#### **See Inside 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.

# Livermore District May Reopen Portola School for LVCS Transfers

#### By Ron McNicoll

More than 300 Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) students have asked the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) for inter-district transfer forms to enable them to switch from their current charter school to district schools.

describing procedures to switch K-5 students, said Van Schaack. to district schools. It was sent to families that had expressed interest in transferring, said LVJUSD Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services Chris Van Schaack.

As of the morning of Oct. 18, the district had received 346 The requests began coming to requests for the transfer forms, the district more than a week ago, of which 54 were middle school after the district sent out a letter students. The remaining 292 were

The district is able to put middle school transfers into classrooms now. However, there is not enough room in elementary school classrooms to accommodate K-5 students. It will require opening an overflow school, said Van Schaack.

Almond Avenue and Arroyo Mocho schools are in use now with other programs. Portola School would be the logical solution for

an overflow problem, said Van Schaack.

The school was used by Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory (LVCP) for more than four years before it moved to new quarters at 3090 Independence Drive. The modern converted office building also houses the private charter Squaw Valley Academy Bay Area (SVABA), whose parent company,

(See LVCS, page 3)

# LCAC **Marks** 50th Year

#### By Carol Graham

On October 5th, the Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC) celebrated five decades of challenges and successes. More than 100 people attended the 50th Anniversary celebration in the Cresta Blanca Room at the Robert Livermore Community Center.

'Appreciation for the cultural arts is the glue that holds a community together," said LCAC President Lynn Seppala. "Divisions that tend to separate a community disappear when you laugh or cry at a performance with people of diverse ethnic, religious or political persuasions.

It is this shared vision that has propelled the council since its inception in 1966, when bookstore owner James Crockett noticed that arts groups in Livermore were flourishing but lacked public

The public must be encour-



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Clouds contributed to a colorful sunrise over North Livermore.

# **Pleasanton School Board Endorses Prop. 55**

By Ron McNicoll

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board unanimously endorsed to Proposition 55, the initiative that would extend for 12 years the current tax rate on incomes of \$500,000 or more.

The taxing level was set by Proposition 30 in 2012. It is due to expire in 2018, with a stepping down of the tax rate between now and then. Approval of Proposition 55 will not raise taxes.

The board members did not discuss their vote, but instead took turns reading from the draft resolution. Among points cited were the state's reduction of billions of dollars of education and health care funds affecting children since the Great Recession. California ranks 42nd in the nation in per-pupil revenue. Failure to pass Proposition 55 would drop the state even lower in the rankings, says the resolution.

The board also heard a report on the California Student Performance

(See PLEASANTON, page 5)

# **Final Tesla Public Hearing In Sacramento Tomorrow**

The final public hearing on a controversial California State hearing will be conducted by the Parks and Recreation plan to exDepartment's Off-Highway Motor pand off-road vehicle recreation Vehicle Recreation Commission. into the Tesla site in eastern Alamtomorrow, October 21, at City Hall in Sacramento.

The purpose of the hearing is to collect input on the final enviexisting Carnegie recreation site, which is heavily used by off-road vehicle enthusiasts, as well as on the planned expansion into Tesla immediately to the west.

Both Carnegie and Tesla are owned by the California Depart-

ment of Parks and Recreation. The

The Department has operated eda County is scheduled for 10 a.m. Carnegie for some four decades without much public attention. However, the plan to expand into Tesla has generated strong objections from a broad coalition of ronmental impact report on the environmental and conservation groups. These groups anticipate severe damage to a pristine natural

More on the hearing and background of the plans can be found at http://carnegiegeneralplan.com/ document-library

# **Community Groups Question** Council, Mayoral Candidates

Community groups hosted a forum last Thursday featuring city council and mayoral candidates from Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton. Tri-Valley @ a Crossroads, held at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, focused mainly on questions regarding growth.

