



## 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.

## Workshop Offered for Businesses

Businesses interested in hiring and expanding are invited to attend the first "From Bureaucracy to Business Friendly" regional business event on Tuesday, October 22 at the Robert Livermore Community Center located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore, from 9 a.m. to noon.

This regional business event is designed to provide attendees with an overview of available incentives and resources for hiring new employees and growing a business. Some of the incentives that will be discussed are the Tri-Valley's initiative and efforts on streamlining the permit process, as well as available city-wide incentive programs offering sales tax reimbursement, high wage incentives and sewer financing, among many others.

Also included in the discussion are State of California and Alameda County incentives for subsidized training and hiring of employees, as well as the Governor's new incentive program, which replaces the enterprise zone program.

Participating business (See **BUSINESSES**, page 3)

## Livermore Makes Plans to Pay Retiree Medical Benefits

Livermore will look at paying more towards its unfunded liability in covering retiree medical benefits.

The idea is to work at reducing the \$101 million deficit from two directions. On Monday, the city council directed staff to include a larger payment each year and negotiate with its unions to cap medical benefits.

The FY 2014 budget allocated \$2.2 million towards the Actuarially Required Contribution (ARC), plus \$350,000 deposit into the irrevocable trust. The ARC in an actuarial study was pegged at \$9.9 million, representing a funding deficit of \$7.7 million. Future years' ARC funding will need to be incorporated into those years' budgets.

Options presented to the council included a ten year phase-in of payments, ramping up the total each year; funding the contributions immediately; implementing a 10 year phase in and cap retiree benefits; or some combination of the options.

The council elected to work with labor unions to cap benefits and make payments at the highest level possible. The level would be determined by other budget requirements.

City Manager Marc Roberts said that if the problem were not dealt with over the next 10 to 15 years, the next generation would need to fund the benefits.

Councilmember Bob Wo- (See **BENEFITS**, page 4)

# Pleasanton Will Consider Shifting Its School Calendar

Pleasanton school trustees will think over a possible switch to a new school calendar that might even result in neighboring districts also making a change.

One option would start the school year on an earlier date; a second proposal would also start the school year earlier, but would include a break from class every nine or ten weeks.

School trustees heard a presentation at their Oct. 8 meeting. Representatives from a district calendar committee were on hand. The committee meets each year to work out the district calendar. The group includes employee representatives and administration.

Trustees emphasized that a calendar change is only an idea now. They want to

hear plenty of feedback from teachers, parents, and others in the community.

If a new calendar were to be adopted, it would take at least one or two years to implement it, said trustees. Further, neighboring districts should be consulted, to see whether they would have conflicts with the change, or might like to switch as well. The forum for that discus-

sion would be an interdistrict committee, with members from Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, Sunol Glen and Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program (ROP).

Pleasanton human resources director Mark McCoy, a member of the district's calendar committee and the interdistrict panel, talked about two options to the current calendar. One

he labeled "early start." It simply would slide the calendar ahead by three weeks or so. That would pull the end of the first semester up to winter break.

With the first semester ending at winter break, there would be no long-term projects hanging over high school students' heads. Also, there would be no (See **CALENDAR**, page 9)



The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department hosted a Fire Safety Expo last Saturday as part of Fire Prevention Week. The event featured giveaways, firefighter demonstrations, fire escape planning, and information on fire safety. Tours of the fire safety trailer and training facility were offered as well as a chance to learn how to use a fire extinguisher. A children's obstacle course was part of the family event. Pictured is Rion Paradise, 4 year old from Livermore, learns how to use a firehose.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## Livermore OKs New Tool to Stop Drug Activities

The Livermore City Council approved an ordinance that will allow provide the city with a stronger tool to stop drug activities that are having a negative impact on a neighborhood.

The vote was 4 to 1, with Lauren Turner opposed.

Turner said that she was in favor of the intent of the ordinance. However, she had a problem with an arrest, rather than conviction, triggering action. Once convicted, we know there is a guilty party, Turner declared.

According to the staff report, the ordinance is intended to be a tool of last resort to be used only when conventional law enforcement is unsuccessful in eliminating the continued use of a property for illegal

(See **DRUGS**, page 4)

## LLNL Shutdown Gets Underway While Delegation Seeks Back Pay

While members of the California Congressional Delegation sought to arrange back pay for any furloughed employees of the Bay Area's Department of Energy laboratories, man-

agement at the largest of those facilities - Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory - made preparations to shut down starting today.

With federal funds cut off by the impasse in Wash-

ington, D.C., LLNL operations on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday could be financed only by using resources budgeted for three holidays normally scheduled for later in the fiscal year.

They are New Year's Eve, Presidents' Day and a Spring Holiday, normally scheduled for next spring.

Laboratory director Parney Albright announced in a memorandum to all employ-

ees that as of Thursday, operations "will be extremely limited . . . consistent with protecting human life, property and the environment.

Only those personnel previ- (See **SHUTDOWN**, page 9)

## Pleasanton School District Seeks Volunteers to Serve On Local Control Committee

By Ron McNicoll

The Pleasanton school district is looking for eight adult volunteers and a district student to serve on its Local Control Advisory Committee (LCAC).

Creation of the new panel was approved unanimously by the school board Oct. 8. By forming of the committee the school board is responding to a state requirement that all school districts organize an English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC) and a parent advisory panel for the new local control funding from the state.

An ELAC committee already exists in Pleasanton. A panel of school site presidents meet monthly with superintendent Parvin Ahmadi. But she and the board want a broad-based committee to oversee the local control funding..

Further, instead of just

accomplishing the minimum that the new law allows -- reviewing a local funding plan every year before it is sent to Sacramento -- the new committee will meet monthly, and be actively involved in giving the superintendent feedback about the plan as it is being created.

The committee is not a budget advisory committee, said Ahmadi. Instead, the overall view of programs, as seen through the district's strategic plan, will be the emphasis. The strategic plan will be the guiding light to ensure that the money will be in the right places to achieve the best results for students.

The panel will be advisory only. Members will serve two-year terms. The focus will be on the the benefits to the entire district, with no special pleading permitted for any committee member's (See **COMMITTEE**, page 2)



Ted Giatas will take over as new executive director of LVPAC.

## LVPAC Announces the Appointment of Ted Giatas as Executive Director

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) announced Tuesday that Ted Giatas has been appointed to the post of executive director, effective immediately. The former president and CEO of McCallum Theater in Palm Desert, California,

Giatas brings an extensive background in theater management and fundraising to LVPAC. He retired in 2012 from the McCallum Theater after a 12-year tenure during which the 1,127 seat facility achieved a remarkable turnaround, emerging as one of the top revenue produc-

ing venues in the state of California.

Giatas, who will now be relocating to Livermore, sees exciting potential at LVPAC, which has already exceeded expectations in attracting new audiences and expanding access to the arts throughout the region (See **LVPAC**, page 2)

## Inside

<b>SECTION A</b>	Editorial.....4
Art & Entertainment..... 8	Mailbox.....4
Bulletin Board..... 11	Roundup.....3
Milestones ..... 12	Short Notes..... 11
<b>MAIN SECTION</b>	Sports..... 6
Classifieds.....11	Obituaries.....9



### PET OF THE WEEK

**Rocket is out of this world!** A 1½-year-old black tortoiseshell with fiery orange sunspots, Rocket will orbit your space at all times. Her mission: to land on your lap and claim your love for her very own. Come have a blast with Rocket at Valley Humane Society (VHS) Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 am - 4 pm and Sundays from 12 noon - 4 pm, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. For more information, call (925) 426-8656, or visit valleyhumane.org to see other adoptable cats and dogs. Photo - Valley Humane Society/K. Jacoby

# LVPAC

(continued from page one)

since the Bankhead Theater opened in 2007. Giatas replaces LVPAC's original executive director Len Alexander, who retired the end of August.

The vibrancy of the Livermore community, not only with respect to the arts but also with respect to science, was a compelling incentive in luring Giatas out of retirement. "When I met with LVPAC staff, directors, community leaders and donors, I found their ideas stimulating," said Giatas. "I was reminded of my wonderful tenure with the Midland Center for the Arts in Michigan. The Midland community, home to The Dow Chemical Company and Dow-Corning Corporation, embraced the concept of the arts and sciences as being integrally important to creative expression. I see a similar parallel here in Livermore. I look forward to the inclusion of science in the visual arts displays at the Bankhead Theater."

Giatas is delighted to join LVPAC and looks forward to building on the Bankhead Theater's reputation as a treasure that everyone in the community experiences and enjoys.

Before joining the McCallum Theater in 1999, Giatas served as president and CEO of the Midland Center for the Arts for nearly 20 years. Midland Center is comprised of multiple theaters, museums, art and science galleries and studios. At both venues, Giatas was highly praised for his leadership in building strong relationships between the organization and its donors, as well as for satisfying the specific and diverse entertainment needs of the local communities. He was directly involved in developing a variety of innovative educational outreach programs that brought a variety of visual and performing arts to students of all ages. Over his career, Giatas has served on numerous boards and committees, providing support and guidance in expanding the reach of the arts into community life.

"We are extremely pleased to have been able to attract someone of Ted's stature to our community," said Phil Wenthe, LVPAC chairman. "The opportunity to tap into his professional expertise, particularly in the areas of community outreach and fundraising, will be invaluable as we build on LVPAC's support structure and establish long term strategies for the future," added Wenthe.

Walter Davies concurs, "As an exhibiting member of the Livermore Art Association and chair for Livermore's Commission for the Arts I am especially taken with Ted's emphasis on collaboration and consensus building among all members of the community. Business, Science, the Arts, all need to work together to create a strong sense of place, which we all want for our community in the future."

Dale Kaye, CEO of Innovation Tri-Valley and interim CEO of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce, views Giatas' appointment and the potential growth of LVPAC as an added boon for area businesses. "The creative and performing arts are a priceless addition to any community, adding depth to educational outreach, traffic for downtown retail, and customers for related service businesses," Kaye said. "Ted Giatas is aspirational in his thinking. His ideas and creativity will have great synergy with Innovation Tri-Valley's efforts to showcase the tremendous assets and quality of life in our valley."

"One of the most exciting ways to show the world that we are a community of ideas will be the second annual TEDx Livermore event scheduled for October 2014 at the Bankhead Theater. This independently organized TED event is a day of meeting and hearing from some of most noted visionaries from around the world."

Run by LVPAC, the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center are at the heart of Livermore's thriving arts community and provide a home for nine resident performing arts companies, dozens of studio artists, and extensive outreach activities.

LVPAC Presents at the Bankhead Theater offers a wide variety of world-class music, dance and theatrical performances each year. In addition, free live music concerts are offered twice weekly throughout the summer on the Shea Homes Stage outside the theater. The Bothwell Arts Center serves as an arts incubator, offering affordable classroom, rehearsal, performance and studio rental space for cultural arts organizations and individual visual artists. LVPAC's *Guitar Fest LIVE!* in September includes an Acoustic Guitar Competition and *ArtWalk* in October features extensive outdoor art displays throughout downtown Livermore.

For a list of upcoming performances at the Bankhead Theater, as well as activities at the Bothwell Arts Center, visit the website at [www.mylvpac.com](http://www.mylvpac.com).

# COMMITTEE

(continued from page one)

pet project.

Trustee Chris Grant said that he sees the members as "stakeholders in education in Pleasanton, not advocates of special interests, including their own, for example, a child in GATE or ELL (English Language Learners). They are there to represent the broad needs of the community."

Trustees also made it clear that they want diversity on the committee, in ethnicity, gender, and the full range of school levels -- elementary, middle and high schools. There will not be any formal slots established to meet these considerations.

The panel will be comprised of 14 members, including one student, one member of the District English Learner Advisory Committee, eight community members, and a representative from each of the two employee unions. The panel also will include two administrators: deputy superintendent of business services Luz Cázares and assistant superintendent of educational services Odie Douglas.

Deadline to apply is 5 p.m., on Nov. 1. Applications may be picked up at each school site or downloaded from the district website. Information can be found at that district's website at <http://pleasantonUSD.net/departments/business.services/budget-information/lcac/>. Just click on the underlined LCAC Application.

Trustee Joan Laursen said at the meeting, "If you want to share your knowledge and passion as part of this committee, submit an application."

### EMPLOYMENT ADS

Reach Tri-Valley homes & businesses with an ad in The Independent Classified Section every week. The Independent mails your ads into businesses & homes. Call (925) 243-8000 for more information.

# Thanks

**TO OUR EVENT  
SPONSORS, DONORS,  
COMMITTEE,  
& 530  
ATTENDEES**



**You helped raise over  
\$120,000**

**to benefit the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center,  
Bankhead Theater and Bothwell Arts Center!**

### SPONSORS

#### ADMIRAL

*The Watkins Family*

#### CAPTAIN



**Tony & Shirley Macchiano**



**FREMONT BANK**

**THE Independent**



#### COMMANDER



**MARCEL ORTHODONTICS**  
Thomas J. Marcel, DDS  
Claire O. Marcel, DDS

*Happy Birthday to Jean & Wes!*

**Joe & Deolinda Caldeira  
Arne & Margo Kirkewoog**

**Livermore Dental Care**  
Personalized & Comfortable  
Dave Gibson, DDS  
Adam Stephens, DDS  
Deanna Aronoff, DDS

#### CREW



**Eli Photographer, Bill & Linda Green, Jean King,  
The Moir, Doggett, Davis & Schell Families  
Jean Shuler, Helen Smith**



#### MATES

**Wesley & Elizabeth Arnold, The Carlings, Tom Concannon & Teri Tith,  
Jim & Mary Pat Hawkins, Jonathan & Julia Kennedy**

#### SKIPPERS

**Vern & Barbara Bailey, Cynthia Bird, Helen Dourov, Steve & Kay King, Livermore Valley Tennis Club,  
John & Carol Pitts, Tom & JoAnn Prescott, Tom Reitter, Joni Schuld, Anna Siig & Gary Drummond, Robert Taylor**

### IN-KIND-DONORS

Alan Ryall, Altamont Beer Works, Aquarium of the Bay, Andy Nisbet, Arthur Murray Dance Studio, Asian Art Museum, Bay Area News Group, Beets Hospitality Group, Boomers!, Cake Delight, Calhoun Sisters and the Holm Family, Campo di Bocce, Casa Orozco, Castlewood Country Club, Charity Works, Charles R Winery, ClubSport Pleasanton, Comcast Spotlight, Crooked Vine Winery, Courtney Jacobs, Cuda Ridge Wines, Cumulus Media, Dante Robere Vineyards, Darcie Kent Vineyards, Demitri's Taverna, Diablo Magazine, Dr. David Furst, Eagle Ridge Vineyard, Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl, el Sol Winery, Eli Photographer, Exploratorium, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, Frankie, Johnnie & Luigi Too!, Gallo Center for the Arts, Garman Family, Golden State Warriors, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Livermore, Hobnob Tours, Huff Family, Jean King,

Jean Shuler, Jen's Cakes, Jessica Aguirre & NBC News Bay Area, Jewelry by Design, Jordi Camps, Kathy Zanger, Katrina Rozelle Pastries and Desserts, KFOG, La Rochelle Winery, Lance Cavallieri Jewelers, Larry and Betty Burke, Las Positas Golf Course, Lawrence Hall of Science, Les Chenes Estate Vineyards, Lexi Nichols, LifeStyleRx, Little Valley Winery, Livermore Dental Care, Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Livermore Premium Outlets, Livermore School of Dance, Livermore Valley Opera, Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, Livermore-Amador Symphony Association, Lobster Clambake Committee, Longevity Winery, Marriott Pleasanton, Melo's Pizza & Pasta, Mitchell Katz Winery, Music Time Academy, Nancy McKenzie, Oakland Zoo, Olivina Olive Oil, Outside In etc., Page Mill Winery, Patxi's Pizza, Poppy Ridge Golf Course, Ralph Moir and Maryann Brent, Retzlaff

Vineyards, Ripley's Believe it or Not! Museum, Rodney Strong Vineyards, Rubino Estates Winery, Ruby Hill Winery, Ruby Hill Golf Club, Sam's Chowder House, San Francisco Giants, San Francisco Performances, San Francisco Symphony, San Jose Sharks, Sara Lynn Nusbaum-Melcher, Shea Homes, Simply Fondue Livermore, Stacey's Café, Steven Kent Winery, Stony Ridge Winery, Strizzi's, Technology Partners, The Jungle, The Purple Orchid Wine Country Resort & Spa, Theatre Works!, Thomas Coyne Winery, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, Umigo Indoor Kart Racing, Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard, USS Hornet Museum, Valley Dance Theatre, Victoria Salon, Vine Cinema & Alehouse, Visit Tri-Valley, Watkins Family, Wenthe Family, Wenthe Vineyards, White Crane Winery, Wood Family Vineyards, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, Zephyr Grill & Bar

### LOBSTER CLAMBAKE COMMITTEE

**Brandi Addington, Kathi Bequette, Linda Green, Mary Pat Hawkins, Valerie Huff, Valerie Jonas, Paula Jones, Susan Mansoor, Nancy McKenzie, Marge McMahan, Susann Mercer, Kimberly Moore, Nancy Mueller, Melody O'Shea, Stephanie Petermeier, Ann Rice, Rebecca Schoefer, Joni Schuld, Jean Shuler, Kelly Stephens, Susan Tremaine, Denise Watkins, Julie Wenthe**

### SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PERFORMERS

**LIVERMORE AMADOR SYMPHONY QUARTET**  
**Judy Eckart & Jacqueline McBride, violins**  
**Judy Beck, viola**  
**Anita Cooley, cello**

**STAGE DIRECTOR & ESCAMILLO in  
LIVERMORE VALLEY OPERA'S PRODUCTION of BIZET'S "CARMEN"**  
**Eugene Brancoveanu**



## SAVE THE DATE

**Second Annual LVPAC Lobster Clambake**  
**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2014**  
**Vineyard Lawn at Wente Vineyards**



# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## Property Tax Bills Go Out

More than 427,000 secured roll property tax bills for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 amounting to \$2.89 billion were mailed in October 2013 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 value of properties in the county increased by 5 percent.

The secured roll taxes due are payable by two installments. The first installment is due on November 1, 2013 and is delinquent at 5 p.m. December 10, 2013, after which a 10% delinquent penalty attaches. The second installment is due on February 1, 2014 and is delinquent at 5 p.m. April 10, 2014, 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: by 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; by credit card, available 24 hours a day by telephone at 510-272-6800, online at [www.acgov.org/treasurer/](http://www.acgov.org/treasurer/), or mobile property app at [www.acgov.org/mobile/apps/](http://www.acgov.org/mobile/apps/); by Echeck, available 24 hours a day online at [www.acgov.org/treasurer/](http://www.acgov.org/treasurer/); or by KIOSK, located in the Tax Collector's lobby area at 1221 Oak Street, Oakland or the County Business License Tax Office lobby located at 224 W. Winton Avenue, Rm 169 in Hayward allowing taxpayers who visit the office to make payments via credit card and/or Echeck.

Payment by mail, telephone or online is recommended to avoid delay at the cashier's window

Real property owners who do not receive tax bills by November 16, 2013 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/](http://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.

## Mayors Summit in San Ramon

The 2013 Tri-Valley Mayors Summit will be held Wed., Oct. 30 at Bridges Golf Club in San Ramon.

Five mayors: Bill Clarkson from San Ramon, Jerry Thorne from Pleasanton, John Marchand from Livermore, Newell Americh from Danville, and Tim Sbranti from Dublin will be in attendance. The

event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Cost is \$40 for chamber members. Registration deadline is Oct. 23. To register, go to [www.sanramon.org](http://www.sanramon.org) or call 242-0600.

The Golf Club is located at 9000 S. Gale Ridge Road.

## Cell Tower Okayed

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) Board of Directors voted to approve a cell tower for Mocho Park at the City's request.

This is an addendum to the original agreement, which lists six City-owned and LARP-operated park sites for potential telecommunication facilities. In the case of possible future additions to the agreement, the Board opted to review each one on its own rather than have staff make the determination. For the Mocho site, LARP will receive \$3,600 up front for planning, review and inspection and will receive 33 percent of the proposed \$2,700 a month rental by the cellular provider.

The Board also adopted a resolution permitting pre-tax payroll deductions for mandatory employee contributions to retirement. This resolution was required in order to reaffirm past and current practices the District maintains with the Alameda County Employees' Retirement Association due to a change in Internal Revenue Service tax law.

In other LARP news, staff announced the upcoming Halloween Carnival on Oct. 19 and the Mommy & Son Dance on Nov. 1. Visit [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us) for more information.

## Pedestrians Hit by Car

Two pedestrians (a husband and wife) who were walking Eastbound in the marked crosswalk at the intersection with Francisco St. and Santa Rita Road were struck by a car. Both pedestrians were transported to Eden Hospital.

The names of the pedestrians and driver are not being released.

The driver of the vehicle, a 49 year-old Danville resident, stopped at the scene and is cooperating with police. The collision resulted in the closure of this section of Santa Rita Rd for several hours. Due to the nature of this collision, members of the Pleasanton Police Department's Special Operations Unit were called out and will be handling the investigation.

Anybody who may have information related to the investigation is asked to call the Pleasanton Police Department at (925) 931-5100.

# BUSINESSES

(continued from page one)

representatives will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn from other businesses who have participated in some of the above mentioned programs. Sponsors and resource providers include: Alameda County Workforce Investment Board; the cities of Dublin,

Livermore and Pleasanton; East Bay Economic Development Alliance; Innovation Tri-Valley; Livermore Area Recreation & Park District; State of California Employment Training Panel; State of California Go-Biz; and the U.S. Department of Labor.

The agenda for the event will commence with registration at 9:30 AM, a question and answer period at 10:30 AM, and concluding with a networking opportunity at 11 AM. Businesses can register online at <https://bureaucracy-to-business-friendly.eventbrite.com>.

ValleyCare  
Medical Foundation  
Welcomes

## Kelly Wong, MD

Internal Medicine

Dr. Kelly Wong has joined the ValleyCare Medical Foundation specializing in Internal Medicine.

Dr. Wong received her medical degree and internship training from the University of Medicine in Yangon, Myanmar. She completed her internship and residency at Jersey City Medical Center in Jersey City, New Jersey where she received multicultural training and worked with a diverse population.

She is an active member of the American College of Physicians, United States Burmese Medical Association and is particularly interested in preventative medicine and patient education. Dr. Wong's philosophy of care involves providing comprehensive, coordinated care that addresses both prevention and treatment. She enjoys taking care of patients in the hospital and then seeing them for follow up to ensure the best quality of care is provided.

Her personal interests include spending time with family, traveling, cooking and listening to music. She is fluent in Burmese.



For an appointment  
**CALL TODAY**  
**(925) 416-5470**

OFFICE LOCATION:  
5565 W. Las Positas Blvd,  
Suite 260  
Pleasanton



Convenient access to exceptional care  
[www.mycmf.com](http://www.mycmf.com)

# Outstanding Agents! Outstanding Results!

Are you thinking of Buying or Selling a home? If so, please call one of our "Area Specialists". They have years of experience and are the very best....

