Eagles and the Alabama Crimson Tide.

After High school he joined the Army. He graduated top of his Signal Battalion class, and was a first class marksman. In the 63rd Signal Battalion, he did two tours in Iraq. He suffered from PTSD and other ailments before his death but

stayed strong to his belief in Jesus Christ. He praised God and never blamed Him for his ailments or problems.

He loved his family and we loved him. He will be forever missed.

In lieu of flowers contributions, for his daughterss college educations, may be made to the: "Jonathan Paul Killian Memorial EDU

Fund.' Please send checks to: J P Killian MEM EDU Fund, Attn: Amy Taylor, 4196 Merchant Plaza - Unit 521, Lake Ridge, VA. 22192. (or give at any Wells Fargo Bank)

Patsy "Pat" Harris

A year ago, Patsy "Pat" Harris, 79, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at her home in Liver-



more, after a hard fought battle with cancer. She is survived by her children Brian

Harris, Greg Harris, Julie Bergen and six wonderful grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert "Terry" Harris and

her beloved mother Helene. Pat was an avid reader and a volunteer for the Friends of the Livermore Library. She also enjoyed caring for animals, working in her yard, growing tree seedlings for the family ranch, as well as helping run it, and loved spending time with her family. She was an

inspiration to all who knew her for her compassion for others and courage during her long battle with cancer.

At Pat's request, no services were held. The family will have a private "Celebration of Life" for her on November 14, 2015, at "The Ranch."

Ada Mae Barr August 9, 1927- Oct. 8, 2015

Ada Mae Barr, our beloved mother, grandmother,



fully on October 8, 2015 at the age of 88. She was born in 1927 to Albert and Nettie Mill-

er. She married Gerald Barr in 1946. Ada Mae and Gerald moved to California on a train with their 3 young sons in 1956. She enjoyed traveling in their travel trailer and being part of a camping club for many years.

Ada Mae was a member of Sons of Norway in Hayward for over 30 years. She also enjoyed luncheons

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with Las Damas and Sirettes. Ada Mae loved playing cards, family get-togethers, and trips to Reno and Lake Tahoe. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Ada Mae was a member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church since 1956 and sang in the church choir for over 20

Ada Mae is preceded in death by her husband Gerald Barr, her sons Ken Barr and Rodney Barr, her sister Irene Taylor, and brother Clifford Miller. She is survived by her son Dennis (Bev) Barr and her sister Donna (Ken) Lindeen, her grandchildren Ken (Montse) Barr, Jeff (Kris) Barr, Cindy (Jason) Boberg, Teresa (Shawn) Straume, Tiffany (Alex) Walden, and Shaun Barr. Great grandchildren Andrea and Marisa Barr, Zackery and Mariann Knight, Jake and Madison Boberg, Shelby and Trevor Straume, and Avery Walden.

A service will be held at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore on Friday, October 16th at 11:00am followed by a graveside service at Memory Gardens. A reception will follow at Our Saviors Lutheran Church.

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Pamela Cowell 12/13/49-10/12-15

Loving wife of Roger, Mother of Jennifer, Kim-



berley, Melissa. Beloved "Amma" of Riley, Keegan, Justin, Murphy, her grandchildren were her life. Dear friend to

many, she will be loved and missed by all who knew her.

Visitation Oct 19, 2015, 1-4pm, Callaghan Mortuary. Private internment. In lieu of flowers, please direct gifts in her honor UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital.

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pass to Hailey Bracket who hit a rocket into the net to put Krush up 2-0. Dakota Baird finished off the 1st half scoring

Baird finished off the 1st half scoring getting a rebound goal.

The second half saw Rage come out firing, scoring 2 goals to pull within 1. Krush defense, anchored by Sydney Goodwin, Mina Shokoor, and Arianna locked down the Rage offensive pushes. Ciella Seals was able to add an insurance goal for Krush to add an insurance goal for Krush, leading to a 4-2 win. That win pushed Krush up into the top spot in the Gold Division with 4 games remaining on the schedule.

the schedule.

Sunday morning, Krush played its last State Cup game of the 1st round against Manteca FC Benfica. The game was very physical throughout. Manteca was awarded a penalty kick in the first half from a handball in the box. Goalkeeper Jillian Barth made the play of the day diving to her right. the play of the day diving to her right and blocking the shot. Nadia was able to get 2 balls into the net while Ciella added a third goal. Brilliant play by all throughout the game led to the 3-0 victory. This win puts Krush in a tie at the top within their bracket with both Livermore Fusion and Manteca. West Coast Wrath U15 girls

had a great weekend of soccer with a convincing win on Sunday over Mustang Spirit, and a draw with SF Seals. Wrath dominated the game on Sunday and Mustang's goal-keeper had to make numerous saves through-out both halves. Wrath played with a strong defensive line consisting of Ami Shah, Isabella Saavedra, Regan Mah, Kaila Vasconez and Aryanna Shokoor. The girls passed well out of defense and made good use of goal-keeper Brianne Radliff to distribute the ball and control the back line. Midfielders Kate Wallace, Rachel McCarthy, Kylie Karter, Megan Clifton, Abby Hoobing, Allyssa George, and Devyn Baldus worked to dominate in midfield. They soaked up any pressure that Spirit put on the ball and passed well throughout the game. The first goal came after some neat passing as Kate Wallace nudged the ball into the net from a Rachel McCarthy throw. Wrath quickly stretched their lead to two after some pages play left Abby Hoobing free on open play left Abby Hoobing free on the edge of the box and she volleyed home the shot. Two chances taken by Fran Hyde were saved by the outstanding goalie. Rachel McCarthy, Megan Clifton and Kate Wallace kept up the pressure. Spirit continued to press and had some chances after Wrath changed to a back three and Brianne made a couple of excellent saves to keep the clean sheet. Finally they broke through again when Kate buried her shot into the back of the net to make the final score 3-0. On Saturday, Wrath had a close game with SF Seals. After going 2-0 down, Wrath fought back with 3 goals in 10 minutes from Ami Sha, Megan Clifton and Kate Wallace, with se assists from Kylie Karter and Fran Hyde. SF Seals then came back in the last two minutes to earn the draw.

Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks swam at the Alameda Island Aquatics Rocktoberfest, Pacific Swimming Zone 2, short course C/B/A+ meet on October 3-4, 2015. Pictured here is Joycelyn Martin, Sydney Lu and Mica Wang.

The meet featured 22 teams with 1013 swimmers competing in 5691 Splashes. Swimming for the Pleasanton Seahawks: Brooke Bennett, age 7 with 5 new best times, Gauri Chawla(8), Alexis Mesina (7) 5BT, Jacqueline Phan (8), Brooke Sanders Jacqueline Phan (8), Brooke Sanders (8) 3BT, Shivani, Swaminathan (8), Jessica Tsai (8) 8BT, Maya Wang (8) 2 BT, Tyler Ly (8), Raghav Vats (8) 6BT, Paige Bennett (9) 7 BT, Faith Carroll (10) 1BT, Zoe Chu (10) 5BT,

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(10) 1 BT; Connor Chen (9), Nabil Danandeh (9) 6 BT, Ayan Goel (9) 3 BT, Aayush Gupta (9) 4 BT, Justin Im (10) 3 BT, Jordan Lee (10) 4 BT, Brycen Martin (10) 5 BT, Sahil Mehta (9) 6 BT, Eric Tandean (10) 4 BT, Ethan Wang (10) 6 BT, Samuel Wang (10) 3 BT, Aiden Tandean (10) 4 BT, Ethan Wang (10) 6BT, Samuel Wang (10) 3 BT, Aiden Wong (10) 2 BT, Dominick Wonosaputra (9) 5 BT, Kevin Yuan (10) 4 BT, Chloe Chen (11) 3 BT, Christina Coatney (11) 3 BT, Camille Demange (11) 3 BT, Lauren Jhong (11) 6 BT, Olivia Joung (12) 4BT, Olivia Kim (11) 2BT, Sydney Lu (11) 2BT, Jocelyn Martin (12) 3 BT, Vaishnavi Rao (11), Vasuki Rao (12), Vivian Sun (11) 2BT, Chandra Tien (11) 6 BT, Emily Tsai (11) 8BT, Eva Von Sichart (12), Mica Wang (11) 2BT,

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Race to the Flagpole

The Livermore-Granada Boosters will host the 6th Annual "Race to the Flagpole" on Saturday, November 14. 2015. The event offers several dis tances including a 5K run/walk, 10K run, half marathon and one-mile fun run. All events start at Independence Park and go through Livermore's scenic Sycamore Grove Park. The half marathon goes through Holdener Park in the rolling wine country and continues through Sycamore Grove These events are open to all ages and

This year the opening ceremonies will include the VFW Color Guard. All race proceeds support the Livermore-Granada Boosters scholar-ship program. Since 1958, the Boosters have awarded more than \$247,000 in scholarships.

Race-day registration begins at 6:45a.m. at Independence Park, 2798 Holmes Street in Livermore. The half marathon starts at 8:30am, 10K starts



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Adrian Vargas of the Intermediate Division Ravens rolls out to escape the Vikings defender. Scores: Niners 21, Eagles 0; Vikings 38, Ravens 6.

at 9:00am and 5K at 9:15 am. The one-mile fun run begins at 10:45 am. Pre-registration entry fees for the 5K are \$30, the 10K \$35 per runner, and half marathon entry fees are \$45 per runner. Group/family discounts are available for four or more runners. The one-mile fun run entry fee is \$10. On race day, all registration entry fees will be an additional \$10.

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.racetotheflagpole. org. or contact Mike Nagel, Race Director, at 925-667-6535 or flagpolerace@yahoo.com.

Livermore Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association welcomes all Livermore girls aged 5-18 for our 2016 Spring Recreational season. No prior experience necessary. Online registration is now open at LivermoreGirlsSoftball. org, or register in person on November 10 from 6-8:30pm in the Joe Michell Multi-Purpose Room, 1001 Elaine Avenue. Visit the website or email registration@LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org for more information.

Punt, Pass and Kick

Camp Parks will host the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition this Sat., Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to noon. There is no fee to enter. The com-

petition is open to boys and girls ages 6 to 15. Each child will punt, pass and kick the ball as far as he or she can. Pre-registration and completion of

a vetting form is mandatory in order to gain admission to Camp Parks. Go to www.nflppk.com/competition/register to register and learn more. For information, call 875-4287 or 875-4388.

Little League Signup Little League Baseball spring reg

istration will be on Saturday 10/24/15.



Junior Division Texans Luke Anderson turns on the speed in LJFL weekend action; scores: Lions 7, Falcons 0; Raiders 32, Texans 0. In the Senior Division, it was the Cowboys 18, Packers 30; Steelers 14, Chiefs 38.



Chargers Bryce Gray on the carry against the Advance Division LJFL Broncos. Scores: Broncos 27, Chargers 7; Jets 6, Colts 0.