Dubliners for Change, Pleasanton Voters and Friends of Livermore invited candidates for city council and mayor in each city to participate, with the exception of John Marchand, who is running for re-election unopposed in Livermore. In Pleasanton invitations were issued to Mayor Jerry Thorne and Councilmember Jerry Pentin and council candidate Herb Ritter declined to participate, citing previous commitments. Dublin Mayor

David Haubert did not attend. KPIX channel 5 news reporter Juliette Goodrich served as mod-

#### DUBLIN

Dublin candidates on hand included council incumbent Doreen Wehrenberg and challengers Mona Lisa Ballesteros, Arun Goel, Melissa Hernandez-Strah, and mayoral candidate Shawn Costello. They were asked if they were willing to make changes to to address incorrect projections the general plan and specific plan to address unforeseen issues, such as school overcrowding and traffic. They responded to questions about how they stood on IKEA, whether they took campaign donations from developers, and their stand on rezoning from commercial to housing. They were also asked how they would deal with the predicted city budget deficit.

All of the candidates reported they did not take campaign donations from developers. They were all willing to look at an ordinance prohibiting such donations to campaigns.

On changes to the general plan and East Dublin Specific Plan, Wehrenberg was willing to revisit it, looking at each project and comparing it to projected impacts. She would not favor an increase in housing density.

Hernandez-Strah said the plan should be revisited. "We did not think it would be as impactful as it has been."

Costello favored revisiting the plans for East Dublin.

Ballesteros said that the city should look at the overall picture of the city on a regular basis, not just the eastside. It is important

on numbers, such as students and

Goel said that the East Dublin Plan should and must be opened up for review. Planning was based on demographics established in 2020; we need to look to 2040 demographics to make sure that infrastructure issues are addressed correctly as the city builds.

With regard to IKEA, Goel, and Ballesteros spoke to the issues that need to be addressed. Goel was concerned about traffic and the aesthetics of a big box store in an important corridor. Ballesteros also did not like the size of the building nor the traffic that would be generated. She said it was not the right company for the site. Costello was opposed to IKEA. Hernandez-Strah and Wehrenberg wanted to have more information on traffic impacts. Wehrenberg noted that sales tax income would provide more money to hire police

personnel. Goel, Ballesteros, Costello and Hernandez-Strah were opposed to rezoning from commercial to residential. Wehrenberg said rezoning would depends on what was surrounding the site. She would like

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# **Dublin Schools Have Three Seats in Election**

#### By Ron McNicoll

The Dublin Unified School District Board has two seats open for four year terms and one seat for a two year term. Vying for the four-year term

are incumbents Dan Cunningham and Amy Miller. They are being challenged by Gabrielle Blackman, Joe Giannini, and Xiaozhao (Betty) Zhuang.

Sameer Hakim, who was appointed to the board a year ago, is running for the two-year term. He faces challenger Dan Cherrier.

Candidates were asked to say a little about themselves and why they are running. They were questioned about whether they thought the schools were overcrowded, and if so, what can be done about it?

A series of questions focused on providing adequate school construction as residential growth continues at a fast pace.

Proposition 51 on Nov. 8 will ask voters to approve a bond sale that could raise as much as \$6 billion for K-12 school construction

and modernization. That would be a big help to fast-growth districts like Dublin, where thousands of approved residential units have been on the books for years. If Prop. 55 does not pass, can local bonds and developer fees, even at the highest level, be adequate to do the job?

Candidates were asked about any educational program improvements they think are needed. They were told they could raise other topics not covered in the interview.

Candidates for the long-term seats are listed before the shortterm seat. Candidates in each of those two races are listed alphabetically.

#### **FOUR-YEAR TERMS** GABRIELLE BLACKMAN

Gabrielle Blackman has lived in Dublin for 12 years. She has three children in the school district. "I understand some of the challenges, and family needs," she said. Blackman works in the architectural industry, helping institutions with

(See DUBLIN SCHOOLS, page 8)

# Alameda CountyAffordable Housing **Bond Measure on November Ballot**

Alameda County residents are being asked to approve Measure A1, the Affordable Housing Bond placed on the November ballot by the Board of Supervisors.