## Homes Sold By Livermore Offices 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2013



**Ellen Bettencourt**  
(925) 899-0800  
[Bet10ct.com](http://Bet10ct.com)  
BRE#00849855



**Mark Buress**  
(925) 292-8985  
[MarkBuressHomes.com](http://MarkBuressHomes.com)  
BRE#01732383



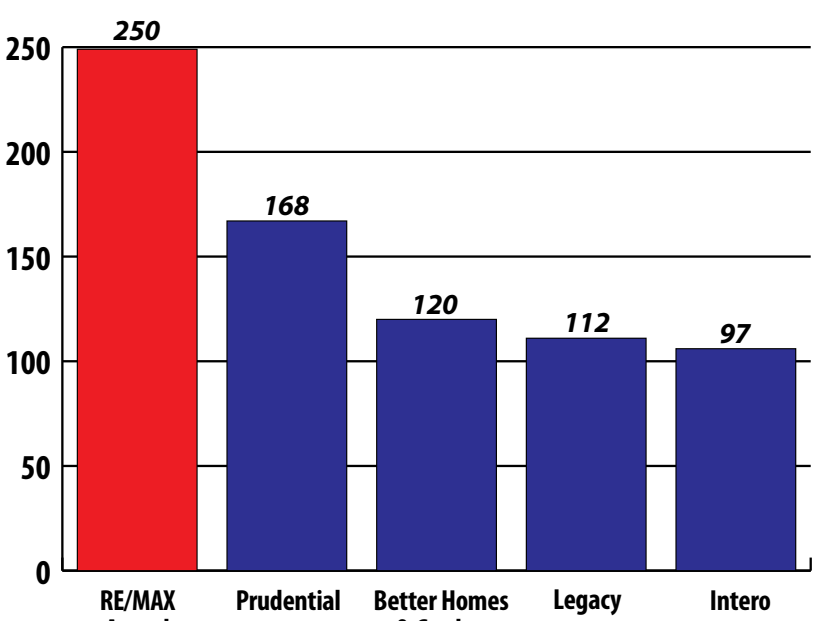
**Steve Eveleth**  
(925) 487-2246  
[StevensHomeSearch.com](http://StevensHomeSearch.com)  
BRE#01438395



**Rebecca Madsen**  
(925) 998-6572  
[RebeccaMadsen.com](http://RebeccaMadsen.com)  
BRE#01787449



**Paul Slichter**  
(925) 872-6814  
[Paul@remaxaccord.com](http://Paul@remaxaccord.com)  
BRE#00630768



**Heidy Hurst**  
(925) 584-6377  
[HeidyHurstFirst.com](http://HeidyHurstFirst.com)  
BRE#01280003



**Belva Mayfield**  
(925) 872-1323  
[www.BelvaMayfield.com](http://www.BelvaMayfield.com)  
BRE#00693866



**Larry D. Smith**  
(925) 216-1613  
[larrys1@remax.net](http://larrys1@remax.net)  
BRE#00494661



**Yvette Larson**  
(925) 667-0055  
[doors2dreams@yahoo.com](http://doors2dreams@yahoo.com)  
BRE#01771056



**Sherry Nigg**  
(925) 640-0869  
[www.SherryNigg.com](http://www.SherryNigg.com)  
BRE#01177147



**Patti Smylie**  
(925) 487-2080  
[PattiSmylie.com](http://PattiSmylie.com)  
BRE#01387257



**Ivy LoGerfo**  
(925) 998-5312  
[www.IvyLoGerfo.com](http://www.IvyLoGerfo.com)  
BRE#01267853



**Eleanor Pemper**  
(925) 200-9901  
[PemperProperties.com](http://PemperProperties.com)  
BRE#00888359



**Lia Wendell**  
(925) 200-9901  
[www.LiaWendell.com](http://www.LiaWendell.com)  
BRE#00758816



**Lea Hawley**  
(925) 455-6224  
[www.LeaHawley.com](http://www.LeaHawley.com)  
BRE#00696932



**Patricia Ratto**  
(925) 487-3520  
[Ratto.Patricia@yahoo.com](mailto:Ratto.Patricia@yahoo.com)  
BRE#01035649



**Carla Winter**  
(925) 371-6063  
[www.CarlaWinter.com](http://www.CarlaWinter.com)  
BRE#01175730



**Pam Cole**  
(925) 337-2461  
[PamCole4Homes.com](http://PamCole4Homes.com)  
BRE#01291147



**Judi Irwin**  
(925) 519-4922  
[www.JudiIrwin.com](http://www.JudiIrwin.com)  
BRE#00860987



**Diane Sass**  
(925) 699-9508  
[www.DianeSass.com](http://www.DianeSass.com)  
BRE#01202058



**Rosa Sierra**  
(925) 487-4865  
[www.RosaSierra.com](http://www.RosaSierra.com)  
BRE#01452722



**John Boehrher**  
(925) 640-7474  
[JohnBoehrher@comcast.net](mailto:JohnBoehrher@comcast.net)  
BRE#00959167



**Penny Christensen**  
(925) 200-7149  
[TriValleyHomes.com](http://TriValleyHomes.com)  
BRE#00785760



**John Kurtzer**  
(925) 454-2418  
[Blog.Kurtzer.com](http://Blog.Kurtzer.com)  
BRE#00647397



**Rosa Sierra**  
(925) 487-4865  
[www.RosaSierra.com](http://www.RosaSierra.com)  
BRE#01452722



**Michael Bowers**  
(925) 734-7177  
[MichaelBowers.com](http://MichaelBowers.com)  
BRE#00901538



**David Dreffs**  
(925) 895-3289  
[925Realty.com](http://925Realty.com)  
BRE#01432357



**Michele Lane**  
(408) 806-0340  
[MicheleLaneRealtor.com](http://MicheleLaneRealtor.com)  
BRE#01252457



**Brad Slabaugh**  
(925) 997-4905  
[Tri-ValleyRealEstate.com](http://Tri-ValleyRealEstate.com)  
BRE#01347388



1841 Fourth Street, Suite E  
Livermore, CA 94550  
(925) 447-9000  
[www.remaxaccord.com](http://www.remaxaccord.com)

# EDITORIAL

## Dublin Park and the Arroyo

The Dublin City Council approved creation of a 24-acre linear nature park along the Iron Horse Trail.

The plans for the park include natural features and activity spaces. The city's first community garden along with a nature playground where children can play on boulders and tree trunks will be among the features.

A portion of the park will be paid for by Zone 7 Water Agency as part of its plans to restore the adjacent concrete-lined arroyo to a natural state in accordance with Zone 7's Living Arroyos program. Living Arroyos seeks to re-integrate the region's streams and its human communities so that residents of the Tri-Valley area have opportunities to experience real, functioning nature near at hand.

The council suggested that it would like to see Zone 7 undertake similar work on three other flood control channels in the city.

The council may get its wish, if Zone 7 follows through with its plans to return all areas to a natural state. The Living Arroyos program area boundary comprises the city limits of Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore, and includes the unincorporated lands around the Chain of Lakes.

The actual launch of Living Arroyos is set for October 19 in Livermore. Volunteers are invited to plant acorns along the Arroyo Mocho in the vicinity of Stanley Boulevard.

Both Dublin and Zone 7 are to be commended. The plans for Dublin's new park are unique. Zone 7 will help make them a reality.

# Three Democrats, One Republican Running for 16th Assembly District

Three Democrats and one Republican have announced they plan to run for the 16th Assembly district seat that will be vacated after the 2014 election by Assembly-member Joan Buchanan (D).

Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti, Danville Mayor Newell Arnerich, and Orinda Councilmember Steve Glazer are the Democrats. The Republicans are represented by Catharine Baker, a Dublin resident who works for a law firm based in Pleasanton.

Glazer leads in campaign funding with \$245,000 followed by Sbranti with \$120,000.

Sbranti grew up in Dublin. He and his wife are expecting their first child. Sbranti has taught for 16 years at Dublin High School, where he conducts civics classes. His political experience includes 10 years on the city council, with the past five years as mayor. He will be termed out in 2014.

Sbranti told The Independent that he wants to run for the Assembly because the same issues on which he has worked locally can be dealt with effectively regionally and statewide by the Legislature.

Education and transpor-

tation have been his areas of concentration, including service on the Alameda County Transportation Commission. He has also been a member of an education committee reporting to state schools superintendent Tom Torlakson.

"I'm proud of what we've been able to do in Dublin, and a lot more can be accomplished statewide," said Sbranti. His campaign organization has listed \$112,000 in campaign contributions up to June 30.

Baker replied to a question about why she is running by saying, "There are two primary and strong reasons, Kate and Alex, who are 10 years old, and entered fifth grade this year. (They are twins.)"

Baker said that there are many challenges facing the state. She wants a state that functions well for her children to live in.

Education, the economy, fiscal management and infrastructure are important. "There are real problems in those areas," said Baker.

Baker cited her experience as a parent leader in Dublin schools, serving on a school site council, and working with teachers and administrators as "first-hand learning about what's work-

ing in education."

Baker pointed out that she is the only parent of school-age children in this race. She grew up in Southern California, where her mother was selected as county Teacher of the Year. Baker has not raised enough money to be required to report campaign contributions.

Arnerich works as an architect who heads AD Architects, Inc. He is married. His daughter is an emergency room trauma nurse. His son served in the Marine Corps.

Arnerich said that he is running because it is a "critical time for our future. California is at a crossroad; unemployment is still high."

It is important to take a moderate approach to solving problems, said Arnerich. "On our council, we don't talk about liberal or conservative potholes. There are just two questions: Do you want to fix it? and Can you afford it?"

Danville has a good track record of fiscal responsibility with a pay-as-you-go approach, and \$7 million in its reserve.

Arnerich has participated in local government for 18 years, including commissions and the council. "If you run, it's because you are

interested in public service," he said.

Arnerich has collected \$50,000 during the campaign reporting period.

Glazer has served on the Orinda City Council for nine years; two terms as mayor. Councilmembers choose the mayor.

Glazer is married with two grown children. He has worked as strategic consultant for non-profits, landowners, environmental groups, and companies. He says that they retain him to figure out how to deal with problems.

"Save the Bay hired me because they were concerned about development on the Bay. I worked through the issue with them." Glazer has also served as a consultant for Gov. Jerry Brown.

Glazer said he is running because "at this point in my life, I am looking for new creative ways to give back to my community. I have developed a number of skills that have made me effective in problem-solving and bringing people together to work toward a common goal."

Glazer raised \$245,000 during the campaign reporting period.

## BENEFITS

(continued from page one)

erner declared, "This is a major problem. It is growing." He supported negotiating with the unions to set a cap, while putting as much money as possible into the account.

To fully fund the liability, the city would need to set aside \$9.8 million per year, assuming there were no changes in the program, such as a cap. Roberts said

that the budget would not support a \$9.8 million a year contribution. He estimated that with a cap, the payments would be between \$5 to \$6 million each year to fully fund the program. Depending on other budget needs, the city could make the lower payment.

Councilmember Stewart Gary suggested that all future budget discussions

should include ARC. He was interested in listing reserves first, ARC second, public safety third. The council would look at the dollars available. If money were left, consideration could be given to adding services and programs, as well as other employee benefits.

The council agreed.

### FRIENDS OF TESLA

Friends of Tesla Park, represented by Will Bolton, asked the council to set

aside 15 minutes at its next meeting to allow the group to present information on the importance of preserving the area.

He pointed out that the site is just seven miles from city hall. The Livermore Heritage Guild is interested in preserving historical features; Save Mount Diablo sees it as a critical habitat corridor; and the East Bay Regional Park District has listed it as a potential re-

gional preserve.

Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division of the state parks department owns the property. It intends to develop Tesla for off-road purposes.

The 3,400-acre site is located immediately west of an off-road recreational park called Carnegie.

The council held a brief discussion regarding a potential presentation by Friends of Tesla. The discus-

sion took place during the matters initiated portion of the meeting.

They agreed that Friends of Tesla could make a presentation. In addition, a representative of the off-highway division would be invited to present its side.

Councilmember Stewart Gary asked staff for a report on the plans for expansion, what would be protected and what uses would be allowed under the plans.

## DRUGS

(continued from page one)

drug activities.

The ordinance authorizes the city attorney's office to initiate a civil abatement proceeding only upon referral from the Livermore Police Department. The Police Department does not anticipate making a large number of referrals, and will reserve this tool for situations where a neighborhood continues to experience negative impacts from the use of properties for unlawful drug activities even after a formal investigation and arrest have occurred.

Examples of the impacts include continuing unlawful drug activity, increases in other criminal activity near the subject property, unusual accumulations of trash, and complaints of noise, fights, and verbal altercations. Other factors affecting the neighborhoods include unusual numbers of pedestrians and vehicles not associated with a subject property visiting at all hours for brief periods of time.

Turner asked how many times over the last 12 months would an investigation have triggered the abatement ordinance.

Police Chief Michael Harris noted that over 126 search warrants were issued for drug activities. A couple of occasions rise to the top where we would have asked for abatement. Police visited one property 36 times. There was a murder and numerous arrests associated with the residence. The other one include 61 visits over three years to deal with activities

involving or related to drug activity.

Harris said that complaints come from the community. Sometimes it takes months to build a case in order to make an arrest. Once arrested, many are back in a short time. The goal of abatement is to repair the neighborhood by removing the drug activity.

One speaker, Ken Bradley, opposed the ordinance. He is a property manager. He felt that there were already laws in place to deal with such situations. The proposed ordinance is an attempt to get around the law. Bradley said that those involved in drug activity if removed from one location, just move to another. Sometimes, the property owner is related to the person involved with drugs. The ordinance doesn't deal with that situation.

Councilmember Stewart Gary pointed out that staff would only go after those with numerous violations. The city attorney would not have judicial authority; a judge would be involved in determining the abatement.

Councilmember Bob Woerner favored the law. "I don't see any downside here."

Mayor John Marchand, who proposed the law, said, if someone who is involved in drugs has to move repeatedly, perhaps he or she will get the message that we want them out of the community. "This is the right tool at the right time to make life easier."

## MAILBOX

(Opinions voiced in letters published in Mailbox are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Independent. Letter Policy: The Independent will not publish anonymous letters, nor will it publish letters without names. Abusive letters may be rejected or edited. Frequent letter writers may have publication of their letters delayed. Letters should be submitted by e-mail to editmail@compuserve.com.)

### Site 300 Cleanup Alison Forrest Livermore

Lawrence Livermore Lab's high explosives testing facility, Site 300, is located in the hills between Livermore and Tracy. This site has experimented with open-air blasts with high explosives and multiple toxic and radioactive materials used in nuclear weapons.

It is no wonder that Site 300 got added to the Superfund list of the most contaminated sites in the country. The groundwater, soil, and some springs there have become polluted with a mixture of solvents, metals, radionuclides, and other hazardous substances.

The cleanup includes many of Site 300's open-air firing tables. At one of them, Building 812, soil samples revealed Uranium contamination at a concentration of 22,700 picocuries per gram, which is huge.

Additional soil surveys are scheduled at Building 812 later this year. However, many cleanup activities have been postponed and the legally-mandated public hearing may be delayed until 2015. Public input is necessary sooner to ensure that the cleanup goals that Livermore Lab wants are acceptable to people who live nearby. The Lab should

hold a public workshop this year to get our input.

### Concert for Wounded Warriors Mariela Meylan Livermore

Thank You Very Much, to everybody who participated in organizing the concert at Wente Vineyards October 10, 2013 at 6:00pm. It was fun to see Kenny Loggins perform.

I had a wonderful time and enjoyed the music and dinner. Thank you for everything you do for us Wounded Warriors.

### Both High Schools Pamela Tabel Granada High Ceramic Arts Instructor

I am the Granada High ceramic teacher, Pamela Tabel. I want to thank you for the terrific article in the Independent on Thursday 10/10/13. So many people that came to the High School booth told us they knew about the Empty Bowl Event through reading your article.

Livermore High also contributed bowls to make this a one high school event.

We sold 100 bowls and received a total of \$1,340. Every penny will be given to Open Heart Kitchen this week.

This is a show of amazing generosity by the Livermore community. I am so proud of the students and the community that support them and charitable events.

Thank you again for your article and support.

### Health Care Cost Donald King Livermore

I am 88 years old, so I am covered by Medicare. I have health insurance, United Health Care. The health care insurance costs me \$85 per month.

I recently spent two days in the hospital in Pleasan-

ton. On September 20, the hospital mailed me a bill for services rendered. The charge? \$34,828.50. There is no way I could be convinced that such a charge is reasonable. Of course, \$34,188.50 of the charge was paid by United Health Care and/or Medicare, so that the charge to me is "only" \$640 (my co-pay).

How does it work? Does United Health Care get the original charge, then submit a claim to Medicare? I do not know. It's an opaque system. I suspect that those who are being enriched by it want to keep it that way. Yes, I am a skeptic; I doubt that the Affordable Health Care system has addressed the excesses illustrated by my recent experience. The present system benefits too many in the health care industry.

### Parcel Taxes David Pastor Pleasanton

Your article on parcel taxes was completely one sided. Quoted were all of the people who were anxious to collect more revenue. Your criteria was based upon the number of parcel taxes and bond measures that had been passed with or without a 2/3rds majority. What you didn't discuss was the under-

mining of Prop. 13 that was passed 35 years ago and is still the will of the people by reducing the majority vote required to 55% for school bonds. Let us just forget for the moment the machinations of the school boards of "refinancing" existing bonds to assure many more years of payments.

Parcel taxes are by their very nature the most unfair taxes of all. Each parcel is taxed equally. My house will be taxed the same as a 100 unit apartment building. Renters in that building all have a vote and never notice that their annual rent increases go up by 1/100 the new parcel tax. So why not vote for something that others will pay for. Another ploy is to exempt seniors so, again, a group can be persuaded to vote for something that someone else will have to pay for.

Finally, parcel taxes are added to a property owner's annual property tax bill for a long time. The owner of a single family home or a single living unit such as a condo or house they rent will be faced with the full bill for each of their pieces of "property" even if they have no school age children and will not gain any benefit for the tax.

## Rental Property Owners Invited to Resource Mixer

The City of Pleasanton will co-host a resource mixer for Tri-Valley rental property owners on Friday, October 25. This free event, complete with a light lunch, is scheduled from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the City of Pleasanton's Operations Service Center located at 3333 Busch Road in Pleasanton.

Tim May from the Rental Housing Association will speak on selecting tenants.

Information will also be available regarding strategies for good tenant selection; programs for tenants that are also beneficial to landlords; tenant-landlord mediation issues; and more.

Space is limited for this special event. To reserve a spot, please contact Flora Garcia at (925) 373-5313, or email fgarcia@abode-services.org by Monday, October 21.

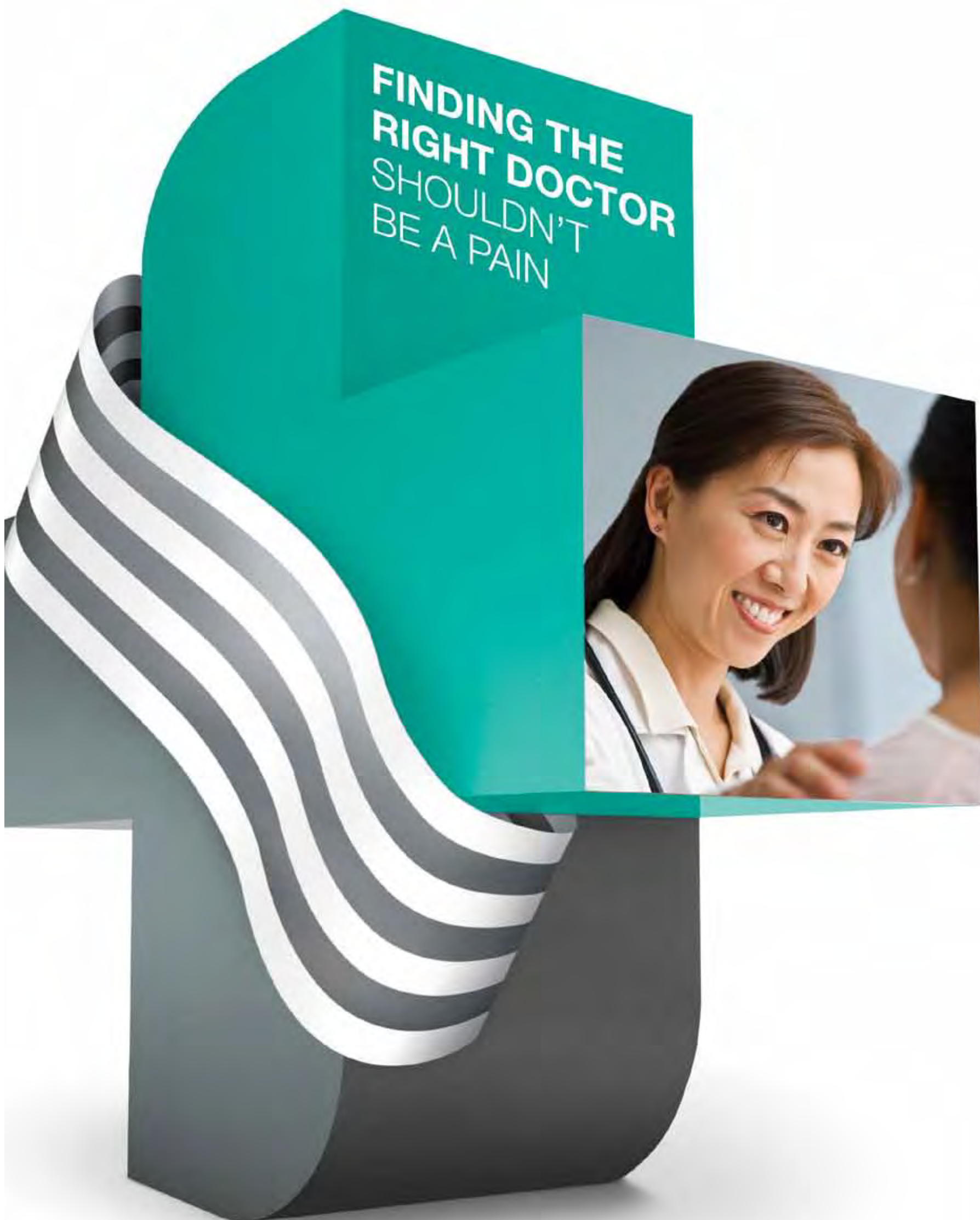
**THE Independent**

(INLAND VALLEY PUBLISHING CO.)

Publisher: Joan Kinney Seppala  
Associate Publisher: David T. Lowell  
Editor: Janet Armantrout

THE INDEPENDENT (USPS 300) is published every Thursday by Inland Valley Publishing Company, 2250 First St., Livermore, CA 94550; (925) 447-8700. Mailed at Periodical Postage Prices at the Livermore Post Office and additional entry office: Pleasanton, CA 94566-9998. THE INDEPENDENT is mailed upon request. Go to [www.independentnews.com](http://www.independentnews.com) to sign up and for more information. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Independent, 2250 First St., Livermore, CA 94550.

Advertising rates and subscription rates may be obtained by calling (925) 447-8700 during regular business hours or by fax: (925) 447-0212.  
Editorial information may be submitted by [editmail@compuserve.com](mailto:editmail@compuserve.com).



We believe you deserve the right doctor. With doctors located in cities throughout the Bay Area, the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, part of Sutter Health, makes it easier than ever to find the care you need, close to home. It's one more way we plus you.

During open enrollment, make sure you choose a health plan that gives you access to Palo Alto Medical Foundation doctors.

**1-888-398-5677**

**[TheDoctorForYou.com/PAMF](http://TheDoctorForYou.com/PAMF)**



Palo Alto Medical  
Foundation  
**Sutter Health**  
**We Plus You**

# SPORTS NOTES



In Livermore Junior Football League action, Diesel Sorgdrager-Dreher of the Raiders cuts around edge against the Falcons.



Pictured are (from left) West Coast Wizards team members Keenan Kheirrolomoom, Isaiah Apostol, Elliot Peterson, Marcelo Solorzano, Ryan Oneil, Antonio Crivello, Emiliano Olmos, Tomi Bodun, James Foley, and Brandon Hill - Not pictured is Eli Johnson.



Livermore Fusion Dazzling Dolphins played their seventh game. Joanne Nelson (pictured) was a fearless goalie. Thanks to Olivia, Isabella, and Tara for filling in during last week's game when the team was short players.



Kylie Long of the West Coast Katz scores two in Sunday's State Cup match to move Katz to top of Norcal State Cup group play.