Livermore High football snack bar area. 10am-2pm. Registration is open to players ages 4-18 whose birth date is on or before August 31, 2016. Please

bring copy of birth certificate and proof of residency (utility bill). For more information check home team

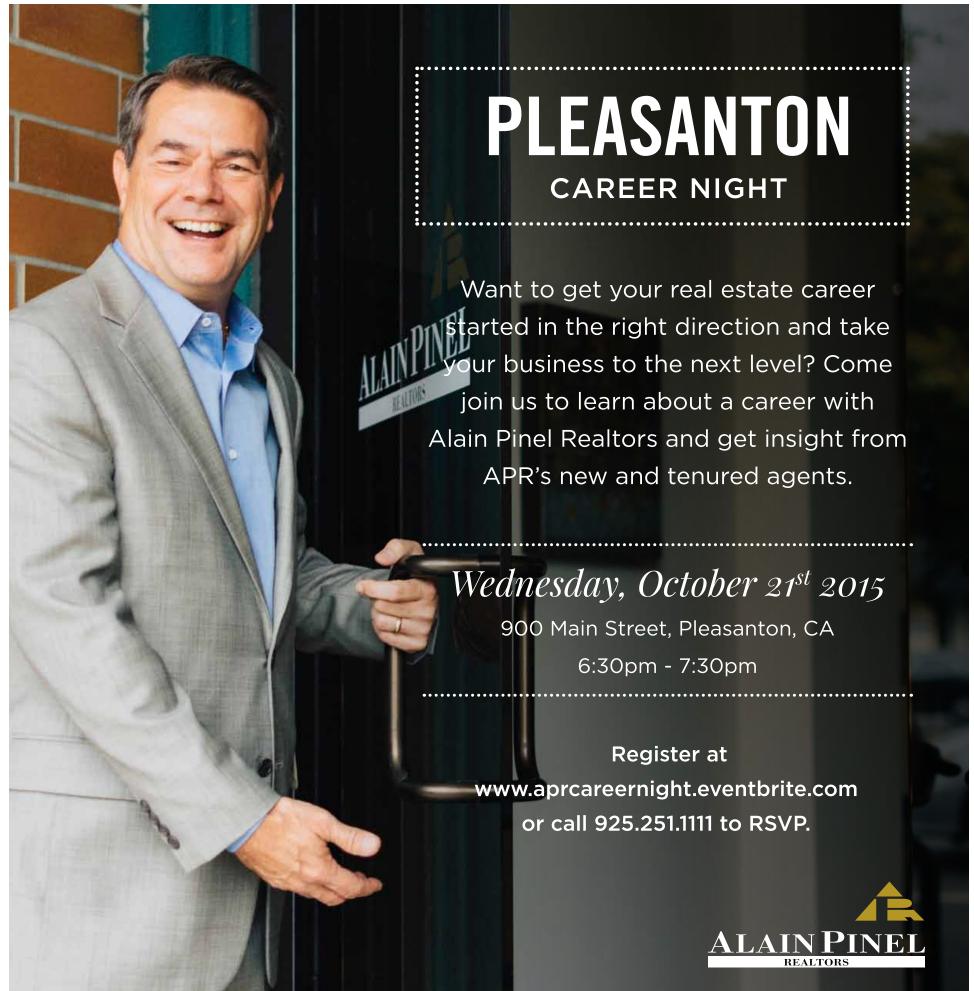
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This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/20/2013. Signature of Registrants :s/: Judith Pipkin, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 11, 2015. Expires September 11, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3848. Published September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 2015.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**

FILE NO. 486274 The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Diablo Valley Property Management, 1779 Mill Springs Common, #315, Livermore, CA 94550.

The Fictitious Business Name Statement being abandoned was filed on 12/26/2013 in the County of Alameda.

The full name of Registrant Judith D. Pipkin, 1779 Mill Springs Common, #315, Livermore, CA 94550 Signature of Registrant: /s/: Judith Pipkin

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Signature of Registrants :s/: Tom Saberi, Secretary This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 4, 2015. Expires September 4, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3854. Published October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 509514

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Signature of Registrants :s/: Alden Faught, President This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 17, 2015. Expires September 17, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3855. Published October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 509940

The following person(s) doing business as: Forgotten Fountains, 663 South S Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Forgotten Fountains, LLC. 663 South S Street, Livermore, CA 94550

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the County Clerk of Alameda (1)Angela Clairé Hoffman on September 28, 2015. Ex-(2)James Roger Hoffman, pires September 28, 2020. 1565 Morning Glory Circle, Livermore, CA 94551 The Independent Legal No. 3860. Published October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 2015. This business is conducted by Married Couple STATEMENT OF

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FILE NO. 509763

The following person(s) has

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of the Fictitious Business

Name: Studio Dance Art

Fit Livermore, 7 E. Airway

Blvd Unit #151, Livermore,

The Fictitious Business

Name Statement being aban-

doned was filed on 9/23/15 in

the County of Alameda. The full name of Registrant:

(1) Victoria Christine Carroll,

60 Meritage Common Unit

200, Livermore, CA 94551(2) Maria Puentes-Barr, 1122

Norfolk Rd, Livermore, CA

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on September 28, 2015. Ex-

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Signature of Registrant:

/s/: Victoria Carroll

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The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/1/2015. Signature of Registrants

:s/: Angela Hoffman This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 29, 2015. Expires September 29, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3858. Published October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 510049

The following person(s) doing business as: The Body Artists, 1850 Sunset Dr, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Lauren Michelle Dutch, 1850 Sunset Dr, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted

by an Individual The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrants :s/: Lauren Michelle Dutch This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 30, 2015. Expires September 30, 2020 The Independent Legal No. 3859. Published October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 509922

The following person(s) doing business as: Studio Dance Art Fit Livermore, 151 E Airway Blvd, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Victoria Christine Carroll, 60

Meritage Common Unit 200 **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** Livermore, CA 94551 NAME STATEMENT This business is conducted FILE NO. 509512 by an Individual

The following person(s) doing business as: D K Builders. 424 Hummingbird Lane. Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): David Karl Johnson, 424

Hummingbird Lane, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant has not yet

begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrants :s/: David K. Johnson

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12:00 to 4:00. On Sundays,

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Pleasanton Plans Downtown Parking Study

The Pleasanton City Council approved moving forward with a downtown parking strategy and implementation plan.

A consultant will be hired to update the city's 2013 downtown parking demand study. Results would come back to the council in March or April of 2016. Between 2016-2018, a plan would be put forth to schedule projects, budget for them, and allocate resources.

The vote was unanimous. While everyone was happy with the idea of moving forward, many believed that the proposed process was too slow.

Pamela Ott, Director of Economic Development, told the council that with the improving economy, there is an increased need for parking in the downtown.

The study, when completed, will recommend the number of spaces needed, consider parking supply and parking management concepts, evaluate the viability of a parking structure and consider amendments to the duration of timed parking.

Ott noted that the city had added 235 public parking spaces when it purchased the rail transportation corridor that runs through the downtown. The Pleasanton Down-

town Association had submitted its own a proposal to increase parking. Ott said that its recommendations would be included in the study update.

In a letter to the city, the PDA offered a 2-year vision and parking recommendations for the downtown, noting, "If the parking

saturation isn't addressed quickly, we will see very real negative effects to the district.

Councilmember Arnie Olson was upset at the length of time proposed for implementation. He thought the city should look at the proposals offered by the PDA. 'All I see the city doing is another study. All that does is delay creating more park-

The PDA recommendations included identifying a city employee to proactively identify potential lots in downtown that could be purchased and converted into free public parking; immediately working to convert existing City-owned property into public parking; generating a minimum of 45 new public parking spaces in

downtown with a minimum of 25 of those spaces in the core of downtown; conducting feasibility studies for a parking garage at the Bank of America parking lot site, Round Table parking lot site and TrueValue parking lot site and determining whether a second tier of parking could be added to the public lot behind Redcoats. In addition, the city should pave the section of the Railroad corridor between E. Angela Street and Neal Street.

While supportive of the city moving ahead with a plan to alleviate the parking issues in the downtown, several long time business owners were disturbed that it appeared nothing would happen for two years.

Gene Finch, owner of Gene Finch Construction in downtown Pleasanton, stated, "I agree with the PDA study. I'm upset that the parking issue is just now coming to the council." He and others pointed out that parking limitations had been discussed for many years. Finch previously operated Gene's Furniture.

Speakers from the downtown were complained that approval of new construction in the downtown did not include a requirement for parking, rather an in lieu fee is collected by the city.

Speakers also asked that there be enforcement of the timed parking restrictions.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said that the city would identify short and long term options. Long term projects,

such as a parking garage, take time. A short term option, that includes paving a vacant lot, would be possible because it doesn't take a lot of cash flow.

Mayor Jerry Thorne stated, "Things really need to get done before 2018.'



College Admissions

Livermore Public Library invites local high school students and their parents to attend a free presentation, "What Colleges Want: An Inside Look at College Admissions Requirements for Grades 9 to 11." This event will take place Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at brary Storytime Room, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. No registration is required.

Jackie Stamps, an independent college admissions advisor located in Livermore, will give an overview of the admissions policies used by public and private colleges and present resources that will help students prepare for the college admissions process.

For questions or more information, call Jennifer at 925-373-5576, or go to www.livermorelibrary.net.

Cancer Symposium Stanford Health Care – Val-

leyCare, along with Valley Medical Oncology Consultants, will host a free Breast Cancer Symposium on Wednesday, October 21, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at the Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Avenue in Pleasanton.

The Symposium will feature a number of Stanford Health Care ValleyCare and Valley Medical Oncology Consultants leading cancer experts, physicians, researchers and care teams, who will discuss what causes breast cancer, how to understand a diagnosis and what treatment options are available, as well as ways to reduce the risk of developing breast cancer. The event is open to the public and is designed for cancer survivors, caregivers and anyone whose life has been touched by breast cancer.

Master of Ceremonies for the Symposium will be Rakesh Patel, MD, co-chair of the ValleyCare Breast Program and medical director of the Targeted Radiation Institute at Valley Medical Oncology Con-

Other featured speakers at the Symposium include: Lynn Westphal, MD, professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology (Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility) at Stanford University Medical Center; Douglas Blayney, MD, professor of Medicine (Oncology) at Stanford University Medical Center; James Ford, MD, associate professor of Medicine (Oncology) and Genetcs at Stanford University Medical Center; and Rishi Sawhney, MD, Cancer Program medical director.

In addition to presentations by the speakers, there will be a question and answer session and a free door prize drawing. Light refreshments will be served.

To RSVP for the event, call (925) 734-3315, or visit www.valleycare.com/educationseminars and register online.

Chinese Medicine

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The Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation (SJWHTF) will conduct a free seminar for the community. The "Power and Wisdom of Traditional Chinese Medicine" seminar will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 10 AM to 12 PM at Alain Pinel Realtors, 900 Main Street, Suite

101, Pleasanton. Kristine Buckley, licensed

acupuncturist, will demystify Traditional Chinese Medicine. You will learn how to live according to ancient wisdom, and how to incorporate the power of acupuncture and

herbal medicine in your life. The public is invited to attend this free event, but reservations are required

Registration check in 9:45 a.m. with the event to start at 10 a.m. and end at noon. Space is limited. Please register online at http://tiny. cc/ChineseMedicine; No Walk-Ins

Walk and Bats

On Sat., Oct. 17, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff will lead an October Evening Walk. Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 7:30 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

The crescent moon will set as it is time to head out into Sycamore Grove park on this Saturday night for an evening of looking for nocturnal creatures and basking in the glory of the autumn sky. The hike will be approximately 4 miles total on both paved and unpaved trails.

Learn about Bats on Sun., Oct. 18. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 6 p.m. at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave.

Many myths surround these winged wonders. Join this evening program to separate fact from fiction and learn about bats from here and around the world. A presentation will show you how adorable bats can be. You may also be surprised by how many ways these little critters help us out and the challenges they face.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$3 donation is requested to help support the programs

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Twilight Tasting

Friends of the Vineyards will be the featured non-profit at the Twilight Tasting Event on October

22nd hosted by Page Mill Winery. The winery will be donating all \$10 tasting fees and 10% of wine and merchandise sales to Friends of the Vineyards which will use the money raised to support its scholarship program for students in the Las Positas College Enology and Viticulture Program. Light refreshments will be served. There will be a raffle at the event. Additional items will be available for purchase from local vendors. Reservations are not required.

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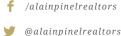
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THE INDEPENDENT . SECTION A

Creatures of Impulse Presents: Live Improvised Horror Show at Firehouse



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Creatures of Impulse (COI) opens its 6th season at the Firehouse Arts Center with Nightmare: A live improvised horror show. Three unique shows will take place Tuesday (free preview show), Thursday, and Friday, October 27, 29, and 30 at 7:30 p.m. Two special Halloween performances on Saturday, October 31, at 2:00 and 9:00 p.m. Costumes encouraged for the Halloween shows. The evening performance on Saturday is recommended for ages 14 and over.

General admission tickets: \$5 students, \$10 adults. Doors open 7:10 p.m. Tickets at the door, online at www. firehousearts.org, by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

The teen improvisers in COI rehearse storytelling techniques and how to create characters that the audience can identify with, and will hopefully care about as well. 'Nightmare' is considered a long-form, story based improv show. Audience members will be asked for suggestions before the show starts to help inspire the creation of characters and storylines. From this, the cast then develops a fully improvised "play" each night.

This year, Clay Robeson from the Un-Scripted Theater Company, a professional troupe based in San Francisco, was a guest teaching artist brought in to teach advanced improvised horror techniques. Clay has been a long-standing and enthusiastic supporter of Creatures of Impulse.