The measure will require a two-thirds majority countywide to gain approval. In response to what is referred to as a severe shortage of housing that is affordable for lower income households in the county, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors voted to place the \$580 million general obligation bond on the ballot.

The Livermore City Council

voted to support Measure A1. The Dublin City Council decided not to take a stand. In Pleasanton, Councilmember Arne Olson suggested the council take a stand in favor of the measure. However, no vote was taken.

The cost to property owners would be \$14 per \$100,000 assessed value.

The \$580 million would be divided into two pots. In the first, \$120 million would be used to fund homeowner programs, such as down payment assistance loans, and home preservation loans. To

allow access for middle income homebuyers looking to purchase in high costs areas such as the Tri-Valley, this program would be available for households with incomes up to 150% of Area Median Income.

Median income in Alameda County for a family of four is \$97,500, for an individual, \$68,300.

The remaining \$460 million would go to a rental housing development fund to support new construction and preservation of

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#### PET OF THE WEEK

We have a truly felinetastic group of adoptable cats this week! Like this one-year-old cutie pie Sasha. One look at this playful princess will warm your heart, and comfort you as the winter months approach. Come visit Sasha, and all the other adoptable animals at the Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday from 10am -4pm. For more information, visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656. Photo - Valley Humane Society/G. Subramonian

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# **BART Seeks Approval of Bond Measure to Finance Upgrades of System**

placed Measure RR on the November 8, 2016 ballot. If approved by a two-thirds vote, the bond measure would raise \$ 3.5 billion dollars to finance repairs and upgrades to the BART

Projects include, among others, replacing and upgrading the system's tracks, tunnels, and train control

BART estimates that the average yearly rate for property owners over the life of the bond program will range from \$8.98 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation to \$17.49

#### HOUSING (continued from page one)

existing affordable units targeted to low income residents. It would include an innovation and opportunity fund that could be used for activities such as land and market rate unit acquisition.

Local cities will be eligible for a base allocation. Pleasanton would be eligible for \$13.7 million, Dublin \$8.8 million, and Livermore, \$12.7 million. All three cities would have access to an additional \$27 million regional rental development funding pool for East County. Allocation to cities is based on population and property values.

Tri-Valley cities would be able to leverage local funding for down payment assistance and home rehabilitation in conjunction with other County home ownership program funds.

The bonds are expected to be 20 year bonds in several issuances over an approximate six year period, so some amount of the bonds will be outstanding for approximately 26 years.

No argument in opposition to the measure was filed. However, during public hearings, concern was expressed for homeowners on fixed incomes or low income having to pay the tax. It was pointed out that there are no exemptions, everyone must pay. This could price some out of their homes. It was suggested that some type of rebate system be established.

According to arguments in favor of the measure, many working families spend more than half of their income on housing. More are being priced out of the their homes or even onto the street. Experts estimate a shortfall of more than 60,000 affordable homes in the county for low-income families, with at least 5,000 left homeless.

Supporters state that every dollar Measure A1 raises stays in Alameda County, allocated according to a detailed plan, available online. "Independent annual audits ensure funds are spent as approved by voters," the argument in favor states.

Signing the argument in favor is David Barron, Treasurer, Habitat for Humanity East Bay; Tamra C. Hege, Alameda County Council Chair, League of Women Voters; Igor Tregub, Vice Chair, Sierra Club, San Francisco Bay Chapter; Coco Ramirez, Board Member, United Seniors of Alameda County; and Bishop Jerry W. Macklin, Senior Pastor, Glad Tidings Church.

per \$100,000 assessed valuation depending on interest rates at the time the bonds are sold. A Bond Oversight Committee will provide independent oversight over the expenditure of the funds.

Arguments in favor of Measure RR and responses to opposition include the following:

BART is the backbone of Bay Area transportation. A system that originally carried 100,000 people per week now serves roughly 430,000 riders per day. Ridership is expected to increase 75% by 2040. However, the 44-year-old system is showing its age. It is time to reinvest to keep BART safe and reliable, reduce crowding, keep cars off the road, and protect the environment.