### Livermore Jr. Football

Livermore Junior Football League scores:  
**Senior Division:** Packers 14, Steelers 6  
 Chiefs 24, Giants 0: John Bennett ran the ball well in the 1st and second quarters. Jacob Peebles, Brad Archer, John Schindler, and Jayden Venegas made numerous tackles against the Giants throughout the game. Troy Wentworth caught a 60 yard pass from quarterback, John Hodgers. Nuft Pokam intercepted a pass. Quinn Smalling scored the first touchdown in the first quarter. Troy Wentworth added the 2 point conversion. Jayden Vengas caused a safety for an additional 2 points. Dylan Rodriguez caught a 55 yard pass for touchdown in the 2nd quarter. John Hodgers scored the 2 point conversion. Jacob Gooby recovered a fumble in the 3rd quarter. Stephen Billowitch ran the ball well in the 3rd quarter. Nolan McCormick intercepted a pass. John Schindler scored a touchdown in the 3rd quarter. A shout-out to the offensive and defensive lines, Austin Price, Brent Cisterman, Zack Stewart, Moises Munoz, Benny Valdez, Nick Ng, and Hayden Ferias.  
**Advanced Division:** Broncos 22, Colts 16; Bears 38, Jets 8  
**Intermediate Division:** Eagles 26, Vikings 20: The Vikings took to the field with a fresh spring in their steps after a great week of practice. With Alex Echeverria back in the offensive line

the blocking gave Miles Rasmussen space for a nice 5-yard run to start the game. After a short loss, Cole Arnold blasted forward for 15 yards. Following a couple of running plays and a dropped pass, Nolan Martin, plowed forward for a couple of yards helped by crisp blocking by the offensive line. Then Rasmussen tried a pass, found nothing open and was almost taken down but with help from some good blocking made a sweet 6-yard run. With 1st and goal Martin shoved forward for a gain of 6. Quinn Ayres walked in for the touchdown. With 5:07 on the clock in Q1 the defense took to the field and forced a fumble, the Eagles recovered and drove for a 1st down. The Eagles were looking for some points, but Justin Pestana stepped up to make a great tackle to end the quarter.

At the start of the second quarter, the Eagles scored to tie the game. Receiving the kick, Matt Polask returned the ball 10-yards. Running by Martin and Arnold moved the ball. A faked fumble got the offense some additional yards, but not enough and the ball went back to the Eagles. The defensive line and linebackers denied all run attempts by the Eagles, forcing a pass attempt. Pestana stepped up to block the pass. The ball went back to the Vikings. On a deep punt, Joseph Bartoni returned the ball 15-yards,



U5 Boys Fusion: Team Turbo vs Team Fast Cheetahs: Team Fast Cheetahs, under coaches Erin Tenca and Bryan Hahn, were Brandon Hahn, Caden Romero, Joaquin Trigueros, Joseph Tenca, Cole McGinnis, Viggo Jensen, Khalif Ford and Jax Agosta. Team Turbo, under head coach Greg Kubiak and asst. coach Lance Hooker, were Benjamin Warner, Christian Jose, Shamus McGrail, Logan Kubiak, Myles Rosales, Knox Hooker and Colton Salamida. Both teams played hard, showed some great new skills and had a blast.



West Coast Warriors pictured are (from left, top) Cameron McWilliams, Jack Burke, Hunter McDaniel, Julio Fuentes, Miguel Angel, Carlos Terriquez, Estevan Murillo and Coach Dave Mahabali; (bottom row) Dylan Greenly, Emiliano Olmos, Christopher Barron, Darren Delayne-O'neil, Matthew Kovacs, Brandon Harman and Nathan Negrete.



Noah Pettit prepares to take a shot during a LAZERS water polo match.



Defending 2013 State Cup U17 Champions West Coast Soccer Kryptonite started the 2014 State Cup campaign off in style with a 4 to 0 win over a tough Benicia team in bracket play of Norcal State Cup play.

cluding as many as 7-defenders. The Vikings ran into some tough defense. A second fake fumble led to a first down. With 27 left in the half - the offensive line produced a great pocket allowing Rasmussen and Arnold to connect several times producing TD with 2-seconds left in the half.

The Vikings got off to a rough start with a bad kickoff. The defense stepped up with Kristof Kaye, Jacob Carter and Polaski coming up with some major tackles. But they could not prevent a TD plus 2 extra points for a 14 to 12 score. Polaski took the kick back 20-yards followed by Arnold taking the ball the rest of the way for a TD. Then a gutsy pass by Rasmussen to Quinn Ayres, scored two for the Vikings for a 20 to 14 lead.. A short outside kick then caused some confusion with the Eagles. Joseph Hager and Dylan Cole almost stripped the ball. The Eagles wound up a 1st and goal. The Vikings' defense caused a 10-yard loss and stopped another run. Colby Scherer executed a spectacular stop making it 4th and 18. Polaski stopped the Eagles, preventing the TD. The defense tried its collective best but the Eagles scored after three 1st downs for a 20 to 20 tie. The Eagles tried to run down the middle for an extra point but were stopped. However, getting the ball back, despite great plays by the Vikings' defense, the Eagles added a TD for a 26 to 20 lead and the win.

49ers 12, Ravens 0: The 49ers continued to win in the sixth week of the season against the Ravens. This was a good game with many great plays on both sides of the ball. JJ Knight scored the first TD for the Niners in the first quarter. Quinn Tudor followed up with another Niner TD in the 2nd quarter. Maxwell Tufer made some excellent plays with some solid tackles on defense. The score at the end of the first half was 12-0. There were no more scores in the game with both teams playing good defense. Eli Nuddleman had a critical interception catch in the fourth quarter deep in 49er territory denying the Ravens of a TD. Notable players for this game were Benjamin Nuddleman, Blaze Hill, Cameron Adriaens, and Cameron Stephenson. Both teams played great but the 49ers came out on top with a 12-0 win.  
**Junior Division:** Falcons 18, Raiders 14; Texans 59, Lions 49

### LAZERS Water Polo

The LARPD LAZERS Water Polo team hosted its second fall tournament on Oct. 12. The LAZERS entered a record number four teams and hosted 6 other Bay Area teams, including teams from Tiburon, Alameda, Stockton, and the 680 Drivers.  
 The Level II boys team won all their games, with top scoring by



West Coast Wonder's Colette Mardirosian is shown scoring the second goal in State Cup Group play against Pleasant Hill.



Pleasanton Rage U14 Orange Pride Rec Flight player Kristen Kye heads downfield with the ball. Photo - Juli Stewart.



Fusion Maroon U11 Girls premier team faced a tough contest against Santa Rosa Thunder over the weekend. Fusion took a 1-0 lead when Faith Rogers scored a goal off the rebound from her own penalty kick in the first half. Thunder scored back-to-back goals to take a 2-1 lead in the second half. Then Lily Redell (pictured scoring) had a knee ball off the corner kick from Ashleigh Ward to make it 2-2. It was a defensive battle all the way as the game ultimately ended in a tie. The teams are expected to face each other in State Cup action later this Fall.



Pleasanton Rage U-13 White forward, Isabella Clark, prepares to make a move downfield. Photo - Patty Diaz

Sean Croghan and Noah Pettit, and strong goal play by Ian Herbert and Scott Ragatz.

Two Level I teams (beginners) demonstrated great teamwork, and ever-improving skills. Camden Kiernan and Ryan Weiglein were the top scorers and played strong offense. Saige Aronson, Jackie Urban and James West, all brand new LAZERS, played great defense and also scored some goals.  
 The next LAZERS tournament is on Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Robert Livermore Community Center.

### Livermore Fusion

The Livermore Fusion U11 Boys Gold team played an outstanding game this weekend against Pleasanton's Bal-

**Reed Plumbing Company**  
 Livermore, CA  
 (925) 371-5671  
 davidreed@dareedplumbing.com  
 LIC #601931

**St. Michael School and our students would like to thank the following sponsors for making the 1st Annual Monsignor Adams' Golf Tournament a great success!**

The funds raised will be used to start modernizing our technology department. We would also like to thank the local merchants that donated gift cards and merchandise.

**SPONSORS:**

	<i>Hole In One Sponsor</i>
Uniform Services	
Charles Schwab	LIVERMORE
Gallo Communication	Silgan Containers
Kahlers Auto Service & Repair	Excel Signs and Decal
Law Office of Jennifer Thaete PC	Purple Orchid Inn Resort & Spa
Office Innoventions	The Independent News
	Livermore Foster Freeze

**Par For Education**  
 Preparing STUDENTS for the next 100 years!

**EJ CATTLE & FEED SUPPLY**

- Hay & Bagged Grain
- ELK Grove Stable Mix
- Buckaroo Leather Products
- Mallard Creek Bedding
- Hawkins Panels and Stalls

**We deliver, stack & more! (925) 960-9074**  
*Directions: Take N. Livermore under freeway to Manning to Carneal Road 6 miles*  
*Hours: Wed - Sat 9am to 5pm, Sun 9am to 2pm, Closed Mon & Tue*  
**BRING IN AD FOR 10% DISCOUNT.** Discount good till 11/30/13.

**DIABLO**  
 PROSTHETICS & ORTHOTICS, Inc.

**Richard Sire, C.P.O.**

**Call (925) 484-6400**  
**For Free Evaluation**

**www.DiabloPando.com**

*Serving 4 Locations:*  
 4479 Stoneridge Dr, Pleasanton  
 120 LaCasa Via, Suite. 202, Walnut Creek  
 2723 Crow Canyon, San Ramon  
 3903 Lone Tree Way, #305, Antioch

# SPORTS NOTES



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

**Granada High School football team defeated Monte Vista High 41 to 9 last Friday in EBAL action. The game was part of the school's 50th anniversary homecoming celebration. The win improved the Matadors' record to 4 and 2.**

istic Elite 2 team. Fusion dominated the game with their impressive speed of play and a beautiful passing game. Fusion's defense highlighted by Aiden Bartlett and Patrick Curulla kept Ballistic out of the box for most of the game. Fusion's mid-field anchored by Aidan Demello, Austin Macedo and Ryan Hoopes consistently carried the ball forward executing many scoring opportunities for Fusion forwards Taha Diah and Austin de Vries. Fusion ended the game with a final of 2-1 over Ballistic.

**U9 Boys Maroon:** Fusion Outlaws continued to dominate over the weekend. It was all about offensive power on Saturday against the Walnut Creek Soccer Club. All the players continued to shoot at the goal, ultimately winning the game 7-0. On Sunday, the Outlaws played the San Ramon Azuri in a nail-biting game that was all about defense. Goalie Andrew McKeever protected the goal throughout the game with some amazing saves. Donovan Umeki, who also had a standout performance on Saturday, kicked a goal in early in the game. Jacob Woods, Justin Johnson and Cameron Angotti played defense throughout the game to protect the Outlaws' lead and rarely let the ball past them. The boys won the game 1-0 and were all at their best.

**Pleasanton Ballistic**

The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) U19 Select traveled to Brentwood and brought their shooting shoes, coming home with a 5-2 victory. The game started slowly with each team probing. Select high pressure paid off. Luis Garcia stole a

throw-in and went to the goal, going low left for the unassisted score in the 15th minute. In the 20th minute, Alex Williams made an alert quick restart on a throw-in. Drake Foote took it down the left all the way to goal and finished for the 2-0 lead. In the 31st minute, Jack Simmons fed Ogb Kanu, whose drive was blocked. It shot up in the air and fell to Foote, who collected his second goal of the game and the Select led 3-0.

Not content, the Select upped their lead in the 34th minute. Collin LaPorte started and finished a give and go with Foote and the Select went to the half up 4-0. Juan Anaya made one tricky save. The back line of Joey Repac, Zac Pinard, and Williams were solid. The Ajax did not quit, and scored 3 minutes into the half on a floater, and in the 23rd minute off a corner kick scramble. But the Select finished off the game with a dagger goal. Garret Leone played a ball over the top to the corner to an onrushing Simmons. His cross found Arthur Kuo all alone back post and he finished with authority for the 5-2 final. The Select (8-7-1, 1-2-1 Norcal) have a week off before a rematch with the Ajax in Pleasanton.

**U-9: Real Sociadad vs. Deportivo:** Dylan Gray did a great job in goal saving a one on one shot. Andrew Weckwerth played a high energy game, constantly pushing the ball towards the opponents' goal, creating many opportunities for Deportivo. Zidane Sellami made a fantastic goal from a pass from Ca'rale Hart. This was a nail biter of a game that was played well by both teams. Top Offensive players: Kadin Sellami, Mathew Dickman, Zidane Sellami; Top Defensive



The Livermore Fusion U12 Crush combined their energies to command the field against the Montclair Clippers on Saturday, October 12. Stellar playing by the whole team led to a 2-1 victory; the first win of a challenging season. The first goal was netted by Olivia after a personal foul on Bella. The second goal was a hard 20 yarder from the left by Lissy. The team's energy and drive constantly pushed the play into the opponent's side of the field, and made for an exciting match. Pictured are Coach Jose and Jessica, Bella, Lissy, Olivia, Brooklyn, Avni, Samantha, Sanjaya, Katrina, Victoria, Peyton, Erin, Sabrina, and Sarah.



West Coast Wicked's Jordan Volponi's calm composure in the back line was instrumental in Sunday's win against Fair Oaks. Volponi's timing on tackles in impeccable, calmly setting up the opponent, stealing the ball and playing forward for the offensive to develop a counter attack.



Andy Grant warms up before swimming in the Team KC SwimStrong event on Sunday, Oct. 6 at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Proceeds benefit the Team KC Pediatric Cancer Fund. For More information on how to help visit the Team KC Facebook Page.

Players: Andrew Weckwerth, Dylan Gray, Nathan Ishaya.

**Pleasanton Rage**  
Pleasanton Rage White U-13 girls commanded their home field in a



Livermore Fusion U10 Boys Select Green (AKA Quicksilver) player, Ramiro Ruelas, carries the ball forward against Fremont.

4-0 shutout against the SACYSA California Northstars from San Leandro.

From the game's opening kickoff, Rage's left forward, Lucia Castaneda, dribbled the ball to the Northstars' penalty box, where she crossed it to Isabella Clark, who kicked a low shot towards the net. Blocking Clark's shot,

the Northstars' goalie wasn't able to contain the ball. Clark quickly seized her opportunity to shoot a second shot, this time finding the back of the net for the first Rage goal. Rage mid-fielders Hunter Faria, Lauren Londono and Allison DeFazio demonstrated their

(continued on page 10)

# Join us!

**Saturday, Oct. 19  
9:00am to noon**

Zone 7 and its partners are kicking off the **Living Arroyos program!**

Volunteers will be planting acorns along Arroyo Mocho in the vicinity of Stanley Boulevard in Livermore.

Registered volunteers will be treated to a FREE barbecue lunch!



Secure your spot today by registering at [www.livingarroyos.org](http://www.livingarroyos.org)



Living Arroyos is a public-private partnership to restore the urban streams and streamside habitats of the Livermore-Amador Valley, while enhancing water quality and maintaining flood protection. Partnering with Zone 7 are the City of Livermore and the Urban Creeks Council...and YOU!

To sign up for Zone 7's E-news ►





Harvest Park Middle School's leadership class organized a Pink Day for Breast Cancer Awareness. Students gathered for a commemorative photo.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

The annual ArtWalk was held last Saturday in downtown Livermore. Visitors were treated to a variety of artwork displayed throughout the downtown. Entertainment was also part of the festivities.

## Lively Bankhead Talk — Plants, Alcohol And A Hunky Scientist

The audience at Livermore's Bankhead Theater last week was treated to an entertaining talk that mixed science, history, culture and humor to highlight some of the quirks of plant science and their remarkable links to the world of alcoholic beverages.

The speaker was Amy Stewart, best selling author from Eureka whose most recent book, *The Drunken Botanist*, is filled with plant lore and alcohol trivia.

Stewart is a writer and avid gardener rather than a scientist. However, her natural curiosity has led her to a fascinating range of expertise accumulated while researching books on such topics as the role of insects in human history (*Wicked Bugs*) and plants that can "kill, maim, intoxicate, and otherwise offend" (*Wicked Plants*.)

She spiced her Bankhead talk with jokes — sometimes about herself — and anecdotes about the famous and not so famous figures whose careers punctuate the application of botany to the world of alcohol.

One of the best known was Alexander von Humboldt, 19<sup>th</sup> century explorer and scientist, whose name is memorialized in the northwestern California county among many other places.

Von Humboldt's field journals helped inform European audiences about the South American angostura tree, whose bark could be used to fight fever and dysentery.

Showing a drawing of the handsome Prussian, Stewart asked rhetorically whether the audience didn't consider him "hunky."

She then went on to describe how his writing helped popularize European uses of the bark in bitter, rum-soaked medicines. Over the next century, commercial competition under new trademark laws led to lawsuits and family fights over ingredients and the use of the name, "angostura." Today, she said, Angostura Bitters are a popular additive to many drinks, but they are made from a secret recipe with no parts coming from



AMY STEWART

the angostura tree.

Stewart's story of the history of maraschino cherries was similarly quirky. In the early 1900s, a forerunner to today's Food and Drug Administration called the Board of Food and Drug Inspection ruled that only sour marasca cherries preserved in maraschino liqueur could be labeled and sold as maraschino cherries, notably produced by the Luxardo family of Italy.

American growers, wanting to capitalize on the popularity of the product, made a domestic knockoff using bleached sweet cherries bulked up with calcium carbonate, colored red with coal tar, flavored with benzaldehyde and packed in sugar syrup.

"Whatever this was," Stewart said, "it could not be called a maraschino cherry."

The domestic labeling challenge disappeared during Prohibition, when soft drink manufacturers teamed up with temperance workers "against the evils of European cherries soaked in liquor," Stewart writes in her book.

In terms that would find rhetorical favor with protectionists and isolationists of any age, they lobbied in favor of alcohol-free American cherries and against a "distillate of some foreign province, from fruit gathered by underpaid peasants, and handled and sold under conditions which would disgust the purveyors and purchasers of such products."

The verbal onslaught convinced many Americans of the evil of real marasca cherries preserved in genuine liquor. It also moved

the FDA to concede the labeling battle so that U.S. merchants could produce and sell chemically treated, artificially dyed cellulose cherries as maraschino.

"To add insult to injury," Stewart writes, "the FDA allows up to 5% of the cherries in a jar to contain maggots, calling that an 'unavoidable defect.'"

Stewart's book is a trivia aficionado's delight, laced with unusual and sometimes saucy facts about plants and alcohol. Glossaries are scattered throughout the book; for example, a two-page description of grape-based spirits including the well-known brandies but also Pisco from Peru, as well as grape-based gin and vodka.

Recipes abound for common and uncommon drinks. Sometimes, the drinks are simple but eyebrow raising, such as Black Gold, which is simply Karlsson's gold vodka mixed with cracked black pepper.

Others are variations on an old theme, such as the Mamani gin and tonic that she concocted for a botanist friend who didn't care for gin. This is a gin and tonic flavored with jalapeno and cucumber slices, cilantro and cherry tomatoes.

As the two of them spent the afternoon gathering the ingredients for that one drink, she found herself describing the many plants whose extracts and scrapings were used in its making. There were juniper, cilantro, citrus peel, lavender buds, the cinchona tree, and of course the jalapenos, cucumber and cherry tomatoes.

Wandering through a liquor store, both of them noted the extraordinary range of plants represented in the other beverages sold there — the whiskeys, liquors, vodkas, beers and many more.

"Suddenly we weren't in a liquor store anymore," Stewart writes in *The Drunken Botanist*. "We were in a fantastical greenhouse, the world's most exotic botanical garden."

She thought to herself, "someone should write a book on all this" — and sure enough, she did.



The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Board of Directors at last week's meeting recognized the youth who are on the cover of the fall activity guide. Pictured in the photo is the LARPD Board of Directors with Arroyo Seco Extended Student Services (ESS) students Paige Boskie, Sierra Bradford, Gianna Burns and William Kelleher and ESS teachers Harmony Foster, Rita Camberos, Susan Debeling and Della Roebel. They were honored with medals for their participation in LARPD's fall/winter 2013 Parks & Play classes and programs brochure. ESS teachers Harmony Foster, Rita Camberos, Susan Debeling and Della Roebel were also recognized. The students signed a framed cover of the guide, which will be displayed at the Robert Livermore Community Center.

LIVERMORE CINEMAS		2490 FIRST STREET 443-SHOW	
CARRIE (R) DLP	12:10 1:50 3:00 4:25 5:40 7:00 8:10 9:30		
ESCAPE PLAN (R) DLP-DBOX		1:10 4:00 6:55 9:35	
THE FIFTH ESTATE (R) DLP		12:40 3:55 6:50 9:45	
CAPTAIN PHILLIPS (PG13) DLP-CC		12:35 3:40 6:45 9:40	
CAPTAIN PHILLIPS (PG13) DLP		2:30 5:30 8:30	
GRAVITY (PG13) DLP-3D-CC		12:20 2:50 5:20 8:00	
GRAVITY (PG13) DLP-3D		1:05 3:30 6:10 8:45	
GRAVITY (PG13) DLP		11:50 2:15 4:40 7:20 9:50	
CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 2 (PG) DLP	12:00 12:45 2:35 3:20		
	5:00 5:45 7:30 8:15 9:45		
MACHETE KILLS (R) DLP		1:30 4:15 7:05 9:35	
RUSH (R) DLP		1:20 4:10 7:00 9:50	
<b>PREVIEWS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH:</b>			
JACKASS: BAD GRANDPA (R) DLP			9:00PM
THE COUNSELOR (R) DLP			10:00PM

**THE PLEASANTON COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND**  
Presents  
**A Family Concert**  
**October 20, 2013 • 2:00 PM**  
Amador Theater  
1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton, CA

**"ALL THAT JAZZ"**  
The Family Concert will include some famous jazz classics.  
Jazz Set: The Amador Jazz Band

The concerts are free, though donations are appreciated.  
For more information: Call (925) 846-5897 or [www.pleasantonband.org](http://www.pleasantonband.org)

**RETZLAFF Estate Wines**  
Reserve Our Lovely Grounds for Your Special Celebration or Wedding  
1356 S. Livermore Ave.  
Hours: Tue-Fri 12-2pm, Sat-Sun 12-4:30pm, Mon-Closed  
(925) 447-8941

**Vine Cinema & Alehouse**  
1722 First Street - Livermore [www.VineCinema.com](http://www.VineCinema.com)

Back by popular demand for one week only!  
**Lee Daniels' THE BUTLER**  
Fri - Sun: 2:20 5:00 7:45  
**ENOUGH SAID**  
Fri - Sun: 12:10 2:10 4:30 6:45 8:45  
**LONG SHOT: Kevin Laue Story**  
Plays Oct. 25 - 31 at 4:40 7:00

**Classics Night: YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN - Oct. 24**

**ENOUGH SAID**  
Fri - Sun: 12:10 2:10 4:30 6:45 8:45  
**LONG SHOT: Kevin Laue Story**  
Plays Oct. 25 - 31 at 4:40 7:00



## CALENDAR

(continued from page one)

winter break gap that would require teachers to go over material to prepare students for semester exams, as they do now.

Further, with the current schedule, students don't get "true respite. There is the specter of more school hanging over your head. It impacts how you interact with family," said McCoy. The break would become "a true recharge," he said.

The clean break between semesters would enable teachers to start the new curriculum at the beginning of the second semester. That could bring in two or three weeks more of curriculum before the standardized testing at the end of the second semester, said McCoy.

The "early start" calendar would end the school year earlier. However, the winter and spring breaks still would be compatible with those of nearby districts.

The other alternative is the "modified" schedule. It is more complicated. It could start as early as late July or early August, and end in late May or early June. Like the "early start" method, the semester would end at the winter break.

However, the modified schedule would allow two weeks for spring break and two weeks for winter break. That would provide a pause from instruction every nine or 10 weeks.