COI Founder and Director Mark Duncanson notes, "We hope to give audiences another perspective on improv with our long-form narrative performances like

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Pictured are Emma Carew (Rebecca Davis) Dr. Henry Jekyll/Edward Hyde (Christopher Sanders*) and Lucy Harris (Morgan Breedveld); *member of Actor's Equity Association. Photo - DC Scarpelli and Robert Sholty

Jekyll and Hyde On Stage

Jekyll and Hyde, the Musical will play at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore weekends October 24-November 8.

Performances of the PG-13 rated Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production will take place Oct. 24, Nov. 7, 8 p.m.; Oct. 31 and Nov. 7 at 2 p.m. and Oct. 25, Nov. 1 and 8 at 2 p.m. Rated PG-13

In this brilliant retelling of Robert Louis Stevenson's famous story, Dr Jekyll is introduced just as he is on the brink of discovering the key to man's inner reality. One evening he experiments on himself and finds that his formula works. Unfortunately, his "real" self turns out to be the monster Edward Hyde.

Jekyll continues his researches, spending more and more time as Hyde until this character takes over. Jekyll's fiancée and friends slowly become aware of the changes in him but are powerless to help. Jekyll himself finds it more and more difficult to keep Hyde at bay, and his initial delight soon turns to despair. When Hyde brutally

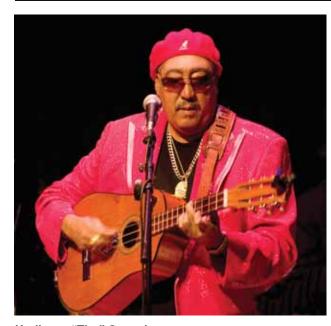
murders one of the young maids, he realizes his experiment has gone too far, and he takes the only possible course of action left to him.

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI)

Director/Choreographer by Scott Maraj; vocal direction by Sierra Dee; musical direction by Jo Anne Fosselman; assistant director and backstage manager will be Brian Olkowski and Michelle Roque will act as production assistant.

The cast includes Jekyll-Hyde: Christopher Sanders) member of Actors Equity); Lucy: Morgan Breedveld; Emma: Rebecca Davis; Utterson: Marcel Saunders; Nellie: Jennifer Stark; Simon Stride: Greg Zema; Lord Savage/Spider: Lucas de Ayora; Bishop: Ron Houk; Sir Danvers: Mike Freeman; General Glossop: Michael J. Jackson; Lady Beaconsfield: Ali Lane; Archibald Proops: Joe Saam; Bisset: Joshua Thompson; Poole: Warren Han-

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Heriberto "Tito" Gonzalez

Spend 'An Afternoon in Old Havana' with Tito

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Firehouse Arts Center presents Tito Y Su Son De Cuba: "An Afternoon in Old Havana," on Sunday, October 25, at 2:00 p.m.

Tito Y Su Son De Cuba creates rich, high energy Cuban music with all the authentic rhythms including rumba, guaracha, son, boleros and son montuno, among many others. Heriberto "Tito" Gonzalez and his band celebrate music pioneered by greats like Arsenio Rodriguez and later the Buena Vista Social Club.

The Cuban "Son" ("Sound") is the root of most Salsa

The Cuban "Son" ("Sound") is the root of most Salsa music today. "Son cubano" is a style of music and dance that originated in Cuba and gained worldwide popularity during the 1930s, and remains one of the most influential and widespread forms of Latin American music.

Tito sings and plays the Tres guitar (which originated in Cuba) that drives this glorious music and brings it to life. He is a flawless and engaging showman, with an energy that is totally contagious. With his storied past as a wanderer and fisherman, yet always with music in his heart, fate grabbed hold of Tito at age 40, and catapulted him from cabbie to celebrity and star of the Cuban music scene.

He studied with Tres master Papi Oviedo of the Buena Vista Social Club and then with the greatest guitarist in Cuba, Octavio Sanchez Cotán. Before leaving Cuba, "Tito" founded and played with the Nuevo Conjunto de Arsenio Rodriguez, a group carefully structured to represent the music of the famous Cuban tresero Arsenio Rodriguez. This group was assembled by Arsenio's daugther, Regla Rodriguez Travieso. She thought long and hard as to who should represent and play her father's music. She chose Heriberto "Tito" Gonzalez, a great honor.

Since 2000, "Tito" has been teaching, playing and jamming in the Bay Area "Cuban Son" scene.

Reserved seating tickets for "An Afternoon in Old Havana" are \$15.00 - \$25.00, and can be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton

Asian Pop Singer Has Earned the Title of 'Superstar of Romance'

Christian Bautista, an Asian pop singer, arrives in Livermore in October for an evening of the love songs and ballads that have earned him the title "superstar of romance" since appearing on Star in a Million in the Philippines.

While Bautista did not place first in the contest, he generated such immense audience popularity that Warner Music offered him a recording contract. "The Way You Look at Me" off his debut album became an international hit single, appearing on radio stations in Indonesia, Singapore and across Asia, and sending the album to triple platinum status.

Bautista will appear at the Bankhead Theater for one performance only on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$25 or \$39 for adults and \$16 for students.

Although Bautista began singing in his church choir at the age of seven, he did not focus on a musical career until after graduating with a degree in landscape architecture from the University of Philippines in Diliman. The Star in a Million contest brought him to widespread attention and he has since toured widely, earning enthusiastic fans worldwide. Bautista's sleek, silvery voice has a sweetness reminiscent of Art Garfunkel and Frankie Valli, and he has been compared with the famous Pilipino balladeer Jose Mari Chan.

A frequent collaborator with other Pilipino stars, Bautista recently released the single "Two Forevers" with American Idol runner up Jessica Sanchez.

Among Bautista's hits are such popular Tagalog songs as "Kailan Pa Ma'y Ikaw" and "Nag-iisang Ikaw," and his album "Romance Revisited: The Songs of Jose Mari Chan" certified gold in just two weeks. He has released a half dozen albums, most recently "Soundtrack," a collection of romantic songs from romantic movies such as "The Way We Were," "Up Where We Belong" from



An Officer and a Gentleman and "Unchained Melody" as featured in Ghost. In addition to singing, Bautista has appeared on television, in films, and on stage, singing lead roles musical theater productions such as West Side Story, and he currently appears on the popular Pilipino television drama My Mother's Secret.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets for all events may be purchased at the box office, online at www.bankheadtheater. org, by calling 373-6800 or via the new LVPAC mobile app.

'The Babadook' Launches Movie 'Thrill Ride' Series

With the 5th Anniversary of the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, the theater programming team has decided to put together a little something for movie fans. The title for this year's series is "Thrill Rides." It includes some of the best Independent Film thrillers from the last few years.

Kicking off the series in October just in time for Halloween is The Babadook (rated R, 94 minutes). It will be shown Wed., Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

A top-notch psychological thriller from 2014, this one is an Australian-Canadian production and Sundance fave. The plot follows a troubled widow

(Essie Davis) who eventually finds that her 6 year old son might be telling the truth about a monster that entered their home through the pages of a children's book. Main cast features

Essie Davis, Noah Wiseman, Daniel Henshall.

Popcorn and snacks available at the lobby concessions, and can be taken inside the theater. No outside food or beverages are permitted. Trailers are up on the Firehouse website on the Film Series page: www.firehousearts. org/filmseries.

The theater is located

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A scene from 'The Babadook'

Last laughs and fond farewells set the mood in "Three Viewings"

A funeral parlor may seem an odd setting for a modern comedy/drama, but theater director Joan Boer wonders why more playwrights don't choose it as the last stop at the end of the line.

"Think about it," Boer suggested as she described Encore Players' coming production of Jeffrey Hatcher's "Three Viewings." "Where else do you find people so ready to share their emotions, to laugh and cry together? Isn't that what theater is all about?"

"Three Viewings," takes place entirely in the funeral parlor of a small Midwestern town. It's the kind of community where they can't even pronounce "anonymity," and funerals are social events as much as memorials. The play's structure is based on three very different monologues delivered by characters whose lives overlap in tales of love and loss. "The play is often very funny, sometimes sad, occasionally a bit macabre, but ultimately respectful of death and the rites that surround it," Boer says.

"Three Viewings" is the Players' second full production, following their successful run of A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters" in February. Its cast boasts three strong actors: Patrick Moore, Joyce Parry Moore and Marsha Howard. Patrick, who serves as Encore Players president, directed its production of "Love Letters" and has done work at several Bay Area theaters, including Livermore Shakespeare Festival. In "Tell-Tale," the opening monologue, he plays the funeral director Emil, who hides his own emotions at a cost.

In "The Thief of Tears," Joyce Parry Moore, the rector at Livermore's St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, plays Mac, a Los Angeles actor who has returned to her hometown for her grandmother's funeral. Moore co-founded the Perseverance Theater in Juneau, Alaska, and toured the state in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" with her husband Patrick before relocating to the Bay Area. She also is an accomplished opera singer, and has performed with the Valley Opera and the Pacific Chamber Symphony.

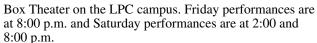
In "Thirteen Things About Ed Carpolotti," Marsha Howard plays Virginia, a grieving widow on the cusp of a new life who is forced to discover some buried realities. Well known to local audiences, Marsha has turned in strong performances with the Asbury Players, Chanticleers in Castro Valley and East Bay Children's Theatre, as well as the Encore Players. She was recently seen as Frau Schneider in the Las Positas College production of "Cabaret."

Encore Players is a theater company designed for seasoned actors in their middle years and above. Its mission is to bring quality theater to the Tri-Valley while offering opportunities onstage and backstage at a flexible pace. The company invites inquiries about its 2015-2016 season. Call Joan Boer at 925 447-5546.

"Three Viewings" will be performed at 8 pm Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24, and at 2 pm Sunday, October 25 at the Bothwell Arts Center, Eighth and H streets, Livermore. The play runs for approximately 90 minutes with no intermission, and the audience is invited to stay for a complimentary wine and cheese reception following the performance in the Bothwell's comfortable lobby. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Livermore Performing Arts Box Office, 2400 First Street, Livermore; or at (925) 373-6800, or online at livermoreperformingarts.org/boxoffice.

'Welcome Home, Jenny Sutter' Opens LPC Season

Las Positas College (LPC) in Livermore will kick off an expanded 2015-2016 theater season with "Welcome Home, Jenny Sutter" on Fridays and Saturdays from October 16 through 24. All performances will be held at the Mertes Center for the Arts Black



With a cast and crew primarily comprised of LPC theater students and directed by Wendy Wisely, "Welcome Home, Jenny Sutter" is a drama about a U.S. Marine who returns home from Iraq and is unable to reconnect with her family. Instead, she opts for life out in the desert among people as marginalized as she is-who accept her with love and humor.

The play was written by Julie Marie Myatt, who won the Los Angeles Drama Critic Circle's Ted Schmitt Award for Outstanding New Play for "The Happy Ones." "Welcome Home, Jenny Sutter" premiered at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and a tour of the production also went to the Kennedy Center as part of the Fund for New American Plays.

CREATURES OF IMPULSE ___

Nightmare. Improv isn't just one-liners designed to go for laughs. We hope to create compelling stories and characters with audience suggestions, and then take them along for the journey."

He continued, "I love when the performers in Creatures of Impulse can make an audience wince and cover their eyes with space object work. We don't use props, sets, costumes or make-up; just the imagination. One year, two audience members had to leave the theater because they said, '... it got too intense!' They eventually went back in, but I consider that I huge compliment for improvised horror—mission accomplished!"

The 28 members ages 14-18; representing - Amador Valley, Foothill, Livermore, Cal High, and Valley Christian

Creatures of Impulse is a teen improv troupe sponsored by the City of Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Department. They perform short-form, long-form, narrative, and musical improvisation. COI's coach Mark Duncanson is himself a recent award-winner, having been honored with the Martin Luther King Legacy Award in 2012.

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at 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton. Free parking lot entrance is on Spring Street.

General admission tickets are \$10.00 at the door. Tickets can also be purchased in advance online at www. firehousearts.org, by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Note: For R-Rated Films, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian (age 21 or older) and 25 years and under must show ID.



Also on the LPC theater marquee this season is "The Important of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde, in December; "Chicago", the Kander and Ebb musical, in March; and "A Raisin in the Sun" by Lorraine Hansbury in May.

Tickets to all performances are \$15 general admission and \$10 for students/staff/

seniors/military. Tickets to all shows can be purchased in advance by visiting www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts.