All expenditures are subject to an annual audit by an independent oversight committee of engineers, auditors, and other community members.

Funds can only be used for infrastructure improvements, and cannot be used for operating expenses. Every dollar from Measure RR will be invested in the BART system, and cannot be taken by the State or Federal government.

BART will invest \$584 million of this year's capital budget on system reinvestment, but that funding alone is not enough to meet urgent safety needs. To perform critical repairs to keep BART safe and reliable, we need Measure RR.

Transportation and rail safety experts from UC Berkeley and private industry have studied the Measure RR program plan. They endorse Measure RR because it focuses on the core BART system by replacing and modernizing:

When BART breaks, the Bay Area waits. Measure RR is essential for maintaining BART's safe track record, and for increasing BART's capacity in order to relieve highway gridlock." The statement is signed by the following:

Offer Grembek - Transportation Safety Engineer and Co-Director, UC Berkeley Safe Transportation Research and Education Center; Luis Amezcua -Sierra Club San Francisco Bay Chapter, Executive Committee Member; Thea Selby – 35-year BART rider and San Francisco Transit Riders Board Chair; Alan B. Smith – BART Accessibility Task Force Board Chair; and dent and CEO, Bay Area Council – the Voice of Bay Area Business; Lisa Nielson Rail Safety Officer; Sylvia

Stadmire – Board Member, United Seniors of Alameda County; Gabriel Metcalf President and CEO, San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR); Renee Rivera – Executive Director, Bike East Bay; James F Bisso – Small Business Owner, 43-year BART Rider.

Those opposed to the measure offer the following arguments:

"BART doesn't deserve your trust.

"BART should be making regular repairs; and it should be saving enough money to replace train cars. Instead, BART made its transit employees among the highestpaid in the nation.

"Up to \$1.2 billion from the November bond measure could essentially backfill labor costs instead of paying for promised capital improvements." BART's pay and benefits are unafordable.

"BART should master the fundamentals before expanding the BART system. BART needs to stop talking about rebuilding and actually start rebuilding.

'Measure RR is a 48-year property tax increase. We don't know exactly how big the tax will be; it's based on many factors. Interest rates will go up; property values will go down. The tax rate estimates are just guesses because, over 48 years, many things will change.

"One thing we know for certain: Once voters say yes, BART can charge any tax rate necessary to repay bond debt. The real tax rate will be whatever it takes.'

BART has proven that it values popularity more than responsibility. While BART makes big promises, it refuses to save for them. Last year BART collected over \$883 million in rider fares, parking fees, sales taxes, property taxes, investment earnings and state and federal subsidies. Yet BART hasn't properly maintained its systems.

'BART chooses platinum labor contracts and unprofitable expansion projects over saving money to replace train cars and other equipment.'

Signing the opposing arguments are Kersten Institute for Governance and Public Policy – David Kersten, President; Alliance of Contra Costa Taxpayers - Kenneth Hambrick, Chairman; Tom Canaday - San Francisco resident; Engineer; Frequent BART Rider; Arne Simonsen – Former Councilmember, City of Antioch; Susan L. Pricco - Hercules resident; Retired Court

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# Diwali 'Festival of the Lights' Planned Sunday

Diwali "Festival of the Lights" will be celebrated in a free family event on the Bankhead Plaza this Sunday, October 22th. The event is a joint project of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center and the Youth and Education Hindu Cultural Community Center

in Livermore. An ancient Hindu festival in Nepal and India, Diwali, the "Festival of Lights," is celebrated in autumn or spring every year. The tradition originated as a harvest festival marking the last harvest of the year before the start of winter and spiritually signifies the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair. The festival is celebrated for five continuous days, with the third day honored as the central Diwali festival or "Festival of the Lights."