Neither calendar change model could be called a year-round school schedule, said superintendent Parvin Ahmadi. It also is not a trimester system.

A problem with the modified schedule is its lack of compatibility with neighboring school districts' breaks. Only in the summer would there be overlap, said Amador Valley High School teacher Tom Dalldorf. Every year as a Pleasanton teacher and Brentwood resident whose children attend Brentwood schools, he experiences the mis-match.

"My oldest is a junior. I've never been aligned with my kids. We do have five weeks in the summer, and other times, with a shorter period," said Dalldorf. "Drumming up support in Livermore, Dublin and San Ramon"

could bring compatibility in the Valley, he said. Some 70 Pleasanton teachers live in Livermore and 40 in Dublin, but not all have school-age children, said Dalldorf, who is a teachers union representative on the district's calendar committee.

Dalldorf said that a survey of Pleasanton teachers showed they like the idea of ending the semester at the winter break because of the compatibility between the winter break and the end of the semester.

Brentwood and four neighboring districts have been using the modified plan for nearly 20 years. There was resistance when it first began, but a recent survey there showed that 98 percent of families like the modified schedule, said Dalldorf.

There are some compatibility problems with some sports. For example, part of football season occurs during a break. The solution is to have a bye for the team during that time.

Another consideration mentioned was the possibility that some families already have put down money on vacations that they have been planning for a year. Board president Jeff Bowser said that could be accommodated by making sure that one or two years passes before the district made the calendar change if the board were to adopt one of the options.

Another consideration is that families likely would have to make changes in their child-care arrangements.

There will be further discussion of the calendar changes by the district committee. The board will seek responses from the community. Other districts' opinions about whether they, too, want to consider a change for themselves will be communicated through the interdistrict committee.

On another item, the board approved a raise for CSEA employees, who are the classified staff. They received the same percentage increase that teachers were given earlier this year. It amounts to a 1 percent one-time payment, and a 1 percent increase in ongoing compensation.

## SHUTDOWN

(continued from page one)

ously notified as required to meet these objectives will be allowed on site."

Across the street at Sandia, comparable preparations were underway to shut down starting next Monday.

Critical functions permitted to continue are police, fire, environmental monitoring and other operations deemed essential to safety and security. Certain employees have also been notified that they could be called up to support a national response to a major emergency, like a large scale chemical accident or radiation leaks.

Meanwhile, U.S. Congressman Eric Swalwell (CA-15), Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and nine additional members of the California Congressional Delegation have sent a bipartisan letter to Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz requesting back pay for furloughed U.S. Department of Energy national laboratory employees, should the government remain shut down.

More than 13,000 employees who normally work under government contracts are at risk of losing work and income at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in Berkeley and SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory in Menlo Park if the government shutdown continues.

The furlough would affect some 6,500 employees at LLNL, which is the

second-largest employer in Alameda County and the largest in Swalwell's district, and another 1,000 at Sandia.

At LLNL, employees with enough vacation time accumulated will be able to take paid vacation during the furlough, a spokesperson said. Otherwise, they will be on unpaid leave. Shutdown plans made to date carry through the end of October, according to the spokesperson.

If the shutdown were to into November, a new set of problems would arise that will require policy decisions from Washington.

As the Independent went to press, it was not clear whether medical benefits for thousands of retirees of the local laboratories would also be cut off in November. One LLNL retiree reported that a thoughtful, local dentist offered to look for appointment cancellations in October because her dental benefits might no longer be paid next month.

Unlike medical benefits, which are paid on a year-to-year basis, pensions for retirees are legally vested and were presumed to be guaranteed.

Among Bay Area laboratories, varying dates of shutdown depend on funds that the facilities were carrying over from the last fiscal year, which ended September 30, as well as the operating authority granted them by their federal sponsor. In the case of the two Livermore laboratories, the sponsor is

DOE's semi-autonomous national security arm, the National Nuclear Security Administration.

Congressman Eric Swalwell, who represents Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton, met on Sunday with Laboratory employees. Some expressed concern that the shutdown would impact recruitment and retention at the laboratory, sending scientists to the private sector, in what Swalwell called a "brain drain." They also expressed their concerns about the uncertainty they face and the economic hardship that would be caused by furloughs.

Mortgage payments, car payments, and other monthly bills will continue even though they will not be receiving a paycheck. The uncertain status of future medical benefits is also of concern.

In Washington, a bill to assure back pay to furloughed federal employees would not give the same benefit to furloughed laboratory employees since they are contract, not federal, workers. The bill, H.R. 3223, the Federal Employee Retroactive Pay Fairness Act, recently passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 407-0 in the House, pending in the Senate.

"The 7,500 employees at risk of being furloughed at our Livermore labs on October 18 are among the best scientists and researchers in our country, and through no fault of their own, they

face the possibility of not receiving their paycheck at the end of the month," said Swalwell.

"The irresponsible government shutdown must end, but should it continue, I am hopeful Secretary Moniz will assure these hardworking national laboratory employees that they will be treated like other federal employees and receive the back pay they deserve."

The other signers of the letter are: Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Reps. Jeff Denham (CA-10), Anna G. Eshoo (CA-18), Mike Honda (CA-17), Barbara Lee (CA-13), Zoe Lofgren (CA-19), Jerry McNerney (CA-9), George Miller (CA-11) Scott Peters (CA-52) and Mike Thompson (CA-5).

Last week, Swalwell called on Speaker Boehner to end the damaging government shutdown that is hurting East Bay residents and Americans around the country. Swalwell implored his colleagues across the aisle to consider the pain and anxiety they are causing federal employees and contractors.

Swalwell held a town hall in Dublin where people expressed their frustration with the ongoing shutdown. Swalwell notes that not a single Republican who attended the town hall told him or told other constituents that they believe that their concerns over the Affordable Care Act were worth prolonging the government shutdown.

## Hash House Harriers Livermore Red Dress Run Set

Hash House Harriers Livermore Red Dress Run will take place on Saturday October 26th at 11.15 am. It will start at the First Street Ale House, 2106 First Street, Livermore. The "Red Dress Run" is held annually by hashers globally. It is a chance to dress up, or down and raise money for local charities.

The Hash House Harriers

is an international group of non-competitive running, social clubs. An event organized by a club is known as a hash or hash run, with participants calling themselves hashers.

A common special event is the "Red Dress Run," which is held annually by individual chapters. In 1987, a young lady by the name of Donna Rhinehart, wearing a

red dress emerged from an airplane that had landed in southern California to visit a friend from her high school years. Shortly thereafter, she found herself transported to Long Beach, where her friend intended to introduce her to a zany running group called the Hash House Harriers." One member, noting her gender and attire, urged that she "just wait

in the truck" until her host returned. With that goading, she ran into history sporting her red dress and heels.

Cost to enter is \$15 with all the net proceeds to go the American Red Cross to help with relief efforts from the RIM and Mount Diablo fires. RSVP at <http://www.facebook.com/events/163602933835095>

## OBITUARIES

### Cathey McClure

Beloved wife and mother, Cathey McClure, Livermore, passed away on August 4, 2013, at the Kaiser Hospital in Walnut Creek.



Born at Yowell, TX, to Choc-t a w / Cherokee parents, on August 26, 1943, Cathey was adopted twice and raised by Blain and Edna Sandlin in Commerce, TX.

She graduated from Commerce High School and attended Texas A&M and the University of Mississippi specializing in Linguistics. Her Master's thesis proved that Ebonics has roots in a 17th Century English dialect.

Her main occupation was working in law offices, where she was one of the first to use word processing technology to prepare legal documents.

Her private interests included art and sewing. She was very good at sketching,

oils and watercolors, but did her best work as a photographer, in black and white, of nature subjects, in the style of Ansel Adams, for which she received several awards. Her interest in sewing led to her working in wardrobe on several movies (e.g., Heart of Dixie) for which she received credit as Cathey Shumate. Later, she made regalia for dancers at the Indian Education Center in Livermore.

Always helpful and first to volunteer, she substituted for high school language teachers.

Her interests eventually came together in quilting. She designed quilts, published patterns and edited quilting books for popular authors. She was an active member in several online quilting groups and in the Diablo Valley Quilters Guild, where she was recognized for her knowledge, skill and creativity.

Both having lost spouses to death, Cathey and Dr. Eldon Ray McClure met on the Internet in 2001 and were married on March 22, 2003 in a Buddhist ceremony in

the Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore (UUCIL).

As wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother she was Mama Bear, involved and fiercely protective.

Besides her husband, Cathey is also survived by her children: Lisa Coker, Commerce, TX; Karen Moore, Dike, TX and Kenneth Shumate, Unionville, MO and stepchildren: Michael McClure, Livermore, CA and Steven McClure, Duarte, CA, Dede Mohr and Yolanda Frazier of Marcelline, MO, 18 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

A Memorial, in Buddhist/Unitarian tradition, will be held at the UUCIL on Saturday, October 26, at 11 a.m. Examples of her photography and quilting will be on display.

In lieu gifts may be made to the American Indian Center, Rancho Las Positas Elementary School, 401 East Jack London Blvd., Livermore, CA 94551 are encouraged.

### Shirley Guylene Hegarty

Livermore, CA  
2/16/35-10/13/13

Guylene was born in Klamath Falls, Oregon and raised in Reno, NV. She retired from LLNL as a programmer.

Guylene is survived by her husband of 43 years James Hegarty, by sons Charlie (Vickie) Hegarty, Jim (Denyse) Hegarty, Ken (Bonnie) Hegarty, Jack (Marilyn) Swire and daughter Ginger (Ken) Common. She is also survived by many grandchildren, great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

There will be a celebration of life at the family home (email [hegarty76@yahoo.com](mailto:hegarty76@yahoo.com) for address) on Saturday 10/19/13 from 11:00 am-4:00 pm.

### Ellen B. Harrison

Resident of Livermore  
March 31, 1928 - Oct. 11, 2013  
Ellen B. Harrison, 85, of Livermore died peacefully on October 11, 2013 sur-



rounded by her loving family.

Ellen was born in Biloxi, Mississippi on March 31, 1928. She resided in Livermore for 46 years.

Ellen owned and operated Sunset Aluminum Products in Livermore from 1975 until her retirement in 1989. She received her Contractors License from the State of California in 1982. Ellen was a member of The Neighborhood Church in Castro Valley and active in the 39er's Adult Bible Study Group and the quilting ministry.

Preceded in death by her son, Bill Jananovich; parents Henry and Aline Manuel; brothers Henry, Oliver, Harold, Sherwood, and Glen Manuel; and sisters Ila Mae Bertucci and Lurline Battaya.

Ellen is survived by her

devoted husband of 32 years Robert Harrison; sisters Aline Humphrey and Emily Gilmore of Mississippi; daughters Charlene Folcomer of San Francisco and Shirley Petty (Charles) of Livermore; son Robert Jananovich (Mona) of Belle Chasse, Louisiana; daughter-in-law Deborah Jananovich of Livermore, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and her husband's children son Michael Harrison (Lori) and daughters Susan Harrison and Mary Portera (Robert) all of Michigan, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Bruns House for providing tender, compassionate care to Ellen during her final days.

Memorial donations in Ellen's name can be made to Bruns House, Hospice Foundation of the East Bay, 3470 Buskirk Avenue, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

See your best, look your best

**Valley EyeCare Center** stands for excellence in eye care and is one of the most advanced eye centers in Northern California. The highly trained doctors and staff at Valley EyeCare Center are committed to treating their patients for life using state-of-the-art technology.

Jonathan Savell, M.D., Michael Gagnon, M.D., Kala Swamynathan, M.D., Gina Trentacosti, O.D., Jimmy Yip, O.D., Kien Ngo, O.D.

Caring for the Tri-Valley since 1975

**VALLEY EYECARE CENTER**  
MEDICAL ASSOCIATES

925-460-5000 925-449-4000  
5575 W. Las Positas Blvd. #240, Pleasanton 28 Fenton Street, Livermore

[www.ValleyEyeCareCenter.com](http://www.ValleyEyeCareCenter.com)

## Obituary/ Memorial Policies

Obituaries are published in The Independent at no charge. There is a small charge for photographs in the obituaries.

Memorial ads can also be placed in The Independent when families want to honor the memories of their loved ones. There is a charge for memorial ads, based on the size of the ad.

Please send an email to [editmail@compuserve.com](mailto:editmail@compuserve.com)

## SPORTS NOTES



Great game was played on Saturday by Fusion U10 Net Rippers, under head coach Tony Bertucelli and Great Whites, under head coach David Santiago. Both teams played hard, with goals from the Great Whites and some aggressive defense from the Net Rippers.



The Pleasanton Rage U10 Orange team had a great win this past Saturday defeating the Alameda East Bay Bombers, 5 to 0. The first half opened with a great pass from Leah Allari to Maddie Benson for a goal. Then Hayden Jolley landed an amazing long shot in over the goalie's head for goal number 2. Maddie Benson scored another goal before the end of the half to bring the score to 3-0. Ashley Belshe, Maggie Nostrand, Isabella Guerrero, and Kayli Shimanuki played great defensively throughout the game. At the start of the second half, Leila Lyons helped to take the ball down the field. She passed it to Sophia Minnite, who passed it to Caitlyn Currie for goal number 4. Ava Buckles and Evette Allari were excellent goalies the entire game. At the end of the game, Leah Allari scored another goal to finish the game 5-0.

(continued from page 7)

possession skills by keeping the ball in the Northstars' half of the field until teammate Gabriella Smith, taking a shot from just outside the penalty area, scored Rage's second goal.

The Northstars hustled the ball in the Rage half of the field, but Rage defenders Sarah McKeever, Emma Monsen, Ariyana Walling, and Juliana Pereira proved to be impenetrable. When the Northstars fired off a powerful shot in the 17th minute, Rage goalie Cierra Lofthouse-Wolf saved it. Jessica Stubbs and Ashley Lopez assisted by moving the ball back into Northstars' territory. In the 25th minute, Smith executed a textbook-perfect cross to Brooke Delaney, who was there to tap it in for Rage's third goal. In the 55th minute, Lofthouse-Wolf, who was now playing forward, crossed to Smith, who scored the fourth and final goal of the shutout game.

**U14 Rage Orange Pride** Rec Flight 4th game of the season was managed by Guest Coach Mike Stewart as both Coach Gary and Coach Clifford were away. The game was dominated by Orange Pride. Coach Mike made it more fun and challenging by putting the players into positions that they would not normally play.

The first score of the game came at the 12th minute from Jamison Grey with an assist from Jenna Brown. Fullback Megan Gee and midfielder Kristen Kye did a capable job of trapping the ball on the Mustangs side of the field.

The 2nd goal came at the 22nd minute of play. A cross from Jenna to Mollie shifted the defense to the left side of the field and a cross to the far post in front of the goal box found the Mustang team with a large open gap, whereupon Audrey Emmet was able to pump it easily into the open seam.

At the 30th minute of regulation play, a great defensive play by Ally Cat took the ball away, feeding it to Kristen Kye who normally playing midfielder was switched to center forward, where her speed and aggressive level of play found her one on one with the goalie after weaving through 4 Mustang defenders.

In the 2nd half, the Mustang team fought hard to keep Orange Pride from scoring any further. However, at the 70th minute, Kayla was able to kick a strategic lob pass directly in front of Mollie McKay who found herself with a one on one with the Mustang Goalie and was able to put it in with her good left foot. Final score Orange Pride 4, Mustang The Incredibles 0.

Top Defensive Players, Alyssa Wu, Lexie Freeland, Ally Greth; Top Offensive Players, Kristen Kye, Audrey Emmet, Jamison Grey, Jenna Brown

### West Coast Soccer

**West Coast Wicked (U16Girls)** won their second State Cup Group Stage against the Fair Oaks FC Magic Sunday. The Wicked started strong with crosses from Emma Halsch to Kate

Chase who calmly slotted it past the keeper to the far post of the Fair Oaks net in the first 4 minutes of play. The Wicked dominated the first half. The defense, led by Shannon Holt, Jordan Volponi and Morgan Hall, stopped the Fair Oaks' offense, limiting shots on goal to a handful and quickly fed the ball forward. The Wicked had many more chances with shots on goal and corner kicks but struggled to find the back of the net. Wicked's Mackenzie Paulo stepped up to a free kick 25 yards out and had a beautiful shot on goal which was stopped with a wonderful save by the keeper. The second half was much more balanced as Fair Oaks came out fighting. The Wicked's defense, led by keeper Samantha Gruczelak, again fought hard. Nadia Ranagan stepped back from midfield to help the defense, playing with incredible drive she swept in to stop many shots. Fair Oaks frustration turned to very physical play in the second half. Wicked's Sophia Shokoor, Meena Serrano, Claire Soule and Misha Brewster battled for every ball to keep the Wicked's offensive pressure on. The Wicked's determination and skill paid off in the end with a 1-0 victory.

**Defending State Cup Champions West Coast Soccer Kryptonite** started the 2014 State Cup campaign off in style. The 2013 U17 Champions drew a tough Benicia team in bracket play of Norcal State Cup. Team Kryptonite started off strong, playing Sunday night under the lights at Robertson Park in Livermore. The goal scoring opened up just 3 minutes into the match with precise passing in and around the Benicia box where they found Karla Uribe for a quick strike on goal for the early lead. Kryptonite had some masterful passing from midfielders Mireya Magana, Molly Brady, Chenayi Tavaziva, Fernanda Fonseca and Sandra Aguilera that kept most of the first half possession with West Coast. Goalkeeper Abigail Cebreo and defenders Madyson Souza, Carly Passmore, Kori Altmann, Analissa Bautista, and Alyssa Stevenson shut down the Benicia attack holding the opposition to just 1 shot on goal in the first half. The second half was an offensive clinic put on by West Coast attackers Valentina Camacho, Kelly Brooks, Jessica Hopkins, Camilla Fonseca and Irias Ortiz who put away a goal on a back side run from a beautiful cross from Madyson Souza streaking up from her right back position to provide the assist. Valentina Camacho and Jessica Hopkins scored goals 3 and 4 and GK Haley Crook came in the second half to help secure the 4-0 shutout.

**U15 West Coast Wonder**, the defending Norcal State Cup Premier Cup Champions, were challenged this weekend by the Psycho Chicks soccer team out of Pleasant Hill Soccer Club. Wonder are at the top of the bracket with two wins and 6 points in the Norcal State Cup 2014. On Sunday, the Wonder found themselves in a heated battle against a very athletic Pleasant Hill team. Wonder never backed down challenging every ball in the air and



In U8 Girls Fusion Soccer, the Firecrackers battled the Fireballs to a 1-0 game. The game was very exciting throughout. Sarah Deplitch scored the only goal of the game in the 2nd half. Lynnsey Garcia, Allanie Alatorre, Katelynne Burdick, and Sarah Deplitch all led the offensive charge for the Firecrackers. Brittany Hahn, Sophie McGinnis, and Madylin Harrell led the defense to a shutout, while both Joely Wolf and Claire Sahn had great saves in the goal to secure the shutout and win for the Firecrackers.

on the ground. The defense displayed fantastic communication and ball movement to continue to feed their midfield and forwards. After several connective passes Madyson Gannon crossed a great ball to McKenna Buti who streaked up the center of the field and ripped the ball into the net to put Wonder ahead 1-0. Key saves by Stevie Sobers and Sonia Nichols assisted the defense as Wonder continued to stop the attacks by the opponent. With precise passing and excellent use of space, Collette Mardrossian was able to seal the win with another goal and ended the game with a final score of 2-0 and another shut out.

**West Coast Soccer U13 Boys:** In a showdown between two premier clubs, Lazio upends West Coast Warriors. The game started at a fast intense pace with teams having chances to net goals. After a through ball in, the Mustangs sent a side net shot past goalkeeper Julio Fuentes (who recorded 3 saves). Nearing the half, midfielder Estevan Murillo equalized off of a lofting ball from fellow midfielder Carlos Teriquez. The game increased in pace and aggression. Cameron McWilliams and Jacke Burke each had chances from midfielder Miguel Angel. Defenders Nathan Negrete, Hunter McDaniels, Brandon Harman, Christopher Barron played well, but the Mustangs were able to capitalize on a non-clearance with 2 minutes remaining. Both teams will be waiting on next week results. West Coast Warriors play Lamorinda who is just ahead of the two teams in the standing.

**The West Coast U16 Katz** returned to winning form this weekend rebounding from a tough NPL game loss to a fiery and quick U16 De Anza Force team in the previous weekend. The Katz took on Castro Valley Fury at Altamont Creek Park on Saturday and at the half neither team was able to find the net for a scoreless first half. The Katz's defense kept the Castro Valley attack at bay. Player Sharan Singh, normally a forward, was moved to defense and her quickness with help from Nicole Lutz and Karlee Hall would not allow Castro Valley to mount any sort of attack. The Katz's offense would finally tally a score midway through the second half when midfielder Kamryn Lipman ripped a shot from long range that hit the crossbar and rebounded to find the foot of Kylie Long who placed the ball into the net. The Katz would hold on to the 1-0 lead and goalkeeper Taylor Boren would record 8 saves. The Katz would even their record in Norcal NPL play at 2-2.

On Sunday, the Katz were at Robertson Park for an evening affair with another team from De Anza Force to resume the group stage of State Cup play. The Katz would score twice in the opening half with goals from Kylie Long and Karlee Hall. Strong offensive play from Erika Steele would help the Katz keep the attack on De Anza relentless. The Katz would add a third goal in the second half on a long assist from goalkeeper Haley Crook to Kylie Long. The Katz would remain undefeated and at the top of the table in State Cup group play. The Katz will round out State Cup group play against the Burlingame Tornados on November 10.

**West Coast Wizards:** A Norcal Premier League match up between the West Coast Wizards and Alliance Diablos from Hayward ended in a hard fought draw. Early in the game, West Coast had two shots on goal from Isiah Apostle. Apostle then hit a ball that was tapped in by Eli Johnson. The goal was called back for offside. Three minutes later, Johnson sprung from the outside to hit a bending shot for a goal. Late in the half Alliance scored on a penalty kick to equalize. Alliance scored two more on an individual effort. A pass from Keenan Kheierolmoon to Ryan O'Neal set up a goal for the Wizards to

tie the score. With 5 minutes remaining, O'Neal scored his second of the match assisted by Elliott Peterson. The Wizards weren't done. Jimbo Foley and Emiliano Olmos each had strikes that were denied by the defense. The Wizards' defense was anchored by Brandon Hill, Connor Bechaump, and goalkeeper Antonio Crivello.

### Alumni Football Game

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

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

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

### Race to the Flagpole

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

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

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

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

### Girls Softball

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



Fusion U11 player Austin de Vries flies high trying to get his head on a beautifully executed corner kick from Ethan Voelker.



California State University East Bay recently invited the Livermore Fusion Soccer Club to their match against the University of San Diego. Over 50 youth soccer players accepted the invitation. They sat on the sidelines during warm ups, greeted the players with a "high five" and shot on goal during half time. The post-game meet and greet with autographs really was the icing on the cake. Several former Livermore Fusion Soccer players now represent CSUEB and UCSD. They include Suzanne Bateson of CSUEB and Kylie Hill, Marissa Scheid, and Kylee Southwell of UC San Diego. Livermore Fusion SC is in full support of making the college connection for their players at the earliest age possible. It's great to see the community outreach.

### Lacrosse - Signup

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

### Little League Signup

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

### Football Benefit

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

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

nization.

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

### High School Football

Tri-Valley TV will be at Amador Valley High School Friday, October 18 to cover the Livermore at Amador Valley High School football game. The game will not air live, but is scheduled to begin broadcast the next day on Saturday, October 19 at 7 p.m. Tune in to watch the game on TV30 on Comcast Cable, AT & T verse via Channel 99 and streaming live on the Tri-Valley TV website at [www.trivalleytv.org](http://www.trivalleytv.org).