For more information, visit www.laspositascollege. edu. Las Positas College is located at 3033 Collier Canyon Road in Livermore.







Rooney Ranch (left) and Vasco Road (right)

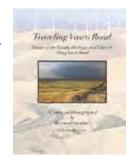
Library Offering Program Focused on Book about Vasco Road

Photographer and author Raymond Figueroa will talk about his recently released book "Traveling Vasco Road: Images of the Beauty, Heritage, and Lifestyle Along Vasco Road" on Sunday, October 25, 2pm, at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

There is no charge for this event. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

In Traveling Vasco Road, Figueroa takes the reader on a colorful journey through Vasco Country. Photos capture both the familiar icons and hidden treasures that line this road, and reveal the unique vistas that lie behind the hills, or tucked away in shaded arroyos.

Raymond Figueroa is a San Francisco Bay Area native who resides in Brentwood, with his wife and three children. His love of photography began in his teenage years, and has spent much time capturing the beauty in the Bay Area and Sierra Nevada mountains. In the last few years, he has focused on the beauty found in East Alameda and Contra Costa



Counties, particularly in the Vasco region. Figueroa is a staff photographer for The Press (www.thepress. net), and has worked in the field of Senior Recreation for over 25 years.

This program is part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series, supported by the Friends of the Livermore Library. For additional events, check the library's website at www. livermorelibrary.net.

Sponsors Sought for Wreaths Across Pleasanton

Wreaths Across America Day will be celebrated in Pleasanton on December 12. Several civic organizations, led by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298, American Legion Post 237 and chaired by Amador Valley High School Junior Cameron Hunter, will place donated wreaths on all 560+ graves at the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery. The effort is to recognize local veterans who have honorable served the nation.

The event began in 1992 when the Worcester Wreath Company in Maine found itself with a surplus of wreaths near the end of the holiday season. With the assistance of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe, arrangements were made to place the wreaths in the older section of Arlington National Cemetery. Each year, this quiet tribute continued at Arlington until 2005, when a photo of the stones adorned with wreaths and covered with snow, circulated around the internet.

In 2006, civic organizations began placing wreaths at 150 national cemeteries across the nation

Those who would like to sponsor a wreath, help with the assembling of wreaths, or placing wreaths on December, please contact the group at wreathsacrosspleasanton@gmail.com

All sponsored wreaths will be assembled and taken directly to the Pioneer Cemetery. No wreaths will be sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

Pleasanton Concert Program Focuses on 'W' Composers

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will perform "W is for . . . " family concert on Sun., Oct. 18.

The program begins at 2 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

The program will feature music by composers with "W" names: John Williams, Vaughn Williams, Meredith Williams and more.

The doors will open at 1:40 p.m.

The concert is free, though donations are appreciated. For more information call 925-846-5897 or go to the Pleasanton Community Concert Band website at www.pleasantonband.org

Anne Perry and Victoria Zackheim to Present Program at Library

Readers and local writers are invited to come and meet authors Anne Perry and Victoria Zackheim on Sunday, November 1, 2015, at 2:00pm at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

Perry and Zackheim will discuss the ups and downs of novel writing. They will offer tips on getting started, as well as character and plot development. There is no cost to attend this program, and no registration is needed. Copies of books will be available for sale and signing.

Victoria Zackheim is the author of the novel, The Bone Weaver, and editor of six anthologies, the most recent being Faith: Essays from Believers, Agnostics, and Atheists. Her screenplay, Maidstone, a feature film, is in development, as are her theater plays The Other Woman and Entangled. The Other Woman will be given simultaneous reading in several dozen theaters coast-to-coast on November 9, 2015. Victoria also writes documentary films and teaches creative nonfiction (personal essay) in the UCLA Extension Writers' Program. She is a 2010 San Francisco Library Laureate.

Anne Perry is a New York Times and interna-



Anne Perry

tional bestselling author noted for her memorable characters, historical accuracy, and exploration of social and ethical issues. Two of her series-one featuring Thomas Pitt and one featuring William Monkhave been published in dozens of languages and are now being considered for two television series. Perry has also published a third successful series based around World War I and the Reavley family. Among her other novels is the standalone, epic Byzantium novel, The Sheen on the Silk, and two fantasies reflecting her deep spiritual convictions: Tathea and Come Armageddon.

She has also written two novels set in France during the Revolution. Anne has published more than eighty novels and has nearly thirty million books in print, with none of her titles ever



Victoria Zackheim

having been out of print. A recipient of the prestigious Edgar Award, she was selected by the London Times as one of the twentieth century's 100 Masters of Crime. She lives in Los Angeles.

This event kicks off National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) at the Livermore Public Library. Throughout the month of November, the library will host programs to help and encourage NaNoWriMo participants. For more information on National Novel Writing Month, visit www. NaNoWriMo.org.

The Friends of the Livermore Library has sponsored this event as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For more information about events at the Livermore Public Library, visit www.livermorelibrary.net.



Teens Can Learn to Decorate Cupcakes

The Livermore Public Library Civic Center will offer a class on cupcake decorating for teens on Sunday October 25, at 1

See a spooky demonstration of cupcake decorating techniques then try it out for yourself on cupcakes that you get to decorate ... and keep. Professional decorators from local bakery Cake Delight will teach teens the skills they need in order to create some creepy Halloween confections. This is a free program.

Cake Delight has been operating here in Livermore since 2005. They bake over 1400 cakes every year for birthdays, weddings, and other special occasions. Their decorators make cakes that are as dazzling as they are delicious.

This project was supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. This program is limited to 30 participants. To register for this free program, call 925-373-5504. For questions or more information about 2015 Fall Teen Programming, call Caitlyn Lung at 925-373-5576, or visit the library website: www. livermorelibrary.net.

Annual Hootenanny Festival Celebrates the Ranching Heritage of Sunol Regional Wilderness

Celebrate Sunol Regional Wilderness' pioneer and ranching heritage at the annual Hootenanny Festival, a free public event on Saturday, October 24 from 3pm to 7pm.

This year the fun will center on old-timey music. Caller Andy Wilson and his band will lead squaredancing from the start of the festival on into the evening. At 4:30, Banioologist Gordy Ohliger will give a rousing musical presentation and demonstration on the history of the banjo.

Try squeezing fresh lemonade, making a cornhusk doll, and learning the history of barbed wire in

the West. Make a rope with the help of an ingenious contraption. How about designing a fashionable "brandana?" Try tug-o-war, sack races, stilts, stick and hoop, and other traditional pastimes. These settler games will be played throughout the event, with prizes awarded on the main stage. Barbecue will be available for purchase.

Before it became a public park, the Geary family settled on the land that is now Sunol-Ohlone Regional Wilderness and farmed and ranched here for nearly 100 years. Patrick and Mary Ann Geary were married in the Mission area of Fremont,

Mad Science Set for Oct. 24

The Livermore Public Library will host a free Mad Science presentation on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 1:00pm at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

This spellbinding special event, "Up, Up, and Away," introduces children to the principles of air and pressure. Children will see experiments that show how pressure affects the world around us. The Mad Scientist will make a hot air balloon and use a vortex generator to create giant smoke rings. The children will get to see an exothermic reaction take place and will even have the opportunity to watch a hovercraft in action. The program is designed for ages 5-12.

For further information about the event, call 925-373-5504, or visit the library's website www.livermorelibrary.

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son; Newsboy #1: Danny Bailey; and, Newsboy #2: Dylan Cazin

Performing in the female ensemble are Daisy Barajas, Gwynn Cristobal, Clarisse Edwards, Britt Jensky, Shannon Kelly, Nicole King, Carrie Menefee, Ally Murphy, Tiana Paulding, Aimee Roylance; Mickey Speck, Kirsten Torkildson; male ensemble includes Charlie

Gay, Sean Hennessy, Tim Nolan, Alex Rubenchik, William Schubert, Joshua Thompson, and Rajiv Vijayakumar.

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

in the shadow of Mission Peak. In 1865, the couple moved to the Sunol valleytraveling by foot, with their belongings in a cart. The Gearys farmed - and raised their 11 children - at their cabin on Indian Joe Creek.

Geary descendants continued to ranch at Sunol for decades, even after Willis Brinker bought their land

and other area homesteads to form the JB Ranch. Brinker, a wealthy industrialist and builder of the original Bay Bridge, died while fighting a fire on the ranch. The land was sold to the Park District, which opened it to the public in 1962.

Sunol Regional Wilderness is located at 1895

Geary Road, Sunol. Festivities are from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 24. There is no admissoin fee. There is a \$5 cash fee for parking.

For information, call 1 (888) 327-2757 or visit www.ebparks.org. Day of event: call the Green Barn Visitor Center at (510) 544-3249.

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NEW Firehouse Arts Membership Program

For more information about the program, or to become a member, visit www.firehousearts.org/memberships

TurningWheels Annual Bike Clinic Held at Jackson Avenue School

This year's location for TurningWheels for Kids (TWFK)free bike clinic was Livermore's Jackson Avenue School. It was held on Sunday, September 27th. TWFK tries to "spread the love" by having their clinics at different strategic locations in Livermore that are accessible to those most in need for this kind of free opportunity.

This bike clinic was one of many of the community efforts included in the Livermore First Presbyterian Church Annual Neighbor-to-Neighbor day-long event. The free clinic started at 9:00 am and ended at 2:00 pm. The twelve TWFK "bike doctorz" sent 60 happy kids away with repaired bikes they could ride to school, the store, for daily exercise, and just feeling the

freedom of getting around independently. In addition to the repair of their bikes, the kids were sent home with a brand new helmet that was fitted to them by a TWFK volunteer. The kids were given art supplies to decorate their helmets and to personalize them.

TWFK will now begin working on preparation for their annual Big Bike Build, which will be held in a large, donated building space at the Alameda County Fair Grounds on Saturday, December 5, 2015. At this event, they plan to build 750 brand new bikes to be given to worthy children who have been designated by various charitable organizations throughout the Tri-Valley area and beyond. A new helmet will be provided with each new bike. This

event requires about 300 volunteers to be a success.

TWFK can always use more volunteers, particularly "bike doctorz" – those that do the actual assembly of these new bikes. If you have that talent, you are very welcome to sign up for this very amazing and fun event. Donations are always welcome.

For more information and to get involved: TurningWheelsforKids.org/ Tri-Valley Chapter

Volunteer and General Information: cathy@turningwheelsforkids.org

General Information and Fundraising: rich@ turningwheelsforkids.org

To donate: Turning-Wheels for Kids, Tri-Valley Chapter, 2020 Fifth Street Livermore, CA 94550



William Wentworth, member of First Presbyterian, works on a bicycle.



Arroyo Seco Elementary School students recently starred in a production of Blackbeard the Pirate. In the play, what starts as a lazy day at the beach, quickly turns into mystery and adventure when the search for Blackbeard's treasure begins. Tales both past and present launch a group of Beach Bums to action in search of untold riches. A cast of colorful characters begin to reveal the secrets of Blackbeard's amazing treasure. The Arroyo Seco contracted with Missoula Children's Theatre (MTC), located in Missoula, Montana to bring Blackbeard the Pirate to Livermore. A tour team arrives in a given town with a set, lights, costumes, props and make-up, everything it takes to put on a play. The team holds an open audition and casts 50-60 local students to perform. The show is rehearsed throughout the week and two public performances are then presented. MCT's mission is the development of life skills in children through participation in the performing arts. The Arroyo Seco PTA has contracted with MCT for the past four years, and many students have enjoyed participating in the musicals The Secret Garden, Red Riding Hood, The Wizard of Oz, and Aladdin.

Three Spooktacular Halloween Events In Downtown Pleasanton

A ghoulish good time is in store for all who come to historic Downtown Pleasanton where the streets come alive with three spooktacular events.

Halloween Brew Crawl - Downtown merchants and local breweries will come together for a night of adult trick-or-treating during the fifth annual Halloween Brew Crawl on Saturday, October 24 from 5 -8 p.m. Participants will sample over 40 beers and tasty bites at 32 locations on and around Main Street. To add to the festive Halloween spirit of this event, guests are encouraged to wear costumes. Tickets are on sale now online and at Redcoats Pub – 336 St. Mary Street and Studio

Seven Arts – 400 Main Street. A list of participating breweries and ticketing details can be found at PleasantonDowntown.net.