The event will include such traditional Diwali activities as diva decorations, heena, rangoli art, dhol drumming, Indian classical songs and dancing, as well as a storytelling of the history and meaning of Diwali. Free craft projects for children will be set up and food and jewelry will be available

for sale. All activities will take place in front of the Bankhead Theater at 2400 First Street in downtown

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# ROUNDUP

#### County Innovation Recognized

Two innovative Alameda County programs were recently named as winners in the 2016 Savvy Awards competition, sponsored by the Washington D.C. based City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA).

The award winners were celebrated in a presentation by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors at the Board's October 11 meeting.

In the Digital Interactive-Customer eGovernment Services category, Alameda County won a SAVVY Award this year for its new Permit Portal, an online one-stop-shop that helps residents through the permitting process to complete major property upgrades, start businesses or undertake many other tasks regulated by local government. Available at http://permit.acgov.org, the Permit Portal allows individuals and business operators to easily access information about required permits issued by Alameda County and other local jurisdictions. "This project has a broad reach and uses technology to create a direct improvement in the lives of residents," 3CMA judges wrote about the Permit Portal.

Alameda County's Green & Healthy Awards program was also recognized. This employee engagement effort won a Silver Circle Award for Go Green Communication Program Efforts. Organized by Alameda County General Services Agency's Sustainability Office, the Green & Healthy Awards recognized county employees for their game-changing resource conservation efforts at events and meetings. More than 9,200 County employees and residents were engaged in green and healthy practices as a result of the awards outreach.

#### Mayors' Summit

The 2016 Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit will take place Wed., Oct. 26 at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road,

Assemblymember Catharine Baker will moderate the event presented by the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce.

On hand will be the following mayors: Karen Stepper, Danville; David Haubert, Dublin; John Marchand, Livermore; Jerry Thorne, Pleasanton; and Bill Clarkson,

This last in the Chamber's Wine Country Luncheon series begins at 11:30 p.m. For information or reservations, go to www.livermorechamber.org or call 447-1606.

#### Corrections

Errors appeared in the candidate interview about Mona Lisa Ballesteros. In her remarks about future growth, she is quoted as saying, "I do not like rezoning residential to commercial." The sentence was supposed to say, "I do not like rezoning commercial to residential." Also, Ballesteros' job title Dublin San Ramon Services District is Administrative Technician. The numbers of vested and unvested units in the Dublin general plan were misstated. There are 4000 vested units left citywide, and 3400 unvested units.

A story in the Oct. 13 issue erred in stating that Dublin City Council candidate Arun Goel signed an on-line petition opposing IKEA's proposal for a store at Hacienda Drive and Martinelli Way. Goel's statement of opposition to several impacts of the IKEA plan was posted on the petition web page, but Goel did not sign the petition. Goel told The Independent he wanted to make it clear that "we don't have any information relative to the applicant's' stance on the EIR,' so he has not commented on that subject. "The issues that I have identified are traffic concerns, aesthetic impact and negative impacts for local businesses. The latter two are not being addressed at this time," he said.

# LVPAC Expects to Be in the Black

Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) expects to be in the black by the end of the

**Executive Director Scott** Kenison reported LVPAC's financial status as part of a Livermore City Council Oct. 10 agenda item focusing on the status of the Host Community Impact Fee (HCIF). The fees are used as the source of funding to pay off the certificates of participation (COP) issued by the city to purchase the Bankhead Theater, which is operated by LVPAC under a lease agreement with the city.

Kenison also noted that LVPAC has enrolled 900 members, the highest level of memberships to date.

Turner commented, "I asked for the information on the HCIF because people had been saying the fees could be used to build a project in the downtown. I don't want to ever talk about closing the doors of the Bankhead Theater."

Mayor John Marchand said we all are concerned about the long term viabil-

The Livermore Valley ity of the Bankhead. There has been a lot of discussion about a 299 seat theater next to the Bankhead. He wondered how that would impact the Bankhead Theater.

Kenison stated, "I have never said I wanted a 299 seat theater. What is important is a hotel with meeting space." He added that 299 seats would be an asset for resident companies that would like a smaller venue.