Play by play and color announcing will include TV30 sports personalities Ian Bartholomew, George Dr. "B" Baljevich, Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti, and on-field reporting by TV30's Anna Kagarakis. Interviews during the game will include coaches, players, principals, students and more.

For complete air dates and times or to watch on your mobile device, visit the Tri-Valley TV website at [www.trivalleytv.org](http://www.trivalleytv.org). In addition, the games may be viewed via Video on Demand on the website the following week. DVDs of the game may also be purchased by going to the website

## Livestock Award to Be Presented at the Grand National

The Historic Cow Palace Arena in San Francisco is host to the 2013 Grand National Rodeo, Horse Show and Livestock Show on October 18-26th. This event has a rich history that dates back to 1941 and has drawn cowboys, horsemen, cattlemen and attendees alike from all over the western states. The spirit of the old west is brought to life during this two week event.

Cattlemen's Day will be

October 19. This special day honors the brightest and best cattlemen. Darryl Sweet of Livermore, California has been named Livestock person of the year. He will be presented with the award.

The Grand National Rodeo will be produced for the 45th year by Cotton Rosser with his Flying U Rodeo Company, and top stock. This is a PRCA sanctioned event with 600 of the top professional cowboys and

cowgirls scheduled to compete in the 7 standard events on Oct 18, 19, 25 and 26

The Grand National Horse Show will showcase a variety of beautiful Quarter Horses, Welsh Ponies and Arabian Horses displaying their abilities while wearing native costumes. The Riata Ranch Cowboy Girls will be performing their trick riding and roping skills.

The Grand National Livestock Show brings ju-

nior and senior exhibitors together for a show of the best stock in the west. They compete for top prize money and the coveted prize of the Grand National Champion Buckle.

Festivities begin on Friday October 18 and continue until Saturday October 26. The Rodeo begins at 7:30 PM. For additional information log on to [www.grandnationalrodeo.com](http://www.grandnationalrodeo.com).

## Know the Score and Win Tickets to Ghost Walk



TV30 is offering viewers a chance to win a Family Four Pack of tickets to Museum on Main's Ghost Walk 2013. It's an opportunity

to take a two hour tour of spooky places and meet the ghosts of Pleasanton's past. The fun-guided tour is led by ghost hosts.

Enter the drawing for free tickets by going to [www.tv30.org](http://www.tv30.org) and click on Watch & Win banner at the top of the page. Give TV30 the final score of the Las Lomas at Dublin High School football game that took place on Friday, October 11, 2013. The deadline to enter is before midnight on Thursday, October 17. The winner will be announced during the next TV30 football game broadcast, Livermore at Amador Valley High School on Saturday, October 19.

## City to Launch 'Discover Dublin During the Holidays'

The City of Dublin, in partnership with the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, has kicked off its third annual "Discover Dublin for the Holidays" shop local campaign. This free program is designed to teach the citizens of Dublin that every taxable dollar spent in Dublin benefits the community through services such as public safety, enhanced programs for seniors and children, and street and park maintenance.

It also benefits the local business community by helping to drive consumer spending to their doorsteps.

The shop local campaign is driven through social media. A "Discover Dublin for the Holidays" Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/discoverdublin](http://www.facebook.com/discoverdublin), was created in 2011, where local businesses could post information about their shops or promotions going on through

the holidays. The number of "likes" has grown to 640, and several businesses reported an increase in sales following a posting.

The shop local campaign will also promote Small Business Saturday, a shopping event held the Saturday after Thanksgiving, during the busiest shopping period of the year. Originally conceived by American Express in 2010 as a counterpart

to Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Small Business Saturday encourages holiday shoppers to patronize independently-owned businesses that are small and local.

For more information about "Discover Dublin for the Holidays," contact Nancy Feeley, President and CEO of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, at (925) 828-6200, or Shari Jackman with the City of Dublin at (925) 833-6650.

# SHORT NOTES

## Night Hike and More

A Fall Night Hike will be offered by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sat., Oct. 19. Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 6:30 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

Make your way through the park, which will glow from the brilliant light of the moon - only one day after the full moon. Come out to Sycamore Grove for this Saturday evening adventure into the park to watch the normal residents of the park go to bed as the night time creatures wake up. This hike will include walking approximately 2.5 miles on both paved and unpaved trails.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified. Partici-

pants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

In addition to the regular monthly nature programs, LARPD open space staff are offering the following programs this fall/winter:

Brushy Peak Adventure offers the chance to explore an area open only by guided tour. Join this moderately strenuous trek to the top from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. \$30. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent.

Little Nature Nuts is a new offering for families with little ones ages 3 to 5. Children can get hands-on exploring the natural world. Activities are geared toward younger children, but siblings may be enrolled. Try Creepy Critters from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, and Turkey Time from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 18. \$8.

## Adopt a Creek

As part of the Adopt a Creek Spot, the Tri-Valley Conservancy will be coordinating a volunteer stream clean-up day on Saturday, November 2nd from 9AM - 12 Noon along the Arroyo Mocho at Robertson Park.

Clean-up activities will include habitat improvements, invasive weed removal, watering of native trees, educational demonstrations, as well as trash and debris removal.

Parking is adjacent to the Robertson Park softball fields at the corner of S. Livermore Avenue and Concannon Blvd. Please bring work gloves and appropriate clothing for working outdoors and in variable terrain. Refreshments will be provided.

## Wellness Programs

Wellness coach Kim Rice will offer two free informational

seminars on diet and the brain, at the Pleasanton Public Library in October.

Diet and the Brain will be presented at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 17 and The Gluten Free Diet at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 24.

Rice is a wellness coach and Certified Gluten Practitioner in Pleasanton. She has been following a gluten and dairy-free life-style since 2007.

Rice helps her clients remove gluten, dairy and other high allergen foods from their diet to reduce inflammation, help lose weight and optimize health. She also coaches parents of children with special needs on dietary changes to optimize brain function and behavior.

All library programs are free and open to the public. No registration is required.

For more information, please call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

## Eagle Peak Hike

Save Mount Diablo is hosting the following hike:

Summit Eagle Peak hike: 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sat., Oct. 19. After a short 1/2 mile warm-up, the route will lead up a single track trail traversing the steep chaparral covered hillside. On clear days the view can stretch from the Farallon Islands to the Sierra Nevada Mountains. This trek is challenging, is recommended for experienced hikers with a gain of 1,800 ft. in elevation in just 2 miles.

The 6+ mile outing should be done by noon, but bring a snack to give you an energy boost, plenty of water, sun protection, boots and a hat. RSVP to George or call 925-947-3535.

## Wine and Chocolate

Women's Council of Realtors will host a "Wine, Choco-

late, and Friends" wine tasting and after party in Livermore.

The event will be offered from 2 to 7 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 17 with stops at Garre, Boa Ventura, Crooked Vine, Nottingham Cellars, Altamont Beer Works and Mitchell Katz Winery. The tour for wine and chocolate tasting will be from 2 to 4:45 p.m. The after party with appetizers, raffles and live music by Don Cruz and Wine Tasters will be from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Martinelli Event Center.

Wine tasting and after party tickets are \$55 for one or \$100 for two; after party only \$40 for one or \$70 for two. Tickets purchased at the door are an additional \$10.

The Martinelli Center is located at 3585 Greenville Road, Livermore. For information go to WCRSAC.org.

# LEGAL NOTICES/CLASSIFIEDS

www.independentnews.com

## LEGAL NOTICES

### FOR INFORMATION PLACING LEGAL NOTICES

Call 925-243-8000

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 482066

The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Hydroponics, 22 Rickenbacker Cir, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Daniel Ambruster, 148 Barber St, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/ Daniel Ambruster, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 27, 2013. Expires August 27, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3535. Published October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2013.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 483281

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

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

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 483126-8

The following person(s) doing business as: (1) Dandelion Lane Rescue (2) Dandelion Lane Rescue dba East Bay Rabbit Rescue (3) East Bay Rabbit Rescue, 1945 Fifth St, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Dandelion Lane Rescue, 1945 Fifth St, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7/22/13. Signature of Registrants :s/ Joan Wegner, Executive Director This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 25, 2013. Expires September 25, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3537. Published October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2013.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 482989

The following person(s) doing business as: 54NOIRE, 2048 Pinon Ct, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sonia L. Bradley, 2048 Pinon Ct, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 9/1/13. Signature of Registrants :s/ Sonia L. Bradley This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 23, 2013. Expires September 23, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3538. Published October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2013.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 482952-3

The following person(s) doing business as: (1) Pacon Company (2) Pacon, 4777 Bennett Drive Unit H, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pacon Mfg, Inc., 4777 Bennett Drive Unit H, Livermore,

CA 94551

This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/ Steven McClure, President This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 23, 2013. Expires September 23, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3539. Published October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2013.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 482828

The following person(s) doing business as: CYCLEMORE, 2455 Railroad Ave Unit B, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Christopher W. Huber, 1186 Central Ave, Livermore, CA 94551

This business is conducted by an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/ Chris Huber This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 17, 2013. Expires September 17, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3540. Published October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2013.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 482697

The following person(s) doing business as: TAE KWON DO LIVERMORE, 971 E. Stanley Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John Spraggins, 7024 Corte Del Oro, Pleasanton, CA 94566

This business is conducted by an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/ John Spraggins This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 12, 2013. Expires September 12, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3541. Published October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2013.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 483620

The following person(s) doing business as: Xpert Auto Care, 2654 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Annie Chiem, 486 Windflower

Way, Oakley, CA 94561

This business is conducted by an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/ John Spraggins This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 12, 2013. Expires September 12, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3541. Published October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2013.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 483620

The following person(s) doing business as: Xpert Auto Care, 2654 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Annie Chiem, 486 Windflower

Way, Oakley, CA 94561

This business is conducted by an individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/ Annie Chiem This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 9, 2013. Expires October 9, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3542. Published October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2013.

### NOTICE OF INVITING BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed competitive bids will be accepted at Alameda County Nutrition Services Office, 3600 Telegraph Ave, Suite B, Oakland, CA 94609

### NETWORKING BIDDERS CONFERENCES FOR RFP

#NS 102013 Nutrition Education Obesity Prevention (NEOP) Programming S. County - Tuesday, October 22, 2013, 10:00 AM at Health Care Services Agency, 1000 San Leandro Blvd, Suite 200, Conf. Room 200B, San Leandro, CA N. County - Wednesday, October 23, 2013, 10:00 AM at Public Health Dept., 1000 Broadway, 5th Floor, Conf. Room 5000B, Oakland, CA Response Due by 5:00 pm on November 12, 2013 County Contact: Diane Woloshin at (510) 595-6458, Diane.Woloshin@acgov.org

Attendance at bidders conferences is non-mandatory. Specifications regarding the above may be obtained at the Alameda County GSA Current Contracting Opportunities Internet website at www.acgov.org. 10/17/13 CNS-2546423# THE INDEPENDENT Legal No. 3543

### ANIMALS

#### 2) CATS/ DOGS

ADOPT A DOG OR CAT, for adoption information contact Valley Humane Society at (925)426-8656.

#### ADOPT A NEW BEST FRIEND:

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

## FERAL CAT FOUNDATION

Cat & kitten adoptions now at the new Livermore Petco on Saturdays from 10:00AM to 2:30PM. We have many adorable, tame kittens that have been tested for FIV & FELV, altered & vaccinated. We also have adult cats & ranch cats for adoption.

## EMPLOYMENT

### 65) HELP WANTED

#### TOYOTA OF LIVERMORE,

the newest member of The Sullivan Auto Group, is now accepting applications for all positions in our Parts Department. This brand new, state-of-the-art facility, is scheduled to open September 1st.

All final candidates must possess a valid CDL and meet our insurability criteria. You must also pass drug/ background screenings.

To apply, please go to [www.toyotaatlivermore.com](http://www.toyotaatlivermore.com) to submit your application. Toyota of Livermore and The Sullivan Auto Group are EEOC employers.

### 56) ADULT CARE

#### Independent Contractors Wanted

Senior Home Health Care Must have experience Senior Solutions, Inc (925)443-3101

### BE WARY of out of area companies.

Check with the local Better Business Bureau before you send money or fees. Read and understand any contracts before you sign. Shop around for rates.

### TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD

Call (925)243-8000

### MERCHANDISE

#### 127) LOST/ FOUND

#### FOUND CAT

Black & White Tuxedo 4 White feet Livermore High Please call (925)381-6717

### NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 155) NOTICES

#### "NOTICE TO READERS:

California law requires that contractors taking jobs that total \$500 or more (labor and/or materials) be licensed by the Contractors State License Board. State law also requires that contractors include their license numbers on all advertising. Check your contractor's status at www.cslb.ca.gov or (800)321-CSLB (2752). Unlicensed persons taking jobs less than \$500 must state in their

advertisements that they are not licensed by the Contractors State License Board."

## REAL ESTATE

### Inland Valley Publishing Co.

Client Code:04126-00001

Re: Legal Notice for Classified Ads

The Federal Fair Housing Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and state law prohibit advertisements for housing and employment that contain any preference, limitation or discrimination based on protected classes, including race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin. IVPCC does not knowingly accept any advertisements that are in violation of the law.

**HORSE / RANCH PROPERTY**



**10366 S. Flynn Road, Livermore**  
112.82 +/- Acres! Quiet location! Horse Property with many other possible uses! Close to downtown & shopping! Approx. 2 miles NE from intersection of Greenville Road and Patterson Pass Road, nestled in a sleepy canyon. Charming "1890" residence features many modern updates, including solar system for low PG&E. Fantastic wrap-around porch & views! Multiple barns, outbuildings & a huge 4 car garage/shop. Horse arena too!

**OPEN SUN. 1-4 PM Offered at \$1,499,000**

For more details, visit [www.sFlynnRd.com](http://www.sFlynnRd.com)



**Brad Slabough**  
REALTOR®, CRS,  
(925) 997-4905  
homes@bradslabough.com  
[www.tri-valleyrealestate.com](http://www.tri-valleyrealestate.com)  
BRE#01347388

**RE/MAX® Accord**

**Professionals Choice**  
**Real Estate Directory**

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

**Fracisco Realty & Investments**  
Residential • Commercial • Property Mgmt  
(925) 998-8131  
[www.MikeFracisco.com](http://www.MikeFracisco.com) Mike Fracisco  
DRE #01378428

**Gene Williams**  
Mortgage Consultant, REALTOR®  
(510) 390-0325

**Cindy Williams**  
CRS, GRI - REALTOR®  
(925) 243-0900  
[www.williamsteam.net](http://www.williamsteam.net)  
Over Three Decades of Experience!!!

**Sandee Utterback**  
(888) 823-8315  
DRE#0085150  
[WWW.SANDEEU.COM](http://WWW.SANDEEU.COM)  
Prudential  
Specializing in Livermore's Finest Homes™

**Gail Henderson**  
BROKER ASSOCIATE, MPA  
COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL  
(925) 980-5648  
[www.gailhenderson.com](http://www.gailhenderson.com)  
CA DRE#01709171

**Real Estate... A People Business**  
Experience, Honesty, Integrity

**Steve & Lorraine Mattos**  
(925) 426-7978  
[www.rockcliff.com](http://www.rockcliff.com)  
smattos@rockcliff.com  
DRE #00315981

**Barbara Duterte**  
DRE#00958930 / NMLS#260672  
(925) 963-9572  
[barbara@loansbybarbara.com](mailto:barbara@loansbybarbara.com)  
[www.loansbybarbara.com](http://www.loansbybarbara.com)

**Michelle Johnston**  
DRE#01801753 / NMLS#261098  
(925) 784-1169  
[MJohnston@mortgagemarket.net](mailto:MJohnston@mortgagemarket.net)  
[www.lenderlifemichelle.com](http://www.lenderlifemichelle.com)

Mortgage Market, Inc. DUBLIN, CA DRE#0887562 / NMLS#287856

**SENIORS REAL ESTATE SPECIALIST**  
ESTATE SALES - GARAGE SALES  
DISCOUNTS FOR SENIORS  
Celebrating 25 years in business

**Madeline Walker**  
800-319-8991  
[homes@madelinewalker.com](mailto:homes@madelinewalker.com)

**INTERO**  
REAL ESTATE SERVICES  
REALTOR®, CDPE  
DRE # 97099

**Rebecca L. Evans**  
REALTOR®, LIC #01489025  
REBECCAEVANS.COM  
REBECC.L@COMCAST.NET  
LIVERMORE VALLEY REAL ESTATE SPECIALIST  
925.784.2870  
1790 FIRST STREET, LIVERMORE

**Kristy and Company**  
Estate, Ranch and Land Ladies  
[www.EstatesandRanches.com](http://www.EstatesandRanches.com)  
925.251.2536

**Cindy Greci**  
REALTOR®, GRI  
(925) 784-1243  
BRE#01323804

**Dominic Greci**  
REALTOR®, GRI  
(925) 525-0864  
BRE#01707140

Gravelle Group Fine Homes & Estates  
[www.GreciGroup.com](http://www.GreciGroup.com)

**Ryan Anderson**  
(925) 371-RYAN (7926)  
[www.371RYAN.com](http://www.371RYAN.com)  
ryan@371ryan.com  
BRE#01254257

**Kathleen & Larry Waelde**  
Associate Brokers  
Direct (925) 321-3169  
Mobile (925) 216-5869  
[www.kathleenwaelde.com](http://www.kathleenwaelde.com)

Free Moving Van!

**Tammy Yau & Steven Wang, CPA**  
Real Estate & Property  
Management Services  
(925) 583-3086 / (408) 309-8920  
[CaGoldenProperties.com](http://CaGoldenProperties.com)  
BRE#01260501 / BRE#01368485

# BUSINESS DIRECTORY

**HEALTH**



Visit Us At  
[www.valleycare.com](http://www.valleycare.com)

**PLUMBING**

**Icemaker FILTERS**  
AQUA-PURE  
**15% OFF**  
**DUBLIN PLUMBING**  
6883 Village Parkway,  
Dublin, 828-2010

**EYE CARE**



Specializing in  
complete eye care  
Pleasanton  
(925) 460-5000  
Livermore  
(925) 449-4000

**ALL STAR PLUMBING**

- WATER HEATERS
- NEW WORK • REMODEL
- SERVICE • REPAIR

CA License #672944

**1-800-261-7177**

TO PLACE AN AD IN THE BUSINESS DIRECTORY, CALL 243-8000

The following person(s) doing business as: (1) Pacon Company (2) Pacon, 4777 Bennett Drive Unit H, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pacon Mfg, Inc., 4777 Bennett Drive Unit H, Livermore,

To Place Your Ad, Call Your Account Representative At (925) 243-8001

# Sandia Academy Prepares Students for Manufacturing Jobs of the Future

In an effort to arm high school students with the skills they will need to compete for and land important high-tech jobs – especially those in the shifting manufacturing field – Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore piloted its first-ever Design-to-Manufacturing

Academy (DMA) event recently.

The event consisted of three half-days and involved several members of Sandia's technical staff and 15 high school students from Livermore, Dublin and Oakland.

"We wanted to introduce these students to career op-

portunities they might not have been aware of before," said Stephanie Beasley, community relations officer at Sandia/California. "Engineering is a vast technical discipline with various levels and career paths. Whether kids decide on trade school, an apprenticeship, a bachelor's or master's degree, or a Ph.D., there are good jobs to be found in engineering and manufacturing, and we tried with this pilot academy to show them these possibilities."

At the DMA academy, students learned, through step-by-step modules, what it takes to manufacture a small part for a robot. Using computer tools and software, participants began with the design and modeling phase, followed by a finite element analysis to determine the strength of the part they would be creating.

"The students' own interests and imagination should always serve as the guiding force behind their personal educational and vocation choices," said Ed Woodworth, an instructor with the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program at Livermore High School. "The value in this Academy is that the students clearly saw and understood the broad range of possible careers that will blossom if they remain devoted to continuing their education."

Students watched as a preliminary prototype of the part was printed on a 3-D printer. They then visited Sandia's machine shop where the part was cut out of metal and inspected for quality. Finally, students tested the durability of the product with a tension test to failure. By the end of the academy, students participated in a complete design-to-manufacture process, resulting in a pair of wheels for a mobot (mobile robot).

"If just one of these students had an epiphany, an

'A-ha!' moment that leads them to pursue manufacturing or engineering as a potential career path, then our event was a success," said Larry Carrillo, engineering services manager at Sandia/California and the originator of the event.

Beasley said the DMA academy directly ties in well with Sandia/California's broader community outreach focus.

"Education is one of our main outreach areas, and we want to continue to build upon the great success of our Family Science Night initiative," she said. Sandia aims to have a specific impact on STEM disciplines, and programs like Family Science Night and the Design to Manufacturing Academy can help inspire local high school students to pursue those fields, Beasley said.

According to a special report issued recently by the East Bay Economic Development Alliance (EDA), the Information, Communications and Technology, Energy and Biomedical Advanced Manufacturing

subsectors are all highly concentrated in the East Bay, with Biomedical expected to grow 1.3 percent annually over the next five years.

The recent DMA activity represented the latest way in

which the Livermore Valley Open Campus (LVOC) enables Sandia to engage with educational partners on collaborative projects and curricula.

# Livermore Teen Saves Child

On September 25, the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program (TVROP) Governing Board honored one of its own. Jake Salinas, a Granada High School senior who is currently enrolled in the Medical Occupations ROP course, accepted a commendation for his efforts in performing CPR to save a young girl's life.

While at work, Jake was about to go on break when a co-worker came running to say a child was having a seizure. Jake immediately ran to the child. He recognized the child was agonal breathing, an abnormal pattern of breathing characterized by gasping or labored breathing. At that point Jake and another co-worker, both trained in CPR, began chest compressions and rescue breathing until the paramedics arrived.

The girl is doing well and has fully recovered from the incident.



Tri-Valley Haven's Annual Candlelight March to bring attention to Domestic Violence Awareness Month will take place on Friday, October 18 2013 at 7 pm in Downtown Pleasanton. The march will begin at Civic Park on the corner of Main Street and Bernal Avenue. All are welcome, including children and families. Help prevent domestic violence in the Tri-Valley. For more information, please contact Christine at Tri-Valley Haven at (925) 667-2707 or Christine@trivalleyhaven.org.



Discover the amazing secrets of a Mediterranean chef! Join us in a joyous celebration of Mediterranean fusion in downtown Livermore. We've paired culinary excellence with the best service in town to create the ultimate dining experience. Highlighted by fresh local ingredients and seasonal tastes, our menu boasts an exquisite selection of regional favorites from the Middle East, North Africa, and Southern Europe. Featuring exotic meat entrees, vegetarian/vegan favorites, celiac and special diet needs, and an 85% gluten-free menu.

**Casbah cafe**  
MEDITERRANEAN KITCHEN & BAR

1770 First Street, Livermore (925) 243-1477  
www.casbahexotic.com

**Quick Lane** TIRE & AUTO CENTER | It's scheduled maintenance made easy.

**THE WORKS**  
FUEL SAVER PACKAGE  
**\$19.95**

- Oil Change
- Tire Rotation
- Brake Inspection
- Vehicle Check-Up
- Fluid Top-Off
- Battery Test
- Filter Check
- Belts and Hoses Check

Up to five quarts of Motorcraft® Synthetic Blend oil and Motorcraft oil filter. Taxes, diesel vehicles and disposal fees extra. Hybrid battery test excluded. See Quick Lane Manager for vehicle exclusions and details. Expires: 10/31/13

• All makes and models • No appointment necessary • Evening and weekend hours  
• Service while you wait • Factory-trained technicians

Shepherd's Gate  
Outlet Sale

OVER 25 YEARS  
SHEPHERD'S GATE  
REBUILDING SHATTERED LIVES

Fridays & Saturdays from 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Shepherd's Gate NEW Outlet  
1635 Chestnut Street, Livermore, CA 94550  
Mention This Ad & Get 25% OFF Exp. 12/31/13

Shepherd's Gate has helped battered and homeless women and children since 1984.  
**(925) 606-1924 • www.shepgate.org**

**BUY 4 SELECT TIRES,**  
GET A **\$70.00**  
MAIL-IN REBATE

On these name brands: Goodyear, Dunlop, Continental, Hankook, Pirelli, Bridgestone and Yokohama  
Dealer-installed retail purchases only. Limit one redemption per customer. Offer valid between 10/01/13 and 12/31/13. Submit rebate by 1/31/14. Rebate check or apply to an active Chase Advantage Rewards® account. Cannot be combined with any other tire manufacturer-sponsored rebate offer.