Halloween Scavenger Hunt - The free annual Halloween Scavenger Hunt will take place on Saturday, October 31 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Children 10 years old and younger invited to dress in costume for a hunt around downtown. The fun starts at the Museum on Main, located at 603 Main Street, where children will be greeted by some favorite Disney characters from Storybook Smiles. Pick up instructions, a Halloween bag and first clue to the treats. Children have to solve the clue in order to find the

treats at each participating location. More than 20 downtown businesses are participating. Parents will be given the answers to all of the clues to help children find the treat locations.

Ghost Walk - Meet the ghosts of Pleasanton's past during the Museum on Main's popular Ghost Walk. This 90 minute family-friendly guided tour will take you to some of Pleasanton's most haunted sites along Main Street. Tours depart the museum every 30 minutes between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on October 16, 17, 23 and 24. Costumes are encouraged. Ticketing information and further details can be found at museumonmain.org.

Former Lab Director Honored for Contributions to National Security

Former Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Directory John S. Foster Jr. has been recognized for his contributions to national security.

On Sept. 29, at the Center for International and Strategic Studies (CSIS), the national security community honored Foster as he became the first recipient of the John S. Foster Jr. Medal. Established by Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS), it will be bestowed on an annual basis by the director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). He was on hand for the presentation of the medal that recognizes an individual for exceptional leadership in scientific, technical and engineering development and policy formulation in support of U.S. nuclear security objectives.

"This medal is intended to honor those who have made significant contributions to nuclear security through individual efforts, team building and leadership," said Bill Goldstein, director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

During the event, several speakers highlighted events from Foster's career and his many contributions to the nation. Speakers included Ernest Moniz, secretary of Energy; Frank Klotz, administrator for the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA); Jon Kyl, former U.S. senator for Arizona; and Ellen Tauscher, former under secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Affairs and U.S. representative for California.

Foster began his career of national service when, during World War II, he left college to become an expert on radar and countermeasures at the Radio Research Laboratory at Harvard. He spent a year in the Mediterranean with the 15th Army Air Force as a scientific adviser on



Lawrence Livermore Director Bill Goldstein awards John Foster as the first recipient of the the medal named in his honor.

the subject, where he examined and operated German equipment to figure out how they were shooting down aircraft, devised an effective countermeasure and saved the lives of many American aviators.

After the war, Foster continued his education at University of California, Berkeley. As a graduate student, he was influenced by professor Ernest O. Lawrence and his way of managing the UC Radiation Laboratory as "one big family." After earning his degree, Foster joined the newly formed laboratory in Livermore, now LLNL. At LLNL, Foster led team efforts that made a major breakthrough in nuclear weapon design that is the basis for all

modern U.S. nuclear weapons. He also recognized the need and spearheaded early efforts to improve weapon safety and include security features in deployed nuclear

His technical successes and leadership capabilities positioned him to be named LLNL director in 1965. Foster established a formal relationship with the intelligence community and formed Z-Division at the Laboratory to analyze and understand the Soviet threat and develop innovative technologies for intelligence agencies.

In addition, with Livermore's development of special effects weapons and the Plowshare Program for peaceful use of nuclear explosives, he established a biomedical division, which cast attention on radiation damage at the cellular level and, over time, led to the Human Genome Project and development of DNA analysis systems for biosecurity and human health applications. Research programs also began on laser technologies for inertial confinement fusion.

Foster moved to Washington, D.C. in 1965, where he became director of Defense Research and Engineering for the Department of Defense, serving for eight years under presidents Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard Nixon.

In 1973, he left Washington to become a vice president of TRW, Inc. Since his retirement in 1988, Foster served on many defense-related advisory committees and task forces. In particular, he was a member of the Defense Science Board for more than three decades, served on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and was a member of the recent Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States.



The Korean American Parents' Association presented a gift of Korean language materials to the Pleasanton Librarylast Saturday. The Association also presented a celebration of traditional and contemporary Korean culture including dance, music, martial arts, and crafts. The celebration concluded with an opportunity to sample various Korean foods, provided by the Association and prepared by Korean Village of Pleasanton.



ART & ENTERTAINMENT

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Livermore Art Association Gallery,

located in the Carnegie Building, offers art classes, unusual gifts, painting rentals, art exhibits and information pertaining to the art field, 2155 Third St., Livermore. The gallery has been open since 1974 and is run as a co-op by local artists. Hours are Wed.-Sun. 11:30-4 p.m. For information call 449-9927.

Members of the Pleasanton Art League Public Art Circuit are currently exhibiting art at six businesses in the Pleasanton - Dublin Area. Viewing locations are: Bank of America at 337 Main Street, Pleasanton; Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at 777 Peters Street, Pleasanton; Sallman, Yang, & Alameda CPA's at 4900 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton; US Bank at 749 Main Street, Pleasanton; Edward Jones at 6601 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin; and The Bagel Street Café at 6762 Bernal Avenue Pleasanton. If interested in

ham at (510) 877-8154.

Artists at Work Nights, Bothwell Downtown Art Studios, 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 12: artists at work night. 62 South L Street, Livermore. www.bothwellartscenter.org.

becoming a member of the Pleasanton

Art League or for information regarding

the Public Art Circuit, call John Triming-

Pleasanton Art League's 6th Annual Fall Members' Juried Exhibition at the Harrington Gallery. Installation runs through Saturday, October 24. Art media of all types will be represented, including watercolor, acrylic, printmaking, photography, oils, collage, and 3-D. This popular show will feature a variety of fresh new works by approximately 75 member artists, most from Tri-Valley area. Awards will be selected by special guest juror Dan Petersen, noted national artist, teacher, arts adjudicator, and author. 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.

Rain Dance, an art exhibition at the Bankhead Theater, presented by the Bothwell Arts Center and Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Featured are artists Jason Conn, Danielle Eubanks, Kerry McGehee, Linda Ryan, Julie Hayward Trout, and Bernard Weston. Display through Nov. 2 in the lobby, open Tuesdays-Sundays, 12-6 p.m. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Livermore. Call 925. 447-ARTS for more information about Rain Dance.

Art of David Lew and Ira is on display at the downtown Livermore office of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, 1983 Second Street, through Oct. 17, 2015 during regular business hours. For information, contact Cher Wollard at 925-784-4679 or cherw@cherw.

Artwork Showing: Espresso Rosetta Coffee Shop, 206 S. J St., Livermore, (corner of J Street and 2nd Street). Works by Lisa Rigge and Maryann Kot. Experience Lisa Rigge's fall color photographs and Maryann Kot's archival reproductions of original art in the friendly atmosphere of the new coffee shop, Espresso Rosetta, in downtown Livermore. The work will be on display through Dec. 31st.

Special Fall Exhibits: On view through December 5. The Harrington Gallery and Firehouse Arts Center present works by two distinct artists in the public exhibition areas. Opening October 15: Prolific Los Gatos artist Ed Lucey will be exhibited in the hallways galleries. Lucey's paintings in oil are of the Central California farmlands. Opening October 16: Oakland artist Jon Steven Walters has created two paintings specifically for the Grand Atrium exhibit space. Walter's technique juxtaposes mixed layers of media, colors and shapes to transform figures into skewed afterimages harnessed in layers of translucent paint. The work is somewhat reminiscent of the Bay Area Figurative Movement of the 1950s-60s. View during Firehouse Arts Center open 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. For more information, contact Gallery Director: JFinegan@ cityofpleasantonca.gov, or call the gallery: 925-931-4849.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

General meeting, Pleasanton Art
League and Livermore Art Association.
7:30 to 9 p.m. Mon., Oct. 12 at the
Cultural Arts Building, 4455 Black Ave.,
Pleasanton. Mel Prest, artist, curator
and educator, will discuss professional development basics for artists.
There is no charge to attend. www.
livermoreartassociation.org or www.
pal-art.com.

Artists at Work, a new monthly event, the second Thursday of each month features a new artist and artists at work at the Livermore Downtown Art Studios. 62 So. L St. Livermore.

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 some of 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

ACC/Art Critique & Coffee, Discuss and share work with Professional Artists in sketching, painting, exhibiting and marketing your work. ACC members currently working on exhibiting theme works, under the Inspiration of "The Artist's Edge /The Edge of Art & Chosen Pathways." Meets and Critiques Friday mornings in Pleasanton. PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com

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.

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

Art Classes, For children, teens and adults. Beginner to advanced. Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics taught by highly experienced artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst. Weekday and weekend classes, Home school classes, Special classes during school breaks offered. (925) 216-7231 or email thomasin_d@hotmail.com for further info.

Piano and keyboard lessons, For children to adult. Beginner to early intermediate level. Half-hour private classes or small group classes offered. Twice-yearly recitals. (925) 216-7231 or email thomasin_d@hotmail.com for further info.

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 last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore. 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 \$1.0 fee to cover meeting costs.

Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2015 - 2016 school year art classes. Artist Peggy Frank offers small group instruction in art to students ages 7 through high school and also is offering an adult class. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. High school students working on advanced portfolios are welcome. Peggy has been an art instructor in the Livermore Valley since 1980. Contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email frank.a@comcast.net.

New Drawing Class- "Basic Drawing: Focus on Nature" For beginners and the artist who want to improve drawing techniques. Classes start with the basics and quickly focuses on nature drawing. Included-instruction on site techniques, three dimensional development, and composition. Starts Wed., Oct. 21st, 12:30-3 PM for 5 weeks or Thurs., Oct. 22nd, 12:30-3 PM for 5 weeks. Maryann has a certificate in nature illustration from the Tucson Desert Museum, Art Institute. Sign up at Way Up Art and Frame 1912 2nd St., Livermore, 925-443-3388

Colored Pencil - Basics and Beyond

- Classes are for beginners and intermediate students. Classes start Mon., Oct. 19th, 9:30 to noon for five weeks and Tues., Oct. 20th, 6:30 to 9 PM for five weeks. Instructor Maryann Kot, Location, Bothwell Arts Center 2466 8th St., Livermore. Sign up, Way Up Art and Frame 925-443-3388.

WINE & SPIRITS

Rodrigue Molyneaux Estate Winery and Vineyard and Casse-Croute Bakery are joining again for "The French Connection." Last month, Francophiles imbibed on RM Winery's Bordeaux Blends with savories from Casse-Croute at the bakery during the sold-out event. RM will host the event Friday. October 16 event from 5 to 7 p.m., a \$20 ticket good for a flight of wines with numerous nibbles from Casse Croute. Email Leslie at leslie@rmwinery.com for tickets or come by the tasting room on Saturdays and Sundays, 12:30 to 5 PM. 3053 Marina Avenue., Livermore. www rmwinery com

Las Positas Vineyards, Livermore, Oct. 16, "Evening in the Vineyards," 6 to 9 p.m. featuring the band Hwy 4. Wine; non alcoholic beverages along with Artisan pizza's and for dessert chocolate truffles all available for purchase (sorry no outside food or beverages permitted) To purchase tickets go to www laspositasvinevards. Space is limited. Sat., Oct. 17 tasting and pinicking outdoors under the Heritage Oak Tree; \$10 for reserve flight. For more information, email curt@laspositasvineyards. com. Sun., Oct. 18, "Sunday Funday" 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. featuring newest wine and cheese pairing flight. For more information, email curt@ laspositasvinevards com

Retzlaff Vineyards, Wine Wednesday at Retzlaff, 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 28. The winery and grounds will be open late for visitors to wind down with a glass after work. This is a Livermore Valley wide event with a different winery participating each week. Evening wine specials available by the glass or bottle. 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. 925-447-89341.

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 Avenuethe 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from 7:30-9:30--Dance floor, full bar, small cover.

Jazz Concert, 7 p.m., Oct. 15, Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. http://laspositascollege. edu/performingarts/index.php

Rosanne Cash and John Leventhal, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Wailin' Jennys, Oct. 16, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Christian Bautista, Oct. 17, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Pleasanton Community Concert Band, Firehouse Arts Center, 2 p.m. Oct. 18. 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www. firehousearts.org or 931-4850.

Paco Pena, Flamenco guitarist. Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Livermore-Amador Symphony Pops Concert, Oct. 23, 7 p.m. Dream Along with the Pops, Livermore Community Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Livermore. Fund-raiser. \$30 per person. livermoreamadorsymphony.org/pops.