Joan Seppala, speaking for herself, not as president of LVPAC, told the council that there are no plans to build a 299 seat theater, nor has any request been made. Those interested in the performing arts have had discussions with the city's chosen hotel developer, Presidio, to use their proposed conference center on weekends during the nonwedding season November through April. Retractable raked seating that can provide flexible space for 299 or less would be installed in the conference center to enable educational and small performing groups to stage productions that would

500-seat Bankhead Theater. Citizens have already raised \$1.4 million for the retractable seating equipment, she concluded.

The HCIF money comes from fees paid at both the Altamont and Vasco Road landfills to offset the impacts of having landfills located near Livermore. According to an agreement with Alameda County, HCIF revenues can only be spent on a performing arts venue.

Alameda County transferred the use of the funds from LVPAC to the City of Livermore to pay off the \$9.2 million COP issued to purchase the Bankhead Theater.

As part of the lease agreement, LVPAC is required to provide monthly check-ins on finances. "LVPAC has complied with all requirements in a timely manner," reported Doug Alessio, Administrative Services Director.

He told the council that scenarios that look at the income from the HCIF over the life of the COP range from a low of \$13.5 million to a high of \$24 million, which include San Francisco leaving the landfill. "Actual revenues are right on target with projections," he stated.

Excess fees are set aside each year to create a reserve for maintenance and repair of the theater.

#### Science Posters on Display

A series of 16 informative posters based on the scientific research of Las Positas College (LPC) students is currently on exhibit at the Livermore Public Library through October 31. The library is located at 1188 S. Livermore Avenue in Livermore.

The posters were developed through the LPC undergraduate science research poster session held last spring and represent student course research, honors projects, and independent study in the topics of microbiology, psychology, chemistry, zoology, anatomy, and cell and molecularbiology.

The public is invited to attend an Author Reception at the library on Sunday, October 23 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Community Room A to meet the student researchers who created the posters. Light refreshments will be served, compliments of the LPC Library.

# LVCS -

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Charter Preparatory Academy (CPA) is responsible for most of the \$2.1 million annual bond payment for acquiring and adapting the building for school use.

The Livermore district was going consider what to do with the Portola property. With the need for more classroom space, the district is getting an early start on refurbishing the building, said Van Schaack.

The 346 asking for transfer forms are in addition to approximately 350 LVCS students that the district took in between June and September, said Van Schaack. Another 75 LVCS students were accepted from September until now. Van Schaack said that adds up to 425 students attending district schools now that were enrolled in LVCS last year.

If all of the 346 who have asked for transfer forms apply to the district, the total would be 781 that the district would see enrolled in district schools.

The LVJUSD school board was scheduled to conduct a public hearing Oct. 18 about a requested extension of the charters from both Livermore public charter schools. The hearing was postponed for 30 days at the charter schools' request.

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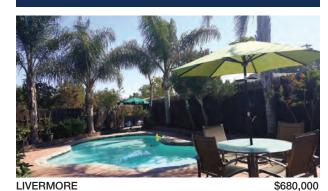


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# **EDITORIALS**

#### **Dublin City Council: Arun Goel and** Mona Lisa Ballesteros

Dublin voters will be selecting two councilmembers on November 8.

We recommend Parks and Recreation Commissioner Mona Lisa Ballesteros and Planning Commissioner Arun Goel as the two best candidates to make decisions regarding Dublin's future.

In talking about his candidacy, Goel states, "If you want more housing, more traffic, and less space in schools, I'm not your guy. If you want to control housing, a solution to traffic and more small businesses, I am your guy." Goel is one of the best prepared candidates running for an office this October. As a planning commissioner, he has interacted with staff and has been involved with some of the issues facing the city. He objects to rezoning commercial sites to residential, noting. "We can push for a smart growth option, and push back on rezoning.

Ballesteros has also spoken out against rezoning commercial areas for housing. She wants to reduce the numbers of units on land already vested. Ballesteros has advocated for more affordable units for seniors living in Dublin, noting there is a waiting list for units already in existence. Her campaign theme focuses on controlled smart growth, investment in infrastructure, and fiscal stability and responsibility.