**FRONT & REAR ALIGNMENT SPECIAL**

2-WHEEL **\$69.95**  
4-WHEEL **\$89.95**

All makes & models. Includes Toe setting check. Camber and caster extra. Call for details. WITH THIS COUPON Expires 10/31/13

**MAJOR MAINTENANCE SERVICE**

**\$100 off**

30, 60, or 90K Major Service

Call for details. Not valid with any other offer. WITH THIS COUPON. Expires 10/31/13

**Quick Lane at Livermore Ford Lincoln**  
2266 Kittyhawk Rd.  
Livermore, CA 94551  
**925-294-7700**

Life is better in the Quick Lane. [quicklane.com](http://quicklane.com)

Quick Lane® and Motorcraft® are registered trademarks of Ford Motor Company.

EXPLORE THE NEW  
**april.com**  
Where people, homes and a bit of imagination intersect

ALAIN PINEL  
REALTORS

<p><b>DOUG BUENZ</b>      Open Sun 1-4pm</p> <p>Pleasanton 2818 Tudor Ct      \$1,600,000 THIS IS IT! Fabulous 5 BD / 3.5 BA + office, Laguna Model situated on .29+/- acre flat lot, cul-de-sac, sunny gourmet kitchen, sparkling pool and more. BY APPOINTMENT 925.251.1111</p>	<p><b>DAN GAMACHE</b>      By Appointment</p> <p>Livermore 5800 Eagles Run Rd      \$1,499,950 Immaculate and rare property! 3,332+/-sf single story home, excellent condition, 1,800+/-sf basement, 1,800 +/- sf shop/garage/apt., endless views! BY APPOINTMENT 925.251.1111</p>	<p><b>MOXLEY TEAM</b>      By Appointment</p> <p>Pleasanton 2661 Rasmussen Ct      \$1,200,000 5 BD + Large Bonus Room. Bedroom and Full Bath on main level. Updated Kitchen w/ granite, gas cooking nook &amp; island. Pool, spa private backyard. BY APPOINTMENT 925.251.1111</p>	<p><b>MARK KOTCH</b>      By Appointment</p> <p>Pleasanton 5214 Zaro Ct      \$783,500 Great Pleasanton family home. 3 BD, 1 office, 2.5 BA, 1,929 +/- sq ft. Updated kitchen and baths, dual zone A/C, plantation shutters. Lot 3,386. BY APPOINTMENT 925.251.1111</p>
<p><b>ROBIN YOUNG</b>      By Appointment</p> <p>Livermore 6165 Augusta Way      \$629,900 Scenic Links home offering open floor plan, neutral decor, granite counter tops, bdrm &amp; bath on main level, private master w/ sitting area, vaulted ceiling. BY APPOINTMENT 925.251.1111</p>	<p><b>JOANN LUISI</b>      By Appointment</p> <p>Livermore 825 Dakota Ct      \$600,000 Investors welcome. Beautifully expanded 4 bedroom home with pool. Currently leased until April 2014 at \$2550 per mos. BY APPOINTMENT 925.251.1111</p>	<p><b>LINDA FUTRAL</b>      Open Sat &amp; Sun 1-4pm</p> <p>Livermore 356 Church St      \$549,950 Pottery Barn perfect, move in condition! New, new, new! Kitchen w/ all the latest trends including silstone counters, stainless, new bathrooms and more. BY APPOINTMENT 925.251.1111</p>	<p><b>BLAISE LOFLAND</b>      By Appointment</p> <p>Livermore 6191 Saint Andrews Way      \$479,000 Move in ready! This 4 BD, 2.5 BA, 1,677sq. ft. detached home is upgraded throughout &amp; sits on a 3,079 sq. ft. lot. Remodeled kitchen, new carpets, tile floors. BY APPOINTMENT 925.251.1111</p>

PLEASANTON/LIVERMORE VALLEY | 900 Main Street 925.251.1111

# THE INDEPENDENT • SECTION A



**Brian Copeland**

## Actor and Comedian to Present a Look at His Growing Up in a Life-Altering Environment

KTVU "Mornings on 2" host Brian Copeland will present his highly acclaimed one man show "Not a Genuine Black Man: My Life as an Outsider" on Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Las Positas College in the College's Mertes Center for the Arts, Building 4000.

"Not a Genuine Black Man" is the poignant and hilarious true story of a little-known chapter of Bay Area history. In 1971, San Leandro California was named one of the most racist suburbs in America. Congressional hearings were held about the situation. The next year, in that climate, the then eight-year-old Brian and his African-American family moved to San Leandro. In a monologue that's both funny and poignant, Brian explores how our surroundings make us who we are.

Praise for Brian Copeland's performances has been remarkably strong. Among many praising reviews, The New York Times said that he is "engaging.... [He] knows how to spin a dramatic yarn." "The Los Angeles Times

(continued on page 10)

## Local Rancher Named California's Livestock Man of the Year

The California Chamber of Commerce has selected 5<sup>th</sup> generation Livermore cattle rancher, Darrel Sweet as California's Livestock Man of the Year. This annual award began in 1950 to "recognize active livestock producers for their contributions to quality livestock operations plus outstanding service and leadership in California's livestock industry and the business community at the local, state and federal levels."

The Chamber of Commerce and the Grand National Livestock Show and Rodeo will recognize Darrel at the evening performance on Saturday, October 19, 2013 during Cattlemen's Day. The Grand National will be held at the Cow Palace October 18 – 19 and 25 – 26 in San Francisco.

Darrel lives and ranches east of Livermore on a ranch founded by his great, great grandparents in 1868. The Sweet family has owned and operated the ranch continually since that time. Darrel was born in Livermore in 1947. His wife Karen is also active in the beef industry and served a past president of California CattleWomen. Their son, Eric and his wife, Michelle and children, Blake and Audrey also live on the ranch - the seventh generation to do so. Darrel's and Karen's daughter, Melani and her family, Brian and son Riley live in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

In 1947 Livermore was a small farming and ranch-

(continued on page 12)

**Darrel Sweet**



**Greg Kihn ready to rock the Firehouse.**

## Rock Star and Radio Celebrity Greg Kihn and Band in Concert

Greg Kihn and his band line-up return to the Firehouse Arts Center after selling out at the venue last spring. Two big shows are slated for the Firehouse Arts Center Theater, Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2, both at 8:00 p.m.

Kihn's Wikipedia blurb describes him "American Rock Musician, Radio Personality, and Novelist," but as his website says, "who exactly is Greg Kihn?" In his words, he "was a baby boomer who learned a few chords on the guitar as a kid and started writing songs . . . It was a cool way to appear intelligent and impress girls." While attending high school, his mother secretly sent a tape of one of his original songs to the talent contest of the big local Top 40 radio station in Baltimore, and his song won the contest. The prizes were three things that would change his life: a typewriter, a stack of records, and a Vox electric guitar.

A year later he came to California and kept trying music while working at the iconic Berkeley shop Rather Ripped Records alongside future band mate and Earth-

(continued on page 10)

## Creatures of Impulse Presents: Nightmare - Live Improvised Horror Show by Award-Winning Bay Area Teen Improv Troupe

Creatures of Impulse, the Bay Area's award-winning 29-member teen improv troupe, opens its season at the Firehouse Arts Center with *Nightmare*: A live improvised horror show. Three unique evening shows will take place Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 24, 25, and 26. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

*Nightmare* kicks-off the 7th home-town season for the busy troupe, which opened its fall schedule September 20-21 in San Francisco at The Un-Scripted Theater Company venue on Union Square with a special invitational performance of *Acapocalypse*, their newest long-form improv format. According to COI director Mark Duncanson, the show played to a near sold-out house closing night in SF, which was really encouraging for the actors.

One of the actors, 15 year old returning cast member Savannah Gray of Amador Valley High School, had the following to say about *Nightmare*, "I love *Nightmare*, because in it, literally anything can happen. Although the concept is a 'horror show,' *Nightmare* has such a wide spectrum of emotion, from the audience smiling, to laughing, to crying, to screaming, and then to laughing again...To be able to see something you've completely made up in your head make that big of an impact never gets old. Not to mention, *Nightmare* is quite terrifying – and we still manage to do it without any blood or pop-out scares. The extent of things that improv can do is remarkable, and I'm so excited to do *Nightmare* with the talented cast of *Creatures of Impulse*."

The teen improvisers in COI rehearse storytelling techniques and how to create characters that the audience



Pictured are (left to right) Sabrina Finke, Lucy Brillhart, Raz Mostaghimi, Briana Marquez, and Maddy Baker. (Photo - Danielle Harvey)

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 3-4 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 show marks the fourth season of 'Nightmare' at the Firehouse Arts Center, and the sixth season that *Creatures of Impulse* has performed improvised horror as part of the City of Pleasanton's teen recreation programming. "I remember seeing COI's first *Nightmare* performance (then called *Episodes of Terror*) when I was about 8 years old," recalls brand new cast member Bryn-Renee Doyle, a 14 year-old from Foothill High School. "My suggestion was used in the show, which focused on the vampires that were only ever referred to as 'them.' Ever since that

first show I have made it to every COI show I can and have been inspired to pursue acting, while always staying on my toes. I hope that when I first step on stage for my own *Nightmare* performance that I will be able to intrigue the audience as well as inspire someone like my younger self to enter the world of improv."

COI is a performance group for teens in grades 9-12, with current troupe members from Amador Valley, Foothill, Granada, and California high schools. Members participate in improv workshops, mentor beginning theater and improv students, and facilitate improv learning experiences for younger students in Pleasanton Unified School District classes. In March of this year, the troupe received its most recent, and perhaps most impressive accolade when they were honored with the coveted state-wide 2012 California Park and Recreation Society's (CPRS)

Creating Community Award for Excellence in Youth Development.

COI founder and director Mark Duncanson is himself a recent award-winner, a recipient of the 2012 Martin Luther King Legacy Award. Regarding his passion for *Creatures of Impulse*, Duncanson is a huge advocate of the supportive improv culture, and is a seasoned graduate of the Bay Area Theater Sports improv program, and continuing professional performer himself. He developed his love for long-form, story-based improv in 1994 when he was cast in "Liquid Soap," an improvised episodic soap-opera based out of San Francisco.

"I can't wait to share another season of *Nightmare* with the Firehouse audience," says Duncanson. "I use the word 'share' rather than 'present' because the audience is as involved with creating the story and characters as the improvisers are. The element I look for-



Zombie Hand with Rose (Photo - Aaron Zwiefel Photography)

ward to most is the moment when the audience is fully invested in characters and they can feel the same fear a character is feeling on stage. We don't use props, special effects, costumes, sets, or sound effects, and yet the commitment to acting and space object work (miming objects) was actually enough to make five audience members leave their seats last season because they had to compose themselves. That's when you know this is not your average teen improv group."

Former cast member Marie McCoy-Thompson (2008-2012), now a sophomore at University of Southern California, sums up the impact COI has had for her: "Performing with COI was my favorite form of catharsis in high school, because

improv gives performers plenty of freedom to be creative and expressive. COI in particular devotes special attention to character building and storytelling, which allows improvisers to explore complex narratives. The skills I learned onstage with COI have seeped into every other aspect of my life. Improv taught me how to think clearly under pressure, how to take risks, and most importantly, how to be an excellent listener."

General admission tickets are \$5 students, \$10 adults. Early bird discount (purchase by October 19): \$2 students, \$5 adults. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

# Batiste and Band to Perform Contemporary Jazz at the Bankhead

Jonathan Batiste and the Stay Human Band will perform their modern take on contemporary jazz at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on Thursday, Oct. 24.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m.

With his unique voice, virtuosic piano chops and dapper sense of style, Jonathan Batiste is considered to be an iconic artist for his generation, transcending musical genres and igniting the NYC music scene. Raised among the sounds and rhythms of New Orleans, Batiste comes from a renowned lineage of performers. He is the founder and leader of The Stay Human Band, a modern jazz ensemble noted for its world-class music, their high energy and the uplifting spirit they take to every venue, from concert halls to subways, as they share the irresistible joy of jazz.

The Boston Globe calls Batiste, "One of jazz's most dauntingly talented young pianists."

The New York Times wrote, "Mr. Batiste was stunning: he played a solo in the piano's upper region that was spare, forceful, witty, funky, imaginative, and coherent."

Batiste studied jazz and classical piano at The Juilliard School and, at the age of 26, has already performed in over 40 countries at prestigious venues from Carnegie Hall to Amsterdam's Concertgebouw.

With a modern take on American music and clever use of his "harmonabord," a reed and keyboard hybrid instrument, Batiste has



Jonathan Batiste brings his modern take on jazz to the Bankhead.

collaborated with musicians across the spectrum including Prince, Wynton Marsalis, Jimmy Buffett, Harry Connick Jr., Cassandra Wilson, and Mark O'Connor. In addition to several solo albums, the first album with his modern jazz ensemble, the Stay Human Band, will be released in 2013. Batiste has also been featured on television and film including the HBO series *Treme* and Spike Lee's *Red Hook Summer*.

He was recently named Artistic Director-at-Large for the National Jazz Museum in Harlem and is a traveling ambassador for "Music Unites," a non-profit offering music education to kids with an ear and passion for music, but not necessarily the resources.

Above all, Batiste

believes in the transformative power of music. As he says, "jazz happens in the moment."

His Stay Human Band includes musicians he met while at Juilliard and who share his desire to maintain a connection to their roots, while creating a contemporary jazz sound. The band is known for their impromptu performances, taking their irresistible music into crowded subway cars, through the streets on spontaneous parades, and into buildings and businesses of all kinds. Batiste aims to make music less esoteric, focusing instead on the natural connection people find with jazz when they're immersed in the experience of hearing it live.

Since 2007, LVPAC Presents has offered a

range of world-class performing arts events at the Bankhead Theater, including numerous jazz artists from traditional to contemporary in style. The current 2013-2014 season will feature the lively swing of The Jive Aces in November, the vocals of French chanteuse Cyrille Aimee in February, the sleek reflective style of pianist Fred Hersch and Freddy Cole's take on familiar jazz standards in March, followed by the classic pre-WWII jazz of the Jim Cullum Jazz Band in April.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets may be purchased at the box office, online at [www.bankhead-theater.org](http://www.bankhead-theater.org) or by calling 373-6800.

## BANKHEAD THEATER SEASON 13/14



Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre  
**MONTY PYTHON'S *Spamalot***  
oct 19,25,26 at 8pm  
oct 20,27 at 2pm  
nov 1,2 at 8pm 3 at 2pm

Future Legend of Modern Jazz  
**Jonathan Batiste AND  
THE *Stay Human Band***  
thursday oct 24 at 7:30pm



Rae Dorough Speaker Series  
**Tony LaRusso**  
wednesday nov 6 at 7:30pm

The Hottest Band in Bluegrass  
**The Grascals**  
thursday nov 7 at 7:30pm

Rock, Blues & Memphis Soul  
**Tommy Castro  
AND THE *Painkillers***  
friday nov 8 at 8pm



Del Valle Fine Arts  
**Diviso Ensemble**  
saturday nov 9 at 8pm

A Flower is a Lovesome Thing  
**Turtle Island  
Quartet  
AND *Nellie McKay***  
sunday nov 10 at 2pm  
Sponsored by Bill Lokke

High-Energy Latin Big Band  
**Pacific Mambo  
Orchestra**  
wednesday nov 13 at 7:30pm

BUY TICKETS  
call 925.373.6800  
click [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org)  
come by 2400 First Street / Livermore

**BANKHEAD  
THEATER**

# Enoteca Five Winery: Italian Name, Bordeaux Varietals

By Harry Stoll

Enoteca Five is a new Livermore Valley winery. The Italian word Enoteca indicates a wine library or specialty shop. Enoteca Five winemaker/owner Michael Chalkley's maternal grandmother is from the south of Italy, so it's in his heritage. His last name is very English, but he could pass for Italian. "Five" is for the primary five Bordeaux varietals—beginning with Michael's emphasis on Cabernet Franc—then Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot, and Petit Verdot.

Clad in the native costume of jeans and tee, nicely built, slim, compact, Michael deftly pours a glass of his 2011 Russian River Valley Cabernet Franc; then his dark intense eyes look at the taster through stylish spectacles. The taster's eyes close for the sniff, swirl, and taste, then nods in approval, which says it all. Michael explains it's his first opportunity to create a Cabernet Franc in the Chinon/Loire style, which is light and aromatic with flavors of strawberry, raspberry, and cola. A bit of Petit Verdot was added (3%, how do they measure that precisely, do they guess?). As with all Michael's wines it's bottle unfiltered and un-fined, which adds substance. "Good stuff," says the taster.

Michael and his wife Diane Lowery pour for several tasters at this release party for three Enoteca Five Cabernet Francs and a barrel tasting of a 2012 Petit Verdot.

The tasting is held in the 3 Steves Winery tasting room—which graciously lent Enoteca Five its space—within Swirl on the Square, at Blacksmith Square, which serves tapas and all matter of delectable light meals, and is part of the casually sophisticated downtown scene.

Next, Diane and Michael pour the 2010 Cabernet

from Lodi's highly regarded Silvaspoons Vineyards. Michael says it marks the winery's commercial debut. The deep garnet color foreshadows the intense flavors. A taster claims to whiff lavender, wildflower, and vanilla. Michael agrees and says that's not typical of the varietal. It's intense and seductive. Wine Enthusiast magazine is to award it 87 points in its December edition. It won a gold medal at the 2013 Best of the Bay Wine Competition.

Michael is a graduate of St. Mary's College in Moraga. He was in the music business, but decided it took too much time away from home. He started as an amateur winemaker and served as a winemaking intern and a cellarmaster/assistant winemaker at other wineries, including R&B Cellars. Enoteca Five started with the support of R&B owners, jazz musicians Barbara and Kevin Brown. It was there he made the 2010 Cabernet Franc. He now makes wine at Tenuta Vineyards in Livermore. Michael plans to open a tasting room within the next year. It will be in Livermore, but he doesn't know where yet. Blacksmith Square might be a good location.

Carol and Ron Satterwaite are admirers of Enoteca Five wines. They were at the St. Mary's College tasting for Enoteca Five wines. Tonight, they're here to taste, at Swirl on the Square and bought a bottle and bought some futures, illustrating their confidence.

Next up is the Enoteca Five 2011 Cabernet Franc from Silvaspoons Vineyards. Michael says in his tasting notes that it illustrates the reason he became a winemaker. "Cabernet Franc is simply the most evocative, layered, fruit driven wine there is." He points out that

Cab Franc is often blended into Cabernet Sauvignon to provide aroma and structure. ". . . this varietal shines on its own . . ." It and the other Cabernet Francs would go well with a Thanksgiving meal. His wines are food friendly. It too was bottled without filtration or fining.

Sonya Filipski is a big fan of Enoteca Five wines. She got to know the wines when she ran the tasting room at En Garde, which was located at Tenuta until recently. She recently poured for Enoteca Five at the Dublin Splatter event.

The number of tasters is just about right. The counter is elbow to elbow, with a few tasters standing behind those lucky enough to get at the counter. Some seating in comfortable couches and chairs is available. The gathering is a combination of tasters who came specifically for the release party and some who whirl in from Swirl on the Square. This is a lovely way to end an evening.

The final, and the favorite of some tasters, including the well-informed Sonya, was the 2012 Petit Verdot from Ripken Vineyards in west Lodi. It's a deep purple color with the intensity of Diane and Michael's eyes. A powerful olfactory delight of wildflowers, cracked pepper, and blackberry pleases the nose of the tasters. Then it rolls around to rock the mouth as the tasters lust for more of its lusciousness. The finish sings, "Keep me in your heart for a while." It is to be released in about a year. Diane holds a degree in English from UC Berkeley. She makes an informed evaluation: "This wine will kick butt."

Michael will release a Bordeaux blend in very early 2014. Cabernet Franc is to be center stage (90%), with best supporting roles

from Malbec, Merlot, and Petit Verdot. It will sing, "I shall be released," around the Spring Equinox. Soon, he will be producing all five Bordeaux varietals.

For Rosé lovers, Michael will make a dry Rosé (or vin gris) from Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Petit Verdot. He will use the French *saignée* method that involves bleeding off juice

from red wines, very early in the fermentation process. (This also results in a more intense red wine.) The plan is to release this Rosé in April or maybe May.

Michael is an expert, dedicated winemaker, prepared to rise to the top. Readiness is all. In addition to enjoying Enoteca Five wines by the glass or bottle at cozy Swirl on the Square, they are sold

at Double Barrel Wine Bar and First Street Wine Company in Livermore. More wine shops and restaurants are adding Enoteca Five wines. To order directly, e-mail [enoteca5@comcast.net](mailto:enoteca5@comcast.net) or phone 925.852.1861, or go to [www.enoteca5.com](http://www.enoteca5.com). Prices are between \$25 and \$30. You could sign up for notifications of releases at [enoteca5.com](http://enoteca5.com).



Reilly and Maloney plan Livermore concert.

## Folk Singing Duo to Perform

The popular folk-singing duo, Reilly and Maloney, has scheduled a stop in Livermore on the current Northern California tour. Ginny Reilly and David Maloney will perform in concert at 2 pm Sunday, October 27, at Saint Bartholomew's Church, 678 Enos Way.

The duo first hit the big time in the late 1970s, touring the country on their own as well as with the such folkie stars as Judy Collins at Tom Paxton. Their beautifully blended voices and guitars made West Coast fa-

vorites of singer-songwriter Reilly's clear soprano and Maloney's warm baritone in their arrangements of traditional folk ballads and original works.

The pair split in the late 1980s to pursue solo careers, but teamed up again in 2003 with "Together Again," as they named their popular recording and concert tour. They received a hearty "welcome back" from critics and fans alike of their subsequent concerts and recordings. "The most endearing duo ever to grace

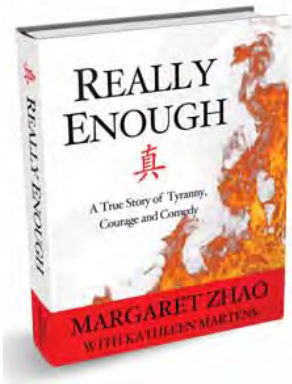
the West Coast, enthused one reviewer.

Today Reilly makes her home in Seattle, while Maloney lives in the Bay Area, where they regularly appear at such legendary spots as Freight and Salvage in Berkeley. On the current tour, that venue serves as a warm-up on October 26, the night before their Livermore appearance.

The community is cordially invited to attend the concert. There is no formal admission charge, but a \$20 donation is suggested.



## Really Enough, A True Story of Tyranny, Courage and Comedy Meet author Margaret Zhao at the Pleasanton Public Library



Local resident Margaret Zhao will present her memoir, *Really Enough, A True Story of Tyranny, Courage and Comedy*, at the Pleasanton Library on October 20, 2013, Sunday at 2pm. This intimate memoir by Margaret Zhao with Kathleen Martens charts one young woman's daunting struggle for survival, freedom and forbidden love while exposing the shocking lives of the Enemies of the State under the tumultuous rule of Chairman Mao. *Really Enough*:

*A True Story of Tyranny, Courage and Comedy* is a celebration of rising up against all odds to overcome unimaginable oppression, and an unexpected culture clash with the "American Dream."