Tito Y Su Son De Cuba: "An Afternoon in Old Havana." In celebration of Hispanic Herigage Month, the Firehouse Arts Center Cabaret Series presents Tito Gonzalez and his 6-piece Cuban band in a celebration of the music of Old Havana. Heriberto "Tito" Gonzalez and his band celebrate music pioneered by greats like Arsenio Rodriguez and the Buena Vista Social Club. Sunday, October 25, 2:00 p.m. Reserved seating tickets are \$15.00 - \$25.00; available at www. firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

An Evening of Chamber Music,
7:30 p.m. Wed., Oct. 28, Bankhead
Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. The
Silverwood Trio featuring professional
Tri-Valley musicians Nan Davies, Muriel
Haupt, and Clark Streeter will perform
works by Haydn, Ibert, Piazzolla, and
Gaubert. Supports the Rotary Club's
music scholarship program. www.
bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Presley, Perkins, Lewis & Cash, tribute to Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins and Jerry Lee Lewis , Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

From Broadway to Hollywood: Live, Nov. 13, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankhead-theater.org or 373-6800.

Richard Cionco, pianist, Del Valle Fine Arts. 8 p.m. Nov. 14. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www. bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Nov. 21, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Pacific Chamber Symphony, Nov. 22, 2 p.m. Beethoven and Prokofiev program. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

A Flock of Seagulls, Nov. 27, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Holiday Youth Music Festival, 2 p.m., Nov. 28, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www. firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

'Those Were The Days' Featuring William Florian, 2 p.m., Nov. 29, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

ON THE STAGE

Welcome Home, Jenny Sutter, fall play, Oct. 16-25, 8 p.m. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php

Wonder: Disney Live!'s star magician and Ringling Bros.' famed "Zingmaster" Alex Ramon. "Up-Close" magic and illusions show plays the Firehouse Arts Center Theater in Pleasanton on Friday, October 16, and Saturday, October 17, 8:00 p.m. magician Alex Ramon has been seen on national and international television, made elephants disappear Reserved seating tickets: \$12.00 - \$32.00. Tickets firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Three Viewings, Encore Players production, October 23-25 at the Bothwell
Arts Center, Eighth and H streets,
Livermore. J Tickets at \$25 are now on
sale for "Three Viewings" performances at 8 pm Friday and Saturday,
October 23 and 24, and 2 pm Sunday,
October 25. Visit or call the Bankhead
Theater box office, 2400 First Street,
Livermore, call 925-373-6800, or go to
www.bankheadtheater.org.

Jekyll & Hyde the Musical, weekends Oct. 24 through Nov. 8. Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets at the box office, www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Nightmare: a Creatures of Impulse **Production**. A totally improvised, live horror show! The Bay Area's award-winning teen improv troupe celebrates the kick-off of their 6th Season at the Firehouse Arts Center with the fall classic. Audience suggestions drive the characters and stories for this un-scripted theatrical horror fest. Every show different! Thursday, October 29 and Friday, October 30 at 7:30 p.m. Special Halloween shows Saturday October 31 at 2:00 and 9:00 p.m. (costumes encouraged!). NOTE: 9:00 p.m. show recommended for ages 14+. Free preview show: Tuesday, Oct 27, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. General admission tickets: students \$5, adults \$10. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org. 925-931-4848. or at the Box Office at the center Doors open 7:10 p.m. Free parking.

Leading Ladies by Ken Ludwig, Oct. 30-Nov. 15, Role Players Ensemble production. Tickets and Information at www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com. The Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville.

Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre South Pacific, 2 and 8 p.m., Nov. 7-22, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

The Stunt Dog Experience, Nov. 11, 4

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p.m. and 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater. 2400 First St., Livermore, www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

COMEDY

Paula Poundstone, Oct. 30, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. Livermore, www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800

Late Night Catechism, stand-up comedy show led by a Sister who is part benevolent instructor, part drill sergeant, and full of fun. Nov. 20, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

MOVIES

The Babadook: "Thrill Rides" Firehouse Theater Movie Nights kicks-off on Wednesday, October 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center Theater, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton. General admission tickets are \$10.00 at the door. The Babadook (rated R. 94 minutes) is a top-notch psychological thriller from 2014. Popcorn and snacks available at the lobby concessions, and can be taken inside the theater. No outside food or beverages are permitted. Advance purchase tickets available at www.firehousearts. org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office. Note: All films in the "Thrill Rides" series are rated R, so I.D. will be checked.

Festival Opera presents Savitri and River of Light November 14-15, 2015. at the Oakland Asian Cultural Center Arts, 388 9th Street, Oakland, CA. Both chamber operas will be sung in English. For more information, visit www.FestivalOpera.org. Tickets on sale at Brown Paper Tickets: HTTP:// INDIANOPERA.BPT.ME. A special 'INDIA-gogo Indian Opera campaign' is being launched at Indiegogo to help

subsidize the productions at Indiegogo: http://igg.me/at/ IndianOpera

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

Storied Nights: An Evening of Spoken Word. 2nd Thursday of each month. Features local authors reading their work 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Peet's Coffee and Tea, 152 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Sponsored by LVPAC and Peet's. Information go to http://facebook.com/ StoriedNights

Author Jojo Moyes Reading & Book Signing, 7 p.m., Oct. 15, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, www.firehousearts.org,

Dublin Schools, 1915, 1950 and Today, special exhibit, Oct. 17 through January 2016, Little Classroom, Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, 660 Donlon Way, Dublin, www.DublinRecGuide.com.

Old-fashioned fall fun at the Harvest Fair on Saturday, October 17, 2015, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, at the picturesque Dublin Heritage Park and Museums. Live entertainment by The Dublin Bluegrass Jam Band in the Hay Barn. See farm animals, take a tractor-pulled wagon-ride, play in a hay stack, and stroll through the scarecrow exhibit on the grounds. The 1910 Kolb House and 1850s Murray Schoolhouse will be open during the event for tours. Fall foods, including caramel apples, pie, hot apple cider, and popcorn will be available for purchase. Children can participate in the "Hands-on-History" activities with the purchase of a \$5 activity pass. Admission to the Harvest Fair is free. Passes for the living history activities can be purchased at the event for \$5. www.ci.dublin.ca.us

The Museum on Main 2015 Ed Kinney Speaker Series An Evening With... Harry Houdini, Tuesday, October 20th, 7 pm: Broadway and television actor Duffy Hudson takes the stage as illusionist and magic mastermind, Harry Houdini, Hudson, as Houdini, will bring to life the personal side of Houdini including his ventures into film and aviation. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Sold Out. 7th Annual Downtown Halloween Car**nival**, Oct. 24, 1 to 5 p.m. Livermore Downtown, Inc. event. wwwlivermoredowntown.com

5th Annual Halloween Brew Crawl, Saturday, October 24 from 5 -8 p.m. Downtown Pleasanton sample a variety of craft beer and tasty bites at more than 25 locations on and around Main Street. Presented by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, presale tickets are available now for \$35 online at PleasantonDowntown.net as well as at Redcoats Pub - 336 St. Mary Street and Studio Seven Arts -400 Main Street for cash or check only. Friday, October 16, ticket prices will be raised to \$40. Tickets can be redeemed on Saturday, October 24 from 4:30-7 p.m. at the starting location, Firehouse . Arts Center at 4444 Railroad Avenue. If the event is not sold out, tickets will be available at the starting location for \$45.

Alex Filippenko, black holes in space. Rae Dorough Speaker Series, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 27. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Night of the Livermore Dead: A Zombie **Pub Crawl,** 6 to 10 p.m. Oct. 29. Downtown Livermore. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, www.bankheadtheater.

Ghosts of Dublin, Fri., Oct. 30, 7:30 to 9:30p.m. Kolb Sunday School Barn, 660 Donlon Way, Dublin. Historian Rita Szollos shares pictures and stories of local people and places. \$5 residents, \$6 nonresidents. www.DublinRecGuide.

Tri-Valley Conservancy Jeans and Jewels on Safari. Nov. 5, gala fund-

raiser, Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, Pleasanton, Includes dinner, dancing, cocktail and live auctions. www.trivalleyconservancy.org/

Annie Barrows, the exact center of the world: family, lies and fiction. Rae Dorough Speaker Series. 7:30 p.m., Nov. 5. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, www.bankheadtheater org or 373-6800.

Hometown Heroes annual celebration, Sat., Nov. 7, 2:30 p.m. Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Presentations by local military and city officials and a concert of music. Free. 556-4511.

Holiday Craft Boutique, Sat., Nov. 14,

10 a m. Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Free admission. Presented by the Dublin Senior Center and Dublin Senior Foundation. Assortment of handmade arts and crafts, gifts and decor.

Livermore-Granada Boosters 6th Annual "Race to the Flagpole," Saturday, November 14, 2015. Includes a 5K run/walk, 10K run, half marathon and one-mile fun run. All events start at Independence Park and go through Livermore's scenic Sycamore Grove Park. These events are open to all ages and abilities. All race proceeds support the Livermore-Granada Boosters scholarship program. Race-day

registration begins at 6:45 a.m. at Independence Park, 2798 Holmes Street in Livermore. The half marathon starts at 8:30am, 10K starts at 9:00am and 5K at 9:15 am. The one-mile fun run begins at 10:45 am. Pre-registration entry fees for the 5K are \$30, the 10K \$35 per runner, and half marathon entry fees are \$45 per runner, Group, family discounts are available for four or more runners. The one-mile fun run entry fee is \$10. On race day, all registration entry fees will be an additional \$10. To register, visit www. racetotheflagpole.org. or contact Mike Nagel, Race Director, at 925-667-6535 or flagpolerace@yahoo.com.



The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) received a check for \$145,568 from Lamar Advertising Company. The check represented a 50% bonus revenue share for the LAVTA fiscal year 2014-15. It was presented at the September LAVTA Board meeting. Lamar Advertising Company has contracted with LAVTA to sell advertising on the exterior of all Wheels and Rapid buses. For the fiscal year 2014-15, Lamar paid LAVTA a flat rate minimum guarantee of \$115,000. As part of the contract, LAVTA is eligible to receive a "capacity incentive" for net bus advertising sales over \$290,000 in the fiscal year. The check received for \$145,568 represents a 50% revenue share for additional sales, which is an increase of \$60,000 over the check amount received for the previous fiscal year 2013-14. The increase in sales were attributed to the growing economy and demand for outdoor advertising in the Tri-Valley. Pictured are (from left)Brad Staten, General Manager/VP Lamar Advertising Company; Cheri Thornley, General Sales Manager, Lamar Advertising Company; Don Biddle, LAVTA Chair; and Michael Tree, LAVTA Executive Director.

Annual Health Fair Planned at Shiva-Vishnu Temple

Hindu Community and Cultural Center will host its Annual Health Fair at the Shiva-Vishnu Temple, Livermore from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 31 in the Akella Assembly Hall

There is no charge. Doctors with the following specialties will be available on site offering Free Health Advice; cardiology, internal medicine, nutritionist, homeopathy, Ayurveda, natural therapy, dentist, physical therapy, ophthalmology (on availability), skin specialist, and orthopedics.

Help is needed from medical professionals. Those interested in volunteering at the health clinic to provide medical services are asked to contact Temple office at 925-449-6255 press 3 or call/email Anand Gundu at 925.895.3659; email: Anand_gundu@yahoo.com

The following free services will be offered: bone density (on availability), cholesterol testing, blood sugar testing, heart disease risk, diabetes risk, biometrics measurement, eye examination, nutrition advive, skin allergies advice, physical therapy, dental advice, and up to 300 free flu shots.

The Temple is located at 1232 Arrowhead Ave, Livermore; www.livermoretemple.org



CRUISE FROM SAN FRANCISCO (925) 447-4300 In Downtown Livermore 2269 Third Street www.travelbuglivermore.com

HOLIDAY SHOPPING FEATURES CRAFT FAIRS, BOUTIQUES AND MORE

Jump start holiday shopping on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 10am-4pm at the Pleasanton Senior Center with their annual Holiday Craft Fair.

The Friends of Pleasanton Senior Center will host its annual fundraising Holiday Craft Fair, featuring over 40 local artisans. The fair will boast a wide array of handmade arts and crafts like jewelry, pottery, purses, bags, aprons, embroidered shirts, baby clothing, wood toys, home decor, doll clothes, and knitted scarves, hats, sweaters.

The Pleasanton Senior Center is located at 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. For more information please call 925-931-5365.