Dublin voters would be well represented on the city council by Arun Goel and Mona Lisa Balles-

#### **State Senate, 7th District: Steve Glazer**

We recommend re-electing Democrat Steve Glazer to represent the 7th District in the State

Glazer was sent to the Senate in a special election last year to fill the seat Mark DeSaulnier, D-Concord, vacated when DeSaulnier was elected to Congress. Now he is running for a full four-year

His votes since taking office include closing a loophole regarding assault weapons by making the bullet button illegal. He also supported a statewide raise in the minimum wage.

If returned to office, he would look at reversing the state's limit on reserves that school districts can maintain, an issue important to local districts who were able to weather the recent recession by using reserves.

We are disappointed that Glazer has not taken a position on expanding the off-road vehicle park into the Tesla area.

However, in another important issue, he has strongly opposed "by right" development, which

would allow developers to bypass much of the approval process taking away local control over planning and building.

Glazer has been what he said he would be, a moderate who is willing to work with the other side of the aisle on important issues.

Steve Glazer should be returned to the State Senate on November 8.

#### **State Assembly, 16th District:** Catharine Baker

Assemblywoman Catharine Baker, a Republican, is running for re-election to represent the State Assembly 16th District.

We support her re-election over her challenger Democrat Cheryl Cook-Kallio.

Baker has stepped across party lines, breaking with the Republican Party on such issues as gun control and climate action. She voted for SB32, extending the climate-change law, and SB350, raising renewable energy goals. She supported 10 of 12 gun control measures that came before the Assembly, including voting to require background checks on the purchase of ammunition.

Baker helped to author a bill that provides more resources for veterans to transition to civilian life.

She is opposed to "by right" development, calling it the greatest violation of local control possible.

There is one thing we would like her to do, that is, support efforts to stop the expansion of the off-road vehicle park into the Tesla area.

Cook-Kallio served on the Pleasanton City Council for eight years. During that time she voted in favor of the Oak Grove development on the southeast hills of Pleasanton. She supported a council backed initiative in opposition to a citizens' referendum to stop the development.

During her interview, Cook-Kallio tended to answer questions two ways. For example, asked about the high speed rail, she said she would prefer the money be spent on local projects. However, the high speed rail would create jobs.

We have found Catharine Baker to be forthright on her positions, even if we may not agree with all of them. She stays connected with local constituents. holding numerous town hall meetings to hear from

We recommend a vote for Catharine Baker.

#### **Livermore Area Recreation and Park** District: Jan Palajac and John Kibbe

Two seats are available on the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board (LARPD). We recommended they be filled by newcomers Jan Palajac and John Kibbe.

Kibbe has been involved with both youth softball and soccer. With Steve Goodman retiring from the board, Kibbe would continue Goodman's advocacy for sports and recreation.

He could bring a different perspective to the board as the father of a 12 and 14 year old who use the parks, trails and programs. Kibbe expressed a strong

interest in reaching out to the younger generation to engage them in community activities. He would like to see a youth center in Livermore where kids could come after school and feel safe.

Palajac is a newcomer to the city. In her career as a landscape architect, she has been involved in designing parks and trails, including construction documents and construction oversight. Those are skills that could help identify some new ways to accomplish the Livermore Park District's goals.

While the park district does not approve housing, Palajac would like to see more open space in high density housing and would communicate that need

There are no term limits for LARPD board members. The board has done a good job with a limited budget. Adding Jan Palajac and John Kibbe to the LARPD board would bring in new people with new ideas.

#### Yes on Measure MM

There are many reasons to support the "yes" position on Pleasanton's Measure MM, dubbed the "Costco Initiative." If approved, the measure would limit new buildings within the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone (EDZ) to 50,000 square feet.

A "yes" vote would mean a vote against locating a Costco on the 40-acre site. The city has stopped processing the EDZ, pending the outcome of the vote on November 8.

Issues include traffic, air pollution, jobs, economic impacts and financing of transportation infrastructure.