Born into a disenfranchised family in rural China in the 1950s and unjustly branded as an Enemy of the State, young Margaret Zhao quickly learned her abject lot in life. With Chairman Mao Zedong's new communist party policies—virtu-

ally hidden from the world's eyes—affluent, innocent families like the Zhaos were punished as capitalists and remnants of the feudal past. Stripped of their ancestral home, land and factory, her hard-working, generous family was banished into abject poverty to work the land.

Undaunted, together the Zhao family survived. In 1966, hopes were crushed again by the onslaught of the Cultural Revolution when schools were closed

to Enemies of the State. Empowered by her determined mother in a world of burning books, and clinging to the power of humor in humorless times, this daughter of a long line of ancient scholars used her wits to capture her dreams against all odds.

All library programs are free and open to the public. No registration is required.

For more information, please call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

**Margaret Zhao  
pictured at right.**



## HALLOWEEN TRAIN: Park It column

by Ned MacKay

One of the more enjoyable, kid-friendly activities at this time of year is the Halloween Train at Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont.

The horse-drawn train trundles through Ardenwood's eucalyptus groves filled with a cargo of park visitors and goblins. Only mildly scary, it's designed for families with children ages 12 and under.

Trains will run from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Fridays, Oct. 18 and 25, and Saturdays, Oct. 19 and 26, then from 7 to 9 p.m. on Sundays, Oct. 20 and 27.

Tickets are available at the gate after 5 p.m. on operating nights only. Advance tickets can be purchased at The Book End, 5678 Thornton Ave in Newark. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages three through 12. For information and for reservations for groups of 10 or more, call 866-417-7277.

Ardenwood is located at 34600 Ardenwood Boulevard, just north of Highway 84 in Fremont.

As long as we're on Halloween, take note of the Halloween Twilight Hike for all ages at nearby Coyote Hills Regional Park. It's from

5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26. Put on your costume and join naturalists Dino Labiste and Kristina Parkison for a hike through Coyote's haunted hills, while learning the origins of Halloween traditions, ancient and modern. After the hike there's a campfire with toasted marshmallows, Ardenwood's delicious popcorn and Halloween treats.

The program is designed for ages five and older. Registration is required and there's a fee of \$4 per person. Parking is \$5 per vehicle.

For registration and information, call 888-327-2757. Select option 2 and refer to program 3465.

Coyote Hills includes a reconstructed Ohlone village at a site that was inhabited for several thousand years before the arrival of Europeans in the Bay Area. Dino will lead a volunteer work day there from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26 to clean, weed and restore the village structures.

During the day, Dino will talk about Ohlone cultures and the functions of the structures at the village. Snacks, water, gloves and tools will be provided.

The activity is for ages 12 and older. Registration is required. If you're interested

in helping out, call 888-327-2757. Select option 2 and refer to program 3516.

Shorebirds and ducks will be the stars of the show at Crab Cove Visitor Center in Alameda on Tuesday, Oct. 22, when supervising naturalist Sharol Nelson-Embry leads a bird-watching walk from 7:30 to 9 a.m. The program is free of charge. Beginners are welcome; binoculars will be available for loan. Crab Cove is at 1252 McKay Ave. off Central Avenue.

Sharol is leading a couple of free "owl moon" walks on Saturday, Oct. 19 at Redwood Regional Park in Oakland, one for families and one for adults.

From 6 to 8 p.m., youngsters and their families can hear a story, then take to the woods, lit by a near-full moon, in search of owls. There's a similar walk for adults from 9 to 10 p.m.

For either walk, meet at the park's Canyon Meadow picnic area. To get there, enter the park on Redwood Road about two miles past the intersection with Skyline Boulevard. Drive all the way in. Wear dark, warm, quiet clothing and bring a flashlight. For information, call 510-544-3187.

Birds will also be the focus of a walk from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, Oct. 21 at Crockett Hills Regional Park in Crockett, led by naturalist Anthony Fisher. Even if the birds aren't out, it's a great hike for the panoramic views of the Carquinez Strait area. The hike is free of charge. Meet Anthony at the Crockett Ranch staging area on Crockett Boulevard just up the hill from Pomona Street. Call 510-544-2233 for information.

Back in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, there was a sanitarium called Grande Vista in then-remote Wildcat Canyon. Naturalist James Wilson will lead a free, four-mile hike to the site from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19. Meet James at the Alvarado staging area on Park Avenue off McBryde Avenue in Richmond. For information, call 510-544-2233.

The Wednesday Walkers, a friendly and informal hiking group, will explore the explosive past of Pt. Pinole Regional Shoreline in Richmond during an easy, four-mile stroll from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Oct. 23. The leader is Dave Zuckermann, supervising naturalist at Tilden Nature Area. Meet at the park entrance on Giant

Highway, reached via Atlas Road or Richmond Parkway. For information, call 510-544-2233.

Women on Common Ground is a series of naturalist-led hikes for women who enjoy the outdoors but have concerns for personal safety.

Naturalist Katie Colbert will lead one of the hikes from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26 at Las Trampas Regional Wilderness in San Ramon. This one may be a bit strenuous. It's a nine-miler including the Corduroy Hills Trail, which is steep. The payoff is fall colors, native plants and panoramic views.

It's free of charge, but registration is required. To register, call 888-327-2757. Select option 2 and refer to program number 3719.

For general information on the Wednesday Walkers, call 510-544-3243 or e-mail kcolbert@ebparks.org.

Speaking of fall colors, since we're not in Vermont, I can't promise you a polychromatic riot. But although the effect is more subtle, there are some likely trails for autumn displays. Big leaf maple, cottonwood and poison oak are the most colorful. The maple and

cottonwood turn gold, and the poison oak turns russet (it can still make you itch, though).

Try the Old Stage Road Trail at Castle Rock Regional Recreation Area in Walnut Creek, or the Stream Trail at Redwood Regional Park in Oakland.

Another pretty walk, though it doesn't necessarily show off fall colors, is the Bear Creek Trail at Briones Regional Park near Orinda. The trail starts near the Newt Hollow group picnic site, leads through bay-oak woodlands, and ends at the Homestead Valley group campsite.

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve in Antioch will host an open house at its restored 1930s-era silica sand mine from noon to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Visitors can take a free, self-guided tour of nearly 1,000 feet of cool underground workings. To visit the mine you must be age seven or older, but there's a special area just inside the entrance with activities for younger kids. Black Diamond Mines is at the end of Somersville Road, four miles south of Highway 4 in Antioch. Parking costs \$5 per vehicle.

## Pleasanton Presents Halloween Events for All Ages

The City of Pleasanton's Department of Parks and Community Services offers a broad range of fun, spooky and affordable Halloween activities and events this month. Imagine the ghost of California rancho Francisco Alviso or a phantom of milkmen-past from the old Meadowlark Dairy at "Halloween at Alviso Adobe Community Park" on Friday, October 25. Join City Naturalist Eric Nichols and the Alviso Adobe staff for a walk around the park to learn about nocturnal animals of the region and some of the eerie myths that surround the site. All ages are welcome to join in one hour tours that begin at 4:30, 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. Dress with the weather in mind and remember to pre-register online or by phone at (925) 931-5340. The fee is \$5 for residents and \$8 for non-residents. This fun and educational activity is perfect for those ages 4 and up.

Meanwhile, tennis buffs



**Ghosts and goblins join tennis buffs at the 8th Annual Halloween Fun Night at the Pleasanton Tennis Complex, on October 25.**

of all ages can bring their frightening forehands, scary serves and gruesome ground strokes to the 8th Annual Halloween Fun Night scheduled on Friday, October 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Tennis Complex on Hopyard Road and Valley Avenue. This free event drew more than 700 participants last year! Kids and adults alike attend in costume to tour the Haunted Hallway of Horror, enjoy yummy

treats and participate in carnival games for all age groups. For more information, please call (925) 931-3446 or visit [www.lifetimetennis.com](http://www.lifetimetennis.com).

A special Halloween Dance planned for those in the 6th grade only is scheduled on Friday, October 25 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Amador Recreation Center on Black Avenue. The event features a costume contest, prizes and snack. Guests

must pre-register art [www.pleasantonfun.com](http://www.pleasantonfun.com). The Pleasanton Unified School District dress code will be enforced at this event and space is limited.

Those seeking a more dramatic Halloween experience won't want to miss "Nightmare" A Terrifying Night Of Improv as presented by the Creatures of Impulse, Pleasanton's own nationally recognized teen improv troupe. Participants can help create the story, setting and characters for three nights of fun and interactive and completely unscripted theater. That's on Thursday, October 24, Friday, October 25, and on Saturday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue.

Tickets are \$5 or \$8 and a valid student I.D. is required for reduced price student tickets. Early bird ticket pricing of \$2 or \$5 is available until October 19.

For more information, please call (925) 931-4828.

## Toasts and Tastes Raises Funds for Pleasanton Schools

The 10th Annual "Toasts & Tastes of Fall" Culinary Competition and Fundraiser on October 19th at California Center from 6:30 pm – 10 pm has attracted some of Pleasanton's culinary elite. It's a chance to sample food from some established favorites- and a few new chefs in town.

This annual Cocktail Party, Culinary Competition and Silent Auction features fifteen culinary teams comprised of a local chef, school principal and corporate/community sponsors who compete for "Top Nod and a Cash Prize" in one of three categories: "Slow," "Savory" and "Sweet."

The judging panel this year features Nick Boer, Food Editor at Diablo Magazine, International Food & Wine Writer Deborah Grossman, and Auburn James Winemaker Jim Frost.

Competing in the Slow Category are: Almond's Kitchen, Eddie Pappa's

American Hangout, FAZ Restaurant, Forno Vecchio, Mangia Mi, and On the Vine Catering. Going skillet-to-skillet in the Savory Category are: Baci Bistro & Café, Blue Agave Club, The Hopyard, Pans on Fire, The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, Valley Catering. For a refreshing finish, our Sweet Category competitors are: Primrose Bakery, Sweet Freedom Bake Shop, and Sweet & Savory.

Guests can bid at the Silent Auction for some tastefully presented auction lots. Bid on a "Stay-cation" lot featuring dinner for two at The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards and an overnight at The Rose Hotel, or, head down to Aptos with the entire family for a few days at Seascape in a deluxe ocean-view condominium.

There will be the Napa Valley Roving Raffle opportunity courtesy of Black Tie Transportation, a selection of Fine Wines from Auburn James and Chappellet Vineyard & Winery-- and Cult Wines from The Prisoner and Orin Swift.

Look for fine jewelry donated by Barron's Jewelers as well as some fun, trendy items from Twisted Silver.

Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased online at [www.ppie.org](http://www.ppie.org). Names will be placed on a guest list- no hard tickets will be mailed.

Guests must be over 21 years old.

For more information, contact the PPIE office at 925.846.5620 or mail @ [ppie.org](http://ppie.org).

## Annual Foothill High School Band Review Ready to March

The Foothill High School Band Boosters invites everyone to the 39th Annual Foothill High School Band Review, October 26, 2013. This event showcases the region's top talent, with 55 Northern California bands to perform in parade and field show competitions.

Parade competition takes place between 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Main Street in Pleasanton. Concert bands

perform at the Amador High School theater and multi-purpose room from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Admission to parade and concert band competitions is free.

Field show competitions will be at Foothill High from 3:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$10.00. There will be food vendors/concessions and merchandise for sale at Foothill.

## Pleasanton Community Concert Band Joins Forces with Amador Jazz Band for Concert

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band and the Amador Jazz Band will present a family concert at 2 p.m. on Sun., Oct. 20 at the Amador Theater in Pleasanton.

Theme is "All That Jazz." The band will perform such jazz classics as "Salute to American Jazz, April in Paris, combined bands conducted by Mark Abel; "Kazz Pizzicato, It's about Time, Jazz Legato, Pleasanton Community Concert Band; "Concerto for Clarinet,; Joe Bonfiglio soloist with the Amador Jazz Band; Jazz Set: the Amador Jazz Band; Here's That Rainy Day, Yakety Sax, and Waltz No. 2 from Jazz Suite, combined bands conducted by Bob Williams.

The concerts are free, though donations are appreciated.

For more information call 925-846-5897 or go to the Pleasanton Community Concert Band website. [www.pleasantonband.org](http://www.pleasantonband.org).

The Amador Theater is located at 2255 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

# Artist Working on Pleasanton Pioneer Founders Mural

Valley artist, illustrator and instructor, Barbara Stanton, was selected to create a historical mural, Pioneer Founders, for Pleasanton's downtown under the direction of the Harrington Art Partnership (Another H.A.P.P.Y.).

Stanton was born in Oakland, California. At age 7 she moved to Pleasanton attending Valley View and Pleasanton Elementary Schools, Harvest Park and Foothill. She went on to attend Chabot College (which is now Las Positas) and attended the Academy of Arts in San Francisco one summer. She currently lives in Livermore with her husband, William Maranville, who works at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. She has two artistic boys, Russell, 30 and Clayton, 27.

There were several adults that Barbara says have influenced her work as an artist. Her memories of beginning to draw start as soon as she was able to hold a pencil. Her grandmother, in particular, encouraged Barbara to draw. At Harvest Park Middle School, Mr. Frankina, the art teacher, encouraged her to continue pursuing art. If she didn't want to draw what he had assigned he told her to draw whatever she wanted. He told her if she continued to draw at home he would provide her extra credit. Barbara says that was all it took for her to draw even more. When Barbara went to her mother's work place, she would draw the faces of the people she would see there. She ended up taking ten portraits back to show Mr. Frankina. He pointed out that if she compared the first portrait with the last

one, she would see that she had improved greatly in her drawing skills. This realization had a tremendous impact on Barbara and she said, "You mean you can learn to draw? You don't have to have talent?" Mr. Frankina pointed out that she was developing a skill, the skill of drawing.

In the 7<sup>th</sup> grade she seriously began to draw, going through a sketchbook a week. It was almost like she was obsessed. By her freshman year, Barbara, her friends and family, all thought she was a talented artist. Her art teacher, Mr. Friedman, understood teenagers and used reverse psychology on Barbara to help her stretch her skills. When she shared her work with him he would tell her that copy machines could do better. She was fired up to demonstrate to him that she was an excellent artist and continued to push herself to impress him. By her senior year she finally figured out that he wanted her to "create" out of her own mind making one-of-a-kind pieces. He would say, "This is your brain working." He continued to push her to create rather than copy exactly what she saw when drawing. Years later, when Mr. Friedman retired, she was able to tell him how much of an influence he had on her development as an artist.

Barbara said she tried to learn to paint on her own when her parents gave her the first set of acrylic paints. She eventually signed up for lessons.

A year out of high school she decided it was time to go back to school, this time to focus on art. She ended up taking all the art classes offered at



**Barbara Stanton, Livermore artist, is making progress on creating the Pleasanton Pioneer Founders Mural, funded by the Harrington Art Partnership & Pleasanton Leadership Class of 2013. Check it out on her Facebook page. She updates her progress regularly.**

Chabot. The teacher who influenced her work in college was Thomas Corey. "He was fascinating," she said. "He understood color theory and composition so well and helped me to understand these concepts and how they influenced my work."

A friend of hers bought a dollhouse and vowed to furnish it. Barbara was interested in the furnishings and accompanied her friend to businesses that sold miniature furniture. Barbara was fascinated with the detail of these furnishings. She didn't realize that dollhouse furniture was the "real" thing only smaller. She noticed there were no miniature paintings available for these dollhouses.

She was later invited to a dollhouse show, which

she attended. She noticed there were a couple of artists with their miniature paintings and when she questioned them learned they were getting \$200 or more for their miniatures. She began painting one piece each weekend, while she worked as a graphic artist. Barbara said, "It felt right and was natural for her." After the dollhouse paintings, she started entering various Art Shows. She received her first award from a Canadian Show. She discovered other miniature shows and entered her miniature paintings in these shows around the world—Australia, Russia, England, Canada, Japan and Israel. She also has created two videos on "How to Paint Miniature Paintings," which she sells around the world, too.

Currently Barbara Stanton specializes in oil paintings and portraits (miniature and full size), landscapes, and still lifes,

all done in a very traditional, realist style. Miniature collectors are her biggest fans because she paints in the popular dollhouse scale <sup>1/12</sup> (one inch equals a foot).

Barbara is involved in the community of Livermore. Her work is displayed in the Livermore Art Association Gallery at the Carnegie. She has been a Board Member of this association. She also served as Director for the gallery for 5 years. About 15 years ago she began teaching a figure drawing workshop. She also teaches art classes for children age 8-Teens on Fridays, 3:30-5:00. These classes are offered at the Bothwell Arts Center, in Livermore.

She is an IGMA Fellow (International Guild of Miniature Artisans). She is available for demonstrations and workshops. She has taught twice at the annual IGMA Guild School in Castine, Maine (2001 & 2003). Visit [www.barbarastanton.com](http://www.barbarastanton.com) or email her [atmicroangelo@earthlink.net](mailto:atmicroangelo@earthlink.net).

## Winegrowers Taking Entries in Photo Contest

The Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association (LVWA) is holding a contest to select a photo for the cover of its new Livermore Valley Wine Country brochure.

The grand prize winner will receive the following: A 2014 Livermore Valley Wine Country Membership (complimentary tasting for 2 at our wineries), (2) tickets to Barrel Tasting Weekend (March 29 & 30, 2014), (2) tickets to Harvest Wine Celebration (August 31st, 2014) and image printed on 40k+ copies of the 2014 Livermore Valley Wine Country brochure distributed nationally. The people's choice award winner will receive 6 Months of complimentary wine tastings for two at Livermore Valley wineries.

Deadline to submit entries is Dec. 1, 2013.

Five finalists will be chosen by LVWA and posted to social medial outlets to determine the people's choice award. The grand prize will winnbe chosen by LVWA.

For more information and an entry form go to [www.lvwine.org](http://www.lvwine.org).

## ART &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

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

**Art Teachers Showcase**, Bankhead Theater exhibition September through October. Further information, www.bankheadtheater.org.

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

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

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

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

**Drawing and Painting Classes at the Figurehead Gallery** — Ozell Hudson, Portrait Painting, Tuesdays 9-11:30 a.m.; Pastel Portrait Drawing, Tuesdays

6-8 p.m. Drawing I, Wednesdays 9-11 a.m.; Drawing II, Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. To register online go to figureheadgallery.com/classes or call the Figurehead Gallery at 925-353-0419.

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

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

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

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

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

**Ukulele Circle**, Meetings held the 2nd and last Saturday, Oct. 26, from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 2222 Second St., Suite 2, Livermore. Please confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs. **Colored Pencil Classes** "Basics and

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

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

## WINERY EVENTS

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

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

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

**McGrail Vineyards and Winery**: Ladies Night: Sip and Shop, 6-8 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 17. Jewelry, skin care, makeup, bows, and more. RSVP requested: sipandshopmcgrail@gmail.com. Information at www.mcgrailvineyards.com, 5600 Greenville Rd., Livermore, (925) 215-0717.

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

**La Luna Fridays are Back** at Murrieta's Well tasting room. 6 to 9 p.m. Wines served on the terrace under the light of the full moon, accompanied by live music, Oct. 18, Hawaiian fare. \$45 Silver Spur members, \$55 non-members. Price includes live music, family style dinner and wine. Discounts available on selected wines. Reservations at

925-456-2395. 3005 Mines Road, Livermore.

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

**Wines, Beats & Mobile Eats** at Wente Vineyards, noon to 4 p.m. Sat., Oct. 19, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. www.wentevineyards.com. Food trucks including: Twisted Chill, Twister Truck and Fins on the Hoof, while sampling wines from Wente Vineyards Tamas Estates and Double Decker. Live music by Pure Ecstasy Band. Event entry is complimentary. Wine tasting \$20 per person or \$15 for Wente and Tamas Club Members. Blankets and chairs are welcome. No outside food or beverage.

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

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

**An Evening of Port and Cigars**, Oct. 27, 4 to 7 p.m. back patio of the Winemaker's Pour House. Cedar Mountain Winery has partnered with the Pour House to present the program. This special one-night event will highlight a flight of 6 Cedar Mountain Ports and 2-Premium cigars. Each port will have a special food pairing and additional Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are \$35 p/person. Non-Smokers Port Flight only option \$20 p/person. Please contact Winemaker's Pour House at (925) 215-2656 for tickets. Advance paid reservations required.

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

**Steve Fread** performances: Fri., Oct. 18, 6 p.m. Ruby Hill Country Club,

Pleasanton. Sat., Oct. 19, 6 p.m. Harry's Hofbrau, Livermore; Wed., Oct. 30, 5:30 p.m. Concannon Vineyard Underdog Winebar, Livermore.

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

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

**Pops at the California Symphony**, Mov-ies and Musicals, 7:30 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 17, Leshar Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek. Broadway superstar David Burnham joins soprano Tamara Allspaugh, guest conductor Sean O'Loughlin, Voices of Musica Sacra, and the musicians of the California Symphony in toe-tapping favorites from The Sound of Music, Phantom of the Opera, Beauty and the Beast, Guys and Dolls, and more. For tickets, call (925) 943-7469 (925-943-SHOW)

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

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

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

**Foothill High School Band Review**, October 26, parade competition run from approximately 8:30am until 1:00pm in downtown Pleasanton.

There will also be concert competitions during the morning at Amador High School. In the afternoon, the parade awards will be presented at the Foothill High School football stadium, starting around 3:00pm. Parade is free. Field show at Foothill, 4 to 10 p.m. general admission \$10. www.foothillmusic.org/

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ON THE STAGE

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

**Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr. at the Firehouse Arts Center**. Based on the Emmy Award-winning Saturday morning educational cartoon series and pop culture phenomenon, that turns grammar, math, social studies, and science into a rollicking good time for the whole family. Presented by City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company in partnership with Bay Area Children's Theatre. Friday, October 18, 7:30 p.m.;

# ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday, October 19, 7:30 p.m.; and 2 p.m. matinees on Saturdays and Sundays October 19, 20. Tickets are \$10, \$15, \$18; Child or Senior: \$6, \$9, \$12. Tickets available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are also available at the Firehouse 2 hours prior to the performance.

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

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

#### Creators of Impulse presents:

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

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

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

#### Shakespeare on Tour presents, "The Tragedy of Julius Caesar."

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

**Fahrenheit 451**, based on Ray Bradbury's book. Las Positas College

Theatre Arts Department. Nov. 15, 16, 22, 23 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 17 and 24 at 2 p.m. at the Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) or 1-800-838-3006.

**Hot Peas 'N Butter**, family fun. Sun., Nov. 17, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Julian Sands**, A Celebration of Harold Pinter. Fri., Nov. 22, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

#### MOVIES

##### The Livermore Cultural Arts

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

##### Classic Films at the Pleasanton

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

#### DANCE

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

**Smuin XMAS Ballet**. Fri., Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 30 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankhead-theater.org](http://www.bankhead-theater.org) or 373-6800.

#### CHORAL

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

#### MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

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

#### "Un-Pretty Up a Poem" Poetry Workshop

Participants will "reverse engineer" a selection of poems to deepen their appreciation for the creative process, then "pretty-up" some new poems from scratch. All experience levels welcome. Presented and facilitated by City of Pleasanton Poet Laureate Sandra Harrison Kay. Wednesday, October 23, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. Registration: [www.pleasantonfun.com](http://www.pleasantonfun.com) and select code 56621. \$7 residents, \$9 non-residents. [www.firehousearts.org/programs/literary-arts](http://www.firehousearts.org/programs/literary-arts), or contact Julie Finegan, (925) 931-4849 or [jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov).

**Halloween Brew Crawl**, Pleasanton Downtown merchants, restaurants and

local breweries will come together on Saturday, October 26 for a frighteningly good time. October 26, 2013, 5 to 8 p.m. [www.pleasantondowntown.net/](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net/)

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

**Hometown Heroes Celebration**, Nov. 2, 2:30 p.m. Dublin Senior Center, celebration kicks off with presentations by local Military and City Officials, followed by a musical performance by the CoolTones Big Band. Light refreshments. [www.ci.dublin.ca.us](http://www.ci.dublin.ca.us).