A Fair Trade Boutique featuring jewelry, apparel and handbags will be held Sat., Oct. 17, noon to 7 p.m. and Sun., Oct. 18, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The boutique location is St. Charles Borromeo Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. To preview products go to FairTradeDesigns.com

Holiday Sale Boutique, residents of Heritage Estates Senior Apartments have been busy creating many different and beautiful gifts over the past year. Now they are inviting everyone to a holiday sale on Saturday, October 24, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at 800 East Stanley Boulevard, Livermore. Items include landscape photographs, greeting cards, crocheted stuffed animals, artwork, jewelry, hand painted decorative art pieces, homemade jelly and baked items.

Golden Circle Seniors Hol-

iday Boutique, Tues., Oct. 27, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Wed., Oct. 28, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Items on sale include: baby items, Kitchen items, scarves, hats, laprobes, doilies, tote bags, and other unique items. 95% of the proceeds made will benefit local community groups.

42nd Annual Bazaar, Friday and Saturday, November 6-7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Unique handmade gifts, children's items, holiday decorations, and ornament. Jellies, candies, and baked goods available. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho Street, Livermore.

Holiday Craft Boutique, Livermore Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary is hosting its annual Holiday Craft Show on Saturday November 7th at 527 N Livermore Ave from 9 to 3pm. Come shop for handmade treasures from our vendors, take a chance on a raffle, have lunch and purchase some delicious baked goods. Proceeds go to the local food bank and animal shelter. For more information, please call Evy Barr @ 925-980-7216

Paws In Need 16th Annual Holiday Sale will be held on on Saturday, November 7th. Proceeds from the 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Holiday Sale will benefit Jackie Barnett's Just Like New Fund, a Paws In Need program that provides medical aid to sick and injured pets. Location will be in the lobby of Feline Medical Center, 3160 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. The sale will include animal-themed and holiday gift items such

as planters, garden art, wind chimes, ornaments, home and kitchen decor, purses, jewelry, greeting cards, handmade items and much more. In addition to items that pamper pets, several vendors will be on hand selling additional related items. There will also be opportunities to win several gift baskets. For more information, contact Cindy Ferrin at 925-323-8517, or visit the Paws In Need website at www. Paws-In-Need.org.

Livermore Lions is part-

nering with the Tri-Valley Haven in holding their Annual Xmas Boutique on Sat., Nov. 7 at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Bothwell Arts Center 8th Street in Livermore. Handcrafted gifts are the primary focus. There may be some retail manufactured gifts from many popular companies. There will be food and regular raffles of gifts and prizes. Entry to the Bothwell is free for buyers. Raffle tickets will be sold in support of the fund raising for the Lions and Tri-Valley Haven. The ticket purchase will be for gifts that the crafty vendors have provided for the Boutique. Sales of food and drink go toward helping with our community service in the Tri-Valley area. For information on tables, pricing and access times to the site for setup or special needs please contact Lion Ben Barrientos at 925 449-9974 or Tri-Valley Haven Stacey Connor 925 449-5845 XT 274 for further details and entry times for vendors. Event opens 9-5 PM for buyers. Times for vendors will allow time to setup, call in advance.

Volunteers Sought for Pleasanton Festivities

The City of Pleasanton will day Celebration on Saturday, along Main Street in downtown this free event is a festive, comthe lighting of a huge holiday tree

Volunteers are needed to serve parade check-in, parade formatear-down crew, and volunteer High School students are



host its Annual Hometown Holi-December 5 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Pleasanton. The centerpiece of munity-based parade followed by in front of the Museum on Main. as support with stage decoration, tion, parade marshals, setup/check-in.

welcome to participate and receive

Community Service hours. Youth groups such as scouts are also welcome to apply provided that a designated number of adult volunteers participate to supervise the group. Eligibility for the specific volunteer activities will be determined and assigned by the volunteer coordinator.

Pre-registration is required. Please visit www.hometownholiday.com to register online or to download a volunteer application. For more information, please call (925) 931-5352 or email hometownholiday@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

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.)

Safe and Sober Grad Night fundraising includes e-waste collection, plant sale, and meat sale, Sat., Nov. 7 and Sun., Nov. 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. preented by Livermore High School PTSA at Livermore High School PTSA at Livermore High School E-Waste collection - Bring personal items, ask family, friends, neighbors. Contact your employer for unwanted equipment. Plant Sale (Anhorn Nursery) - Come see all things green. USDA Meat Sale - Stock up for the Holidays, split large quantities. Butcher on site. Volunteer for a shift. Go to www.livermorehighscho—s.a.com for more information

Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 285, a social/philanthropic organization, invites all t to join us for our "Oktoberfest" potluck serving German Food, on Oct. 16th, 2015. Meetings the third Friday of each month at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Juanita Foche, a motivational speaker, will talk about living life physically, spiritually & mentally. The social/cocktail hour begins at 6:00 PM. with dinner at 7:00 PM. Please call Judy at 462-2487 for more information.

Dress a Girl Around the World, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Next Sew-Fest is Saturday, Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Michael's Hall, Livermore. Help is needed sewing, ironing, cutting. Bring sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with helping hands. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) Always accepting cheerful cotton fabric donations. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@vahoo.com

Constructing a Hoop House, 11 a.m. to noon, Oct. 17 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave, Livermore.

Tri-Valley CAREs community meeting on water polution from nuclear weapons work. Oct. 22, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tracy Transit Center, Rm, 103, 50 E. 6th St., Tracy. There will be no TVCAREs regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Oct 15th.) www.face-book.com/events/718770608221915/

Symptom Management – End Of Life. Class offered Sat., Oct. 17, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. by Heritage Estates, Kindred, and Professional Health Care At Home. Hospice care provides specialized knowledge and support at the end of life just like obstetricians and midwives lend support and expertise at the beginning of life. Classes in the Assisted Living Activities Room at Heritage Estates 850 East Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Call Heritage Estates to RSVP at 925..373..3636

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, meeting at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court in Pleasanton on Monday November 9, 7:30 pm. Speaker Susan Goss Johnston will talk about "More Adventures in Source Citations." Johnston is a ProGen Alumna and has completed the "Advanced Methodology and Evidence Analysis" course at the Institute of Genealogy and Historic Research, the National Archives lecture and lab Course "Going to the Source." She is also a co-editor (with L-AGS members Kay Speaks and Duncan

Tanner) of the recently published 'Souce Templates for the Master Genealogist.' Her personal research focuses on families in New England with the mid-Atlantic region and she specializes in military records. No charge. All are welcome. For more information contact Program Chair, email: Marilyn Glass,program@L-AGS.org

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, Oct. 21, 12:30 p.m., lunch in Fremont, RSVP by Oct. 19 to Vee, 510-782-4169. Oct. 25, noon, brunch in San Ramon, RSVP by Oct. 22 to Marsha, 830-8483.

GNÓN (Girls Night Out Networking). 5 to 7 p.m. Mon., Oct. 19. Zen Pilates and Fitness, 3059 Hopyard Road, Suite C. Hopyard Village Plaza. RSVP, prepayment required, \$10/pp for members, \$15/pp for non members at www.gnon.org/rsvp.html Information at 925-487-4748

Free high school level math help offered at Pleasanton Library for students who cannot afford tuition. Contact 925-484-1073.

Medical ethics, Advances in medical technology extend life spans and enhance the quality of life. At the same time, these advances often raise ethical dilemmas. Rabbi Hugh Seid-Valencia will discuss Jewish perspectives of contemporary bioethical dilemmas. He will look at Jewish medical ethics in issues such as defining life and death, and the role of palliative care. This event will take place on October 18th, 4:00 pm at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore (2466 8th Street) and costs \$15 for non-TVCI members. Refreshments will be served. Tickets at https://goo.gl/icKX44

ClutterLess Self Help Support Group, nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Cluttering is a psychological issue, not an organizing issue. New meeting location: Parkview,100 Valley Avenue (main entrance), 2nd Floor Activity Room, Pleasanton. Mondays except some holidays 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Come or call a volunteer at 925)289-5356 or 925-922-1467. More information at: www.clutterlesseastbay.org

Learn Scottish country dancing in Livermore. Enjoy the lively reels and jigs and graceful strathspeys that are the traditional social dance of Scotland. Mondays 8:00 to 9:30 pm at the Livermore Veteran's Hall, 522 South L Street, Livermore. No prior dance experience required. Call Margaret Ward at (925) 449-5932 or Sheena MacQueen at (925) 447-1833 for more information. Youth class (ages 8 and up): Contact Sheena MacQueen (925)447-1833 for info.

Leading the Way! Mony Nop Foundation Mardi Gras Bash 2015, 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 16 at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore. \$100 per person includes a sit down dinner, raffle prize drawings, live and silent auctions, live band and dancing. The Mony Nop Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent of the law. MNF recommends that donors consult with a licensed Certified Public Accountant regarding tax-deductible donations. Tax ID# 46-2438663 For information or to purchase tickets, go to www.monynopfoundation.org

Questers is an international organization of lovers of antiques, collectibles, and history who encourage preservation and restoration of historical landmarks. At chapter meetings, members learn about antiques, share and view member's collections, visit historic sites, museums and antiques shops and help nonprofit organizations with restoration and preservation work. Chapter meets the 4th Tuesday monthly from September to May. New members are invited to join the local Amador Chapter. If interested call President Rickie at 925-292-8123 or e-mail rifgiono@comcast.net.

Celebrating 125 years of Livermore High School: Livermore High School & the Livermore High School & the Livermore High School Alumni Association are beginning to organize interested, committed volunteers to work/head the various committees to organize & plan celebratory events. The goal is for events to follow through the 2016 school year in honor of 125 years and not be limited to one day. Interested? Call: Susan C. 925-447-6071 or Email: Susan: sdcanfield@comcast.net or Cheryl: cperry415@aol.com.

Tri-Valley Stargazers Astronomy Club. Feed your wonder about the Night Sky and the Cosmos by joining us on the 3rd Friday of the Month for our club meeting. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. talk starts at 7:30 pm. For more info visit us @ http://www.trivalleystargazers.org/

Ravenswood Historical Site, 2647
Arroyo Road, Livermore, Docents in 1890s costumes give free guided tours beginning at noon, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Each tour includes the 1885 Cottage and the 1891 Main House, and the beautifully landscaped grounds. For information on the Ravenswood Progress League (RPL) or the volunteer Docent Program, please call the Docent Coordinator at (925) 443-0238.

Sons in Retirement (SIR) is a social group of retired men who join together to better enjoy their leisure time. Activities include golf, bridge, photography, travel, fishing, biking, wine tasting, and technology. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the Tri-Valley SIR at http://sirs34.org/ and the Statewide SIR at www.sirinc.org/. For information or to attend a meeting, call Rich Osborne 925-785-3549.

NAMI Tri-Valley Parent Resource & Support Group meets monthly for parents/caretakers of children ages 5-17 years with (or suspected of having) emotional/psychiatric disorders. It meets the third Tuesday of the month from 7-9pm at Pathways to Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in and free. Contact person is Marsha McInnis at 925-980-5331.

Sons in Retirement (SIR) is a group for retired men who seek activities to enhance their retirement. Monthly meetings feature lunch and an interesting speaker. Men have the opportunity to learn about and join activities such as hiking, bridge investment, bowling, bocce ball and wood carving. There is also a neat group of guys to get to know. SIR Branch #121 meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the DoubleTree Hotel Las Flores Road (near Bluebell Drive), Livermore, at 11:30. Any retired man is welcome to drop by to learn about your opportunities. For more information check our website: branch121 sirinc2.org or email Neal Cavanaugh at nealfcavanaugh@att.net (put "SIR" in the

American Legion Post 47 in Livermore is looking for veterans in the Livermore area who are interested in performing

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community service for young people and promoting veterans affairs. Interested veterans will meet with other like-minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veteran's causes. The American Legion is the largest federally chartered veteran's organization that is the veterans lobby and voice to congress. The Livermore American Legion Post 47 meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Enter the building from the ramp on the 5th Street side. For more information go to http://www.calegion. org/ or contact Bill Bergmann at calegion. post47@gmail.com or (925) 443-2330 or Roy Warner at 925-449-6048.