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

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

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


## Dublin Harvest Faire Planned

A Harvest Faire will be held at Dublin's Heritage Park and Museums on Saturday, October 26. The event will take place from 1 to 4 p.m.

Old-time harvest activities like hand cranking ice cream, weaving, and churning butter will be available for visitors to try. There will be wagon rides, live Bluegrass music, and a chance to play in the haystack. A variety of good country food will be available for purchase.

Admission is free. A \$5 passport is needed to take part in the living history activities.

Dublin Heritage Park and Museums located at 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin; information at 925-452-2100.

  
**THE NEPTUNE SOCIETY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
 2177 Las Positas Ct, Ste. K, Livermore CA 94551  
 (925) 454-1974  
[www.neptune-society.com](http://www.neptune-society.com)  
*Sam Miller, Branch Director*

FD#1823

## Livermore Valley Opera Sponsors Student Art Contest

Livermore Valley Opera is sponsoring a student art contest based on Rossini's opera adaptation of the fairy-tale classic Cinderella, which will be performed March 15, 16, 22, & 23, 2014, at the Bankhead Theatre in Livermore.

"This art contest is a wonderful opportunity for students in our community to express their artistic abilities," says Liz Davidson, Chairperson for LVO's Student Art Contest. "I am excited to see the variety of entries that I know we will receive. We will be promoting the contest with local middle schools and high schools in hopes of making the contest available to as many students as possible."

What makes this particular opera interesting is that Rossini's take on the famous fairy-tale has unique aspects, though similar in theme to Disney's story of Cinderella. "Because Rossini's presentation of Cinderella is a bit different, I expect our young artists will offer up some very creative representations of the story. Students can read about the comparisons to Disney's Cinderella on LVO's website."

Winning entries will be displayed at local libraries prior to the opening night of Cinderella and in the lobby of the Bankhead Theater in Livermore during the week of the opera performances in March. Winning artists will receive two tickets to see the production of Cinderella.

Student artists from middle schools and high schools (ages 12-18) from the Tri-Valley area and surrounding communities are eligible to participate. Artwork must have an image size of 24" x 18" in vertical format. Artwork must be in color. Acceptable media include: acrylic, colored pencil, ink, oil, pastels, printmaking, watercolor, mixed media and two-dimensional expressions. (Photography or computer generated images will not be accepted.)

Artwork may or may not incorporate the title of the opera, and the composer's name. All artwork must be matted before submitted. Matt size 22" x 28". Entry form must accompany artwork; attached to the back side of matt.

Download entry forms from the Livermore Valley Opera website at [www.LivermoreValleyOpera.com](http://www.LivermoreValleyOpera.com). Click on the Community Outreach tab, then Student Art Contest.

All entries must be submitted by October 21, 2013.

LVO volunteers will pick up student artwork for judging at the schools. Teachers will however be responsible for the pickup of artwork once the exhibit is over.

To coordinate student artwork pickup, please contact Liz Davidson at: [liz@naprotek.com](mailto:liz@naprotek.com). 408-482-8076 (cell).

For complete details about the student art contest and Cinderella, visit [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com).



**Kenneth Billheimer, Au.D.**  
Audiologist/Hearing Aid Specialist

**Sierra Parini, Au.D.**  
Audiologist/Hearing Aid Specialist

**Jacque Pedraza**  
Hearing Aid Specialist

**Are You Hearing And Understanding The Sounds of Life?**

**HEARING SERVICES**

<b>Pleasanton</b> 4460 Black Ave, #F <b>484-3507</b>	<b>Livermore</b> 1613 Second Street <b>960-0391</b>
<a href="http://www.pleasantonhearingservices.com">www.pleasantonhearingservices.com</a>	



In the photo are Amador Valley High School seniors Melody Huang (far left) and Alice Deng (far right). Supervisor Scott Haggerty is second from right and Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne third from the left.

## Amador Students Organize and Hold RSVP Speech Competition

For the last several months Amador Valley High School seniors Alice Deng and Melody Huang have been busy. As co-founders of RSVP Speech, Deng, Huang and their team of student representatives have been planning and organizing from start to finish, the 1st Annual RSVP Speech competition. *Hold on. What is RSVP Speech?*

RSVP Speech is a non-profit organization run solely by high school students who volunteer their time with the intended purpose of promoting and fostering public speaking skills in today's youth. RSVP Speech was officially launched during the summer of 2012, beginning with weekly speech classes held at the Pleasanton Public Library. Since its founding, RSVP Speech has expanded, now having the ability to reach youth throughout the Tri-Valley and Alameda County.

After five months of brainstorming, planning and promoting what would be the organization's flagship speech competition, on September 28th their vision became reality. Before a panel of judges, a total of 31 Tri-Valley students ranging

from 6th-8th grade delivered prepared speeches on the topic of "If I could change anything in the world, I would change \_\_\_\_". The judging panel, made up of RSVP Speech representatives, deliberated and made selections for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place rankings.

Having offered guidance in the planning stages of the event, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty was invited to play a role in the evening awards ceremony. To start the evening off, the District 1 Supervisor addressed the audience and offered public speaking advice as it has pertained to his political career. He shared personal stories of past speaking experiences, those both successful and unsuccessful.

Supervisor Haggerty closed by addressing the audience of participants, parents, RSVP representatives and teaching staff once again. "Whether you leave tonight with a top place finish, or not, it doesn't matter. What matters is that you took it upon yourself to try. With this said, however, I have to be honest with you. I have a lot to learn from the young leaders in this room.

The speeches I listened to this evening were out of this world," Supervisor Haggerty said. "If these are the hands in which the future of our country lies, we are in great shape."

During the awards ceremony, winners were announced, and prizes and certificate commendations from several political offices were awarded. The top three winners were: Vikram Rajan in 1st place, Neil Bedi in 2nd place, and Shreyas Swaminathan earning a very close 3rd place. Each performed their speeches once again, this time in front of parents, peers, and public officials.

According to Alice Deng, "The goal of this contest was to motivate students to proudly express their ideas. The contest was intended to guide participants in improving knowledge and experience in public speaking, as well as, garner skills to carry them through their futures."

Supervisor Haggerty said in response, "The contest did just that. I am so proud of these kids."

For more information on RSVP Speech, visit their website <http://www.rsvp-speech.com/>.

## KIHN

(continued from front page)

quake guitarist Gary Phillips. He connected with Joel Turtle and Matt Kaufman, who founded the legendary Beserkley Records in the mid-1970s. Kihn started making records, got a lot of air play on the radio, and seven albums later (on Beserkley label) recorded the mega-hit "The Breakup Song," followed by international smash "Jeopardy," which has been parodied by just about everyone. Kihn continued throughout the 1980s with the famous series of pun-titled albums, including *Kihntinued* (1982), *Kihnspiracy* (1983), and *Citizen Kihn* (1985).

Along the way, Greg rocked the fledgling music video business, pioneering the earliest examples of "concept videos," nota-

## COMEDIAN

(continued from front page)

called Brian "a genuine discovery." After viewing Copeland on television, the legendary Steve Allen called him "The brightest comedy mind I've seen in years." Brad Kava of the San Jose Mercury News wrote, "Brian Copeland is the Black Howard Stern. He's so far over the edge, he comes back around the other side..."

Copeland's performance is open to students and the general public. Admission is \$15 with advance tickets available in the campus bookstore; space permitting, they will also be available at the door. Visitors are reminded that the campus has a \$2 parking fee. Daily tickets are available from vending machines in the campus parking lots. The College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore 94551. For more information, contact Professor Ernest Jones at (925) 424-1217 or at [ejones@laspositacollege.edu](mailto:ejones@laspositacollege.edu).

bly with the groundbreaking "Jeopardy" video with its 'Night of the Living Dead' theme which spawned countless imitators.

Touring constantly in the 80s, Kihn's band opened for arena-sized shows including Journey, the Grateful Dead, and the Rolling Stones, and logged TV appearances on *Solid Gold*, *American Bandstand*, and *SNL*. Many of Rock's great musicians began passing through the Greg Kihn Band over the years, and are represented on the cuts and albums.

Greg's radio career got its kick-start when Kihn found himself seated next to coach and sportscaster John Madden, who told Greg "Do it, jump on it. Be the first. Someday all DJs will be ex-musicians." He did, they are. Seventeen years later (2012) Kihn's career took another fast turn, when he parted company with KFOX after growing his radio DJ gig from a mom-and-pop late night broadcast to national morning program

heard by millions. "I love talking about the recording experience, and songwriting, and all the other things that make classic rock so appealing," says Kihn.

The same year he started in radio, Kihn published his first of four novels to date, "Horror Show," which was nominated for the prestigious Bram Stoker Award for Best First Novel. He has also written two screenplays, and is in negotiations for a TV series and feature film...does he ever rest? Oh, and did we mention he frequently sings the national anthem for his favorite baseball and hockey teams? (Okay, it's the Giants and the Sharks.)

Locally he is heard on the radio, and his novels are in bookstores.

Tickets are \$40-\$50, and available online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by phone at 925-931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton. Free parking is available.

## Photo Shoot a Benefit for Local Animals

Paws In Need (PIN), will hold a one-day Halloween Photo Shoot event for families, kids and pets on Saturday, October 26th in the side yard of Milffleur, a retail gift shop located in the historic Kottinger Barn at 200 Ray Street (between Main and First Streets), Pleasanton. Proceeds from the 11am to 3pm event will benefit local animals.

No pets? Bring your children in their Halloween costumes and face painting to have their photos taken. Professional photographs will be taken by Sierra Photography and are \$15 each; Face Painting by Limelight Faces is \$4 per child. The first 100 photographed will receive a Jack-o-Lantern folder frame for their photo.

Please have all dogs on leashes and other pets in carriers.

Paws In Need is a local nonprofit organization, providing funding assistance for urgent onetime medical needs of community animals, thus preventing unnecessary euthanasia, and also works to prevent dog and cat overpopulation in the Tri-Valley.

For more information, contact coordinator Sue Mead at 925-560-0806 or [csmead@me.com](mailto:csmead@me.com). P.O. Box 3436, San Ramon, CA 94583 or go to [www.Paws-In-Need.org](http://www.Paws-In-Need.org)

# BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

**Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society** will be presenting *Garl Satterthwaite* on November 12. His topic is "Quaker Research." Mr. Satterthwaite is an experienced genealogist with many Quaker Ancestors from Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, England and Wales. He has identified over sixty immigrant ancestors in the 1500's to 21 who were in Indiana before 1840. His presentation will provide background on the Religion as well as photos of meeting Houses and their burying grounds. Meeting at Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton at 7:30 p.m. on November 12. No charge and visitors are always welcome. For additional information contact the program chair at [program@L-AGS.org](mailto:program@L-AGS.org)

**Livermore Community Blood Drive:** Friday, October 18, 1-7 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue. Every day, Bay Area hospitals need hundreds of units of blood to keep sick and injured patients alive. There is no substitute for blood, and it can only be replaced through blood donations. Please register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use ASBURY925 as the Sponsor Code, or call Thomas Petty at 925-980-8164 for more information.

**Affordable Care Act Workshop,** Thursday, October 24, 2013 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. With MediCal expansion and Covered California Marketplace everybody should be able to get covered. Workshop is free. RSVP at <https://livermoreaca.eventbrite.com>

**Holiday Boutique,** November 1st and 2nd. Heritage Estates, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, from 9am to 4pm on both days. unique scarves, beautiful blankets, custom jewelry, award-winning jams, nuts and candies, fresh-baked cookies, and much more- all handmade by Heritage Estates residents.

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

**Livermore Library Board of Trustees,** meets 7 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 24 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club,** Sat., Oct. 19, 31 or 43 miles, Feather Pedals ride from the Orinda BART station with both classic and challenge route options, meet 9:30 a.m., Jan Stevens, 510-428-0223. Sun., Oct. 20, 50 miles from Cull Canyon parking lot over Palomares summit into Niles Canyon on to Calaveras and back over Dublin grade, meet 9 a.m., Nora Crans, 510-913-0638. Wed., Oct. 23, 35 miles from San Ramon Central Park up to Diablo junc-

tion, meet 9:30 a.m., Jim Conger, 875-4949. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Understanding Medicare options,** 1 to 2 p.m. Oct. 18, Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Topic will be "Knowledge is Key: Know Your Medicare Rights." Presented by Kelly Harp, LAS/HICAP continuing education coordinator; call 373-5700 for reservations.

**Huge Parking Lot Sale,** 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sat., Oct. 19. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore. Something for everyone! Priced to sell.

**Tri-Valley CAREs,** meets 7:30 p.m. Oct. 17 at the Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Tri-Valley CAREs works to strengthen global security by stopping the development of new nuclear weapons in the US and promoting the elimination of nuclear weapons globally. New and long-time members are welcome.

**Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner,** Guests include seniors, singles, shut-ins, families and veterans from the VA Hospital. This dinner is for anyone alone or without on Thanksgiving Day. Meals served on Thanksgiving Day between 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM. Those who need a ride or a meal delivered, please call 455-9782. For anyone interested in helping, there will be an information and planning meeting on Wednesday, November 13th at 7:00 PM at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street. Volunteer sign-ups begin at this meeting. For more information please call 455-9782 anytime or check the web site at [WWW.LCCTD.ORG](http://WWW.LCCTD.ORG).

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

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

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

**Holiday Craft Boutique,** Saturday, November 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Presented by the Dublin Senior Center and the Dublin Senior Foundation. Selection of original handmade arts and crafts. Entrance is free. For more information call (925) 556-4511 or email [seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov](mailto:seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov)

**No Rejection Dance,** Friday, November 8, 2013, 8pm-Midnight, will be held at the Marriott Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road, Pleasanton CA. Women will compete to see who dances with the most men that evening, with prizes. The men will compete to see who dances with the most women. This event is sponsored by The Society of Single Professionals, the world's largest non-profit singles organization. The cost is \$20 at the door, which includes dancing to today's hottest hits and the greatest hits of yesteryear. Adults of all ages are welcome. Anyone wishing more information about this and many more events for singles may visit [www.ThePartyHotline.com](http://www.ThePartyHotline.com) or call 415/507-9962.

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

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

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA.,** Poppy Ridge brunch in Livermore, Oct. 20, noon, RSVP by Oct. 17 to Ruby, 462-9636. Lunch in Pleasanton, Oct. 24, 11:30 a.m. RSVP by Oct. 21 to David, 83307647. Day at the Races, Golden Gate Fields, Oct. 27, 11 a.m., RSVP by Oct. 10 to Gino at 243-1282. Lunch in San Ramon, Oct. 30, 11:45 a.m., RSVP by Oct. 27 to Patti, 510-427-8891.

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

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

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

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

**Josela Figuera Livermore Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution,** meets the first Saturday of the month through May at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel of Asbury United Methodist Church, Livermore. Members are descendants of patriots of the American Revolution. DAR is dedicated to preserving American history, promoting patriotism and securing America's future

through patriotism and better education. For information contact [jlhchapter@yahoo.com](mailto:jlhchapter@yahoo.com) or 784-1935.

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

**ClutterLess (CL)** special open speaker meeting, Oct 28. Bethany St. Clair will talk on "Organizing Your Space" and how emotions can help or hinder clutter. ClutterLess is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meeting 7 p.m. Mondays at the St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church. Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton. Just come or call a volunteer at 925-525-3992 or 925-200-1943 or visit [www.ClutterLess.org](http://www.ClutterLess.org). No meetings on holidays. Meeting free, optional \$2 to \$5 appreciated.

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

**Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group** meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the second floor conference room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore All are welcome. Contacts are: Sandra Grafrath 443-6655 or Lee Parlett 292-9280.

**Operation: S.A.M.** "Supporting All Military" is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued support of deployed troops. Preparation of comfort packages takes place every other week - all year long. Providing morale support for those deployed. All information provided is confidential and is not shared for security purposes. To submit a name and address, inquire about donations or helping, please visit [www.operationsam.org](http://www.operationsam.org), email [operationsam@comcast.net](mailto:operationsam@comcast.net) or call 925-443-7620 for more information and the calendar of events.

**RELIGION**  
**First Presbyterian Church,** 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel, 10:30 Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program. For more information [www.fpcl.us](http://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](http://www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com).

**Unitarian Universalist,** 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Information 447-8747 or [www.uuclil.org](http://www.uuclil.org)

**First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore,** services 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church

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

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

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

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

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

**Calvary Chapel Livermore,** Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. 545 No. L Street Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - [www.calvalrylivermore.org](http://www.calvalrylivermore.org).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church,** 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. Sunday Services: Contemplative Eucharist

8:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:20.A.M. Choral Eucharist with choir 10:30 A.M.; Childcare for children under 5 available at 10:30 service.

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

**Little Brown Church,** United Church of Christ 141 Kilkare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. [www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org](http://www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org) 925-862-2580

**Pathway Community Church,** 6533 Sierra Lane, Dublin. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. [www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org](http://www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org) (925) 829-4793.

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

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

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

**Bethel Family Christian Center,** 501 North P Street, Livermore, Pastors are Don & Debra Qualls. Weekly ministries: Sunday 10 a.m. - Teaching Sessions; Sunday 10:25 a.m. - Holy Grounds Fellowship; Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Elementary aged children go to Kid's Church following worship, nursery available, Wednesday 7 p.m. - Back to the Point Bible Study; all ages; Friday 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery; in the dining hall; 925-449-4848.

**Lynnwood United Methodist Church,** 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Sunday worship at 9:00 and 10:30am with childcare and Sunday school at 10:30am. (First Sun. of month is informal with guitar.) Located across from the aquatic center. Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer minister. All welcome. [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org). 925 846-0221.

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

**Valley Bible Church,** Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. Interpretation for the deaf at 9:00. 925-227-1301. [www.thecrossing.org](http://www.thecrossing.org)

**Valley Bible Church,** Meeting at Altamont Creek Elementary School, 6500 Garraventa Ranch Road, Livermore. Services at 10:00 a.m.

**Cedar Grove Community Church,** 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. [www.cedargrove.org](http://www.cedargrove.org) or call 447-2351.

**St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church** (1928 Book of Common Prayer), 193 Contractors Avenue, Livermore. Sunday services: 8:45 am (Low Mass) and 10 am (High Mass with Sunday School). Other Holy Days as announced. For information, call msg. center at 925/906-9561.

**Chabad of the Tri-Valley,** 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. [www.jewishtrivalley.com](http://www.jewishtrivalley.com). Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

# Milestones

## Community

### MAN OF THE YEAR

(continued from front page)

ing community of about 3500 residents, and it now has 80,600. By the time he started high school in 1961 Livermore had grown about 270% and was rapidly losing its ranching heritage. However, Livermore High School's agriculture education and FFA program continued with community support. A young agriculture instructor from a ranching family in nearby Warm Springs (Fremont) was employed by the time Darrel entered the program. That teacher was Jim Coelho, who later was named the 2005 California Chamber of Commerce's Livestock Man of the Year. Jim's commitment to California's beef cattle business and agriculture education continues to be a major influence on Darrel.

Darrel's education continued at Modesto Junior College and Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. In 1967 Darrel married Karen, whom he met at Livermore High School. After college they moved to a ranch near Mt. Hamilton, Santa Clara County. In 1973 Darrel accepted a position in Livermore with the Farm Credit System. Darrel and his family that now included daughter, Melani and son, Eric moved back to Livermore. This position expanded Darrel's livestock business experience and complemented the Sweet's own cattle operation.

After twelve years in agriculture banking, Darrel joined Sparrowk Livestock, owned by Jack and Beverly Sparrowk and headquartered in Clements, California. He served over the next twenty-plus years as Sparrowk's Business Manager. During that time Sparrowk Live-

stock continued to expand and operate cattle grazing and feeding ventures in nearly every western state. Darrel's own cattle operation often extended to the same locations. This experience with all phases of the cattle business had a major impact on Darrel's various cattle industry leadership roles.

In 1973 Darrel joined the Contra Costa-Alameda Cattlemen's Association, which connected him to the California Cattlemen's Association and then to the National Cattlemen's Association, now the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. It became obvious to him that strong membership support and leadership are necessary for grassroots organizations to be successful, and that effective organiza-

tions at all levels are necessary for the cattle industry to thrive. He clearly understood the need to expand beef promotion efforts to domestic and international consumers. He also realized the need to improve public and consumer understanding about topics such as animal health and welfare, production practices, natural resources management and beef safety and nutrition. Darrel became involved in organizations to support their efforts on behalf of the cattle industry.

Darrel has served local, state and national cattle organizations in various voluntary leadership roles, beginning as President of the Contra Costa-Alameda Cattlemen's Association and continuing as Chairman of the Alameda County Agri-

culture Advisory Committee and board member for the Alameda County Resource Conservation District. On the state level, he served as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (3 years), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (2 years), and President (2 years) of the California Cattlemen's Association, and continues to serve on the Board of Directors. Darrel often traveled to Sacramento and Washington, D.C. to represent the cattle industry. He has served for many years on the California Beef Council, and is proud of the Council's innovative beef education and promotion efforts. Nationally, Darrel served on the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's Executive Committee and the Board of Directors and continues on several standing committees. Darrel was recently

re-appointed by the United States Secretary of Agriculture for a second term on the Cattlemen's Beef Board, which oversees the Beef Check Off. He serves on the International Markets Committee.

When the California Cattlemen's Association members voted to start their own land trust in 1998 Darrel was one of the founding members on the California Rangeland Trust (CRT) Board of Directors. He currently serves as Vice President. CRT has worked with ranchers to permanently conserve nearly 300,000 acres of California's working cattle ranches.

Over the years Darrel has had many opportunities to be a cattle industry spokesman where he shares information about ranching

and beef cattle production, including issues such as beef safety, the important roles of cattle grazing and rangeland science, animal health, endangered species, beef industry economics and the future. He has accepted invitations to represent the cattle industry in radio, television and print media interviews and in various speaking engagements and meetings. The Sweet family often hosts ranch tours for agencies, university students, conservation, agriculture and other groups.

When Gordon Rasmussen, a long time friend and 1991 Livestock Man of the Year, called Darrel to notify him about his selection Darrel expressed his appreciation to be included among this group of past recipients and many friends.

## College to Graduate 1st Class of Paramedics

### Education

Las Positas College (LPC) has announced that the Graduation Ceremony for its new Paramedic Program will be held Wednesday, October 23, at 3:00 P.M. in the campus Little Theater (Building 800).

LPC will confer 12 certificates to the men and women who comprise the first Paramedic class at the College. The students have successfully completed a rigorous course of Didactic and Hospital Clinical Training. After they complete their final ambulance training in December, they will sit for their state licensing examinations and, upon successful passage, will be thoroughly qualified California Paramedics. The first class of the Paramedic program began in August of 2012 and will

have been approximately one and half years in length.

The members of the first Paramedic graduating class at LPC are: Adam Birdsell - Concord; Andrew Dawson - Pleasanton; Austin Carolo - Pleasanton; Brendan McDonagh - Castro Valley; Caitlin Poff - Tracy; Joseph Corbett - Pleasanton; Karl Schmidt - Pleasanton; Lucas Sison - Livermore; Matthew Colburn - San Ramon; Matthew Wilson - San Ramon; Ryan Neuerburg - Tracy; and Travis Bray - Livermore.

A reception, hosted by the San Francisco Police Credit Union, will be held to honor the graduates after the ceremony. The general public is invited to attend both the graduation and the reception following. Tickets



are not required for either event but visitors are reminded that the campus has a \$2 parking fee. Daily tickets are available from vend-

ing machines in the campus parking lots. The College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore 94551. For more information, con-

tact Paramedic Program Coordinator Sebastian Wong at (925) 290-8178 or [sewong@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:sewong@laspositascollege.edu)