Eric's Corner is a free support group for people who are dealing with a diagnosis of Epilepsy. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings. Meetings are held at 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., second floor, Pleasanton. We meet from 6:30 -8:00 on the third Thursday of each month. For more information please visit us at ericscorner.org

Pleasanton Lions Club welcomes visitors to come experience a great time while making a difference in our community & beyond. Dinner meetings every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. The Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Ct., Pleasanton.

www.pleasantonlionsclub.org
Assistance League® of Amador Valley invites all visitors to join this dedicated 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, see our website, www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org, e-mail assistanceleagueamadorvalley@ yahoo.com, or call (925) 461-6401.

Operation: SAM "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 morale support of deployed troops. For information or donations, visit www. operationsam.org, email operationsam@ comcast.net or call 925-443-7620.

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) Pleasanton, meets Wednesdays 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton (not affiliated with the church. Information at www.dbsalliance.org/ pleasanton or contact chapter leader, Al Pereira, 462-6415.

Shepherd's Gate Thrift Store, 1362 Railroad Avenue, Livermore. Open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Last Friday of every month 50% off most of the store sale. For more information visit www. shepgate.org/holiday

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

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.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the third floor movie 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 292-9280

DBE Daughters of the British Empire. John McLaren's Roses of Britain Chapter in the Tri-Valley meets at 11:00 a m on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Castlewood Country Club DBF was founded in 1909 and is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization made up of women of British or British Commonwealth heritage and ancestry with a focus on charity and fellowship. Those interested in helping with "the cause," enjoying social activities, and forming longlasting friendships, contact Edith Caponigro at 925-998-3500 or Jenny Whitehouse at 925-484-1273 for additional information.

Pleasanton Military Families is a Pleasanton based support group for those who have a loved one serving in the Military. The group gathers at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to share concerns, fears, and to celebrate the joys that are experienced. There is no better support than being surrounded by others who know what you are going through Three times per year, the group collect supplies and sends care packages to the troops. Contact PMFSG.ca@gmail.com for the location of the next meeting.

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First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program For more information www.fpcl.us or 925-447-2078

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

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

Congregation Beth Emek, Center for Reform, Jewish Learning, Prayer and Community in the Tri-Valley. 3400 Nevada Court. Pleasanton, Information 931-1055. Rabbi Dr. Lawrence Milder, www.bethemek

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 Arrovo Rd., Livermore, Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Hispanic service starts at 2 n 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. 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, meetings Sundays at 10 a.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www.calvarylivermore.

United Christian Church, www.uccliv. org, a gay-welcoming congregation offering community and spiritual encouragement for questioners, seekers and risk-takers. Worships on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore; call 449-6820 for more

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

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

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Intercessory prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Senior adult ministries meet every other month. 846-8650 for more information.

Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Ave. Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., and Sunday School and Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday night there is adult Bible study, youth activities and children's choir at 6:30 p.m. 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, go to 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 www.saintbartslivermore.com. Service Schedule: 8:00 a.m. Contemplative Eucharist; 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (check web-site): 10:20 Sunday School (Godly Play): 10:30: Sung Eucharist with choir child care provided

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.pathwaycommuntiychurch.org (925) 829-4793

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

Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Avenue, Livermore; worship service 10:15 a.m. Sundays. www.trivalleychurch.org.

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.

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 Garaventa Ranch Road, Livermore. Services at 10:00 a m

Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore, Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. www. cedargrove.org or call 447-2351

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, call the office at (925) 479-1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Thursday 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 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 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton, offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Worship at 9 or 10:30 a.m. on Sundays with Sunday school for youth and adults at 10:30 a.m. and childcare at both services. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221, send an email to office@ lynnewood.org or visit our website at www. lynnewood.org.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints: 9050 Mocho St., Livermore. 3rd ward 2:20 p.m., 2nd ward 9 a.m., Mocho branch (Spanish) 12 noon. 1501 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore: 1st ward, 1 p.m..; 4th ward 9 a.m., Springtown ward, 11 a.m. Young single adult ware, 1:30 p.m., 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: Pleasanton 1st Ward: Sunday at 1 n m 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz Pleasanton 2nd Ward: Sunday 1 p.m. at 3574 Vineyard Ave. Pleasanton 3rd Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 3574 Vinevard Ave. Pleasanton 4th Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Dublin 1st Ward: Sunday 9:30 a m 8203 Village Parkway

John Knox Presbyterian Church. 7421 Amarillo Rd., Dublin. Sunday worship

service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for ages 3-18 during worship. Adult education Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Jr. High youth group Sundays 4:00-6:10 p.m. High school youth group Sundays 5:50-8:00 p.m. www. jkpcdublin.org (925)828-1846.

Livermore Quakers: Unprogrammed worship, Mondays at 7pm, 1886 College Ave. (United Christian Church). More information: LivermoreQuakers@gmail. com or (925) 315-7170.

Unity of Tri-Valley - 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. 10:00 am Sunday service. All are welcome. Ongoing groups and activities. www.unityoftrivalley. org 925.829.2733. Oct. 18th speaker: Scott Kalechstein Grace; Oct. 25th speaker: Allen Klein.

St. Francis of Assisi, 193 Contractors St., Livermore. .Sunday School (all ages) - 8:30 AM. Communion - 9:30 AM. 925-906-9561 stfrancisanglican.church.

Center for Spiritual Living Livermore Valley - People from all faith traditions, cultures, races and sexual orientations welcome. Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Youth and teen programs offered as well. All are welcome. Meeting place 1617 2nd St., 2nd Floor, Livermore. For more information contact revharriet1@yahoo.com or visit us at http://csllvlighthouse.org.

St. Matthews Baptist Church, 851 Rincon Ave., Livermore. www, smbclive. com or 443.3686. Dr. Allen S. Turner. Worship services 8 and 11 a.m., Sunday family Bible school, 9:30 p.m., Bible study and youth ministry, Wednesday 7 p.m. Feed the homeless, Saturday 11 a.m. Prayer, 6 p.m. weekdays.

"1 & 2 Corinthians" will be the featured study of Community Bible Study Women's class of Pleasanton this fall. A Children's Program is available for infants to 5 years old. Class starts on continues each week on Thursdays at 9:30-11:30am until May 12, 2015. Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. Contact Sherri at 925-399-5074 or email sherri cbs@gmail.com for more information or

Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton, Worship is at 10 a.m. The worship celebration is called "Ancient Future" because it is rooted, as the early church was, in God's story, which is central to participants' lives. The gather-

ings typically include a mixture of songs, hymns, Scripture, art, ancient prayers and creeds and a biblically based message. Sunday school, child-care and separate gatherings for teen-agers are all offered each Sunday concurrently with the worship service. For more information, go to www. centerpointechurch.org or call the office at (925) 846-4436.

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) for women of all ages and life stages, Meets Thursday mornings 9:30-11:30am through May 15, St. Charles Parish - Borromeo Hall 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Highlights of the 2015-2016 Season: Fr. Mark Wiesner-Top 10 Reasons to be Catholic: Martha Leiker - author, former nun and CIA agent; lanet Whitaker - singer composer musician. Questions: Donna Leach (925-443-6815)[dleach45@gmail.com] or Kristen Barton (925-449-8002)[adele obrien@ hotmail.com1

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews on Sunday, October 18 will host hospice Rabbi Hugh Seid-Valencia in a discussion of Jewisl approaches to the ethical dilemmas raised by advances in modern technology The event will be held at The Bothwell Center, 2466 8th St. between I and G in Livermore at 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$15 for non-members of TVCJ. RSVP to (925) 485-1049 or reservations@Tri-ValleyCulturallews.org.

Tri-Valley Church of Christ, gives away

clothing and other items every Monday 10-12. Donations are also accepted on Mondays between 10-12. 4418 E. Avenue, Livermore.

Witness Our Welcome (WOW), an annual worship celebration highlighting God's inclusive love, welcoming all of God's children, whether gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or straight. This year's theme is "Love Will Guide Us." Dr. Reverend Justin Tanis of the Center for Lesbian and Gay studies at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley will be preaching. The worship celebration will take place on Sunday, October 25th at 4:30 p.m. at Lynnewood United Methodist Church in Pleasanton (4444 Black Avenue, across from the aquatics center). Music will be performed by the Oakland East Bay Gay Men's Chorus. Reception to follow. Questions can be directed to 925-846-0221

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Milestones

Teacher Recognized for Work in STEM

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) Board of Trustees recognized Teacher on Special Assignment, Regina Brinker, for her outstanding leadership and contribution to the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program. This past summer, Brinker was one of four teachers nationwide selected to attend the STEM Exchange Program hosted by the Tomodachi Toshiba Ścience and Technology Leadership Academy in Tokyo. She was part of a team with Japanese counterparts of students and teachers who together designed a disaster-resilient smart community model.

"Regina knows what it takes to support teachers in creating STEM learning experiences that engage and inspire students," said Cindy Alba, Assistant LVJUSD Superintendent. "Regina's close collaboration with the science industry has led to a strong integration of realworld project-based learning and academic concepts."

As a teacher on special assignment, Brinker is responsible to support the



District wide integration of career-based learning programs and STEM curriculum implementation. She taught science classes at both Christensen Middle School and Granada High School. At Christensen Middle School, Ms. Brinker was one of the original Project Lead the Way middle school engineering teachers in the District.

"The best part of the

Tomodachi Toshiba award was the opportunity to bring to the District new STEM instructional strategies that continue our dedication to Next Generation Science Standards," said Brinker.
"Collaborating with teams from other cultures and perspectives is an eye opening experience that I plan to replicate at the classroom level."

Education

Lauren Malindzak, an SDSU student and Pleasanton local studying Management, was named a Conrad Prebys Scholar. A \$20 million gift from the renowned San Diego philanthropist Conrad Prebys created several endowed scholarships for San Diego State University students. The gift, which will support at least 150 students annually is the single largest gift in SDSU's history. The prestigious Conrad Prebys scholarships are awarded to a number of high achieving students at San Diego State University in a variety of different fields.

Victoria Knuppe, a freshman at Biola University and resident of Pleasanton, \ was among 96 students who received one of the college's highest scholarship - the President's scholarship - for the 2015/2016 academic year. Freshmen are eligible for the President's scholarship - \$10,000 per year if upon entering the university, they meet the requirements of the scholarship. Approximately eight percent of this year's incoming class received this award. Students are considered for this scholarship upon admission to the University based on the combination of their GPA and SAT, both math and English, scores. According to Biola's admissions department, the average recipient of the President's scholarship has a GPA of 3.91 and an SAT score, both math and English combined, of 1320. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.2 to continue to receive the scholarship the following year. Recipients of the President's Scholarship will be honored at a special reception on Oct. 23.

Community



In August of this year, the Tri-Valley Moose Service Center #2521 made a donation of (5) Tommy Moose stuffed animals to a local fire station. The stuffed animals are to be given to children who are emotionally distressed due to a family trauma such as losing their home or a family member. Earlier this year, four were given to another fire station for the same purpose. Representatives from both stations expressed their pleasure at receiving the donations. This is one of many of the Community Services performed by the Tri-Valley Moose. For us and our whole organization "It's all about the Kids." For information on joining this organization please call Floyd Richards @925-420-6402 or Floyd.richards@comcast.net

Business to Be Thanked for Contributions to BFAB

On Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 12:00 pm, representatives from the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, an organization begun in memory of a fallen 9/11 firefighter, will pay a special visit to Carpet One of Livermore at 1917 First Street, Livermore, to personally thank them for their support of the Foundation's Building for America's Bravest (BFAB) program.

The BFAB program builds hi-tech "smart homes" for service members returning from war who have been catastrophically injured.

Carpet One Floor & Home, and its manufacturing partner Mohawk, have committed to providing flooring materials and installation for 46 of these "smart homes." Each store's customers are invited to share information about the program with others, and make a personal contribution at the store site. The goal is to collect a donation of \$10—or more from each customer, to ultimately enable the building of at least two more "smart homes." (http://www.carpetone.com/our-bravest).

In recognition of that support, on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, members of the FDNY (Fire Department of New York City)—acting on their own initiative, as ambassadors of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation—will present a specially-designed shadowbox containing hallowed 9/11 steel from Ground Zero to Robert & Laurie DeSimone.

'We are truly humbled and honored that the Tunnel to Towers Foundation and members of the FDNY—who were actually at Ground Zero on 9/11 and during its aftermath—are travelling all the way from their home base to visit us and express their gratitude to us," says Robert & Laurie Owners of Carpet One of Livermore. "In fact, we are the ones who are thankful to them for their dedication and service. That is why we are so thrilled to be part of this impactful program that helps military heroes who have sustained the most devastating injuries.'