The city hired a consultant to compare what would happen if Costco were or were not approved. The report, issued in August, concluded that if MM were approved and Costco did move forward, there would be less traffic, less pollution, 500 more jobs, comparable sales tax, and infrastructure would be built without subsidies or a loan.

On the other hand, opponents of the measure note that the site offers prime freeway visibility that would bring in more tax revenues to finance city services and projects.

However, additional concerns about the Costco project focus on city staff negotiations that offer Costco a subsidy. The project's mitigations are estimated to include \$16 million in infrastructure improvements. Questions have been raised over how those improvements would be financed. Loan amounts to the city from Costco range from \$6 million to \$7.5 million; the loan would be paid back to the developer plus interest using tax revenue generated by the project. Rebating tax funds to Costco would limit the amount of tax revenue that could be available to the city for projects such as a new library.

To avoid controversy, the city should have been more forthright telling the public it was negotiating terms of the financing of infrastructure.

We support the environmental and job benefits to the city. We recommend a yes vote on MM.

# MAILBOX

(Opinions voiced in letters published in Mailbox are those of the author and the same circle of friends for do not necessarily reflect over 8 years, so I have gotten the opinion of The Inde- to know and come to love the pendent. The Independent will not publish anonymous letters. All letters are required to have the names of the persons submitting them. Abusive letters may be rejected or edited. Frequent letter writers may have publication of their letters delayed. Letters should be sent by email to editmail@ compuserve.com)

#### **Vote for Maher Meghan Anderson Pleasanton Teacher**

Steve Maher was my principal for most of my elementary and middle school years. Of all the wonderful educators I have met throughout my life, Steve is the one I always point to as the most caring, the most patient, and the most loving. His warm smile, ability to remember so many names, and willingness to problemsolve collaboratively with students, parents, and teachers alike make him a wonderful choice for Pleasanton's School Board. Steve really gets to know each and every family he works with, and I know he would continue to do that as a member of the Board. For these reasons and more, Steve has this educator's vote any day!

#### Ritter for Council Dawn M. Brum Pleasanton

My husband and I have lived in Pleasanton for 26 vears and have raised our two boys in Pleasanton. I have known the Ritter family for over 10 years. Our kids have

grown up in the same schools together, and we have been in Ritter family Herb is truly a great friend, husband, and father. He always puts his family first, and is a great role model. He is a well-rounded man, from working out at Club Sport in the boot camp classes three days a week, to attending church at Blue Oaks every Sunday, he truly is a great guy who not only takes care of himself, but his family and those around him. He cares!

Herb has always been a constant Pleasanton supporter, whether it is helping and supporting Foothill High Schools sports that his son participated in, such as wrestling and football, or with the City of Pleasanton itself, he has and is always the first one to raise his hand to help volunteer or try to find a solution to solve whatever problem has risen. For example, Herb did all the leg work knocking on doors at our local businesses to raise the money needed to replace our run-down Foothill High School score board. He is a go-getter and 100% trust worthy. I would definitely and whole-heartedly stand by whatever decision Herb makes because I know, from past experience and knowing him personally, that he researches, analyzes, explores, inquires, investigates, and does his own legwork into finding everything there is to know about the situation he is dealing with. And if he is unable to find the answer himself, he pulls from his many friends, coworkers, associates to help him find the answer. He not only is a great guy, but his wife and family

are beyond nice -- they are

truly one of the nicest families

His positions on the issues are straight forward and right on track. From supporting water conservation, traffic flow in Pleasanton, working with our schools to make them better, building more parks, protecting Pleasanton's open spaces, and enhancing our historic downtown -- he is the right man for the job of Pleasanton City Council. His community service for over 26 years has been noticed. and he has done a great deal of good in making Pleasanton the way it is today – one of America's 50 best cities to

With that said, I 100% support Herb and know that he would be and is the best candidate for the upcoming position of Pleasanton City Council member.

I encourage all who have not yet met Herb Ritter, to go meet him and listen to what he stands for and what he is supporting. For more information, please visit his website: HerbRitter.com. I strongly support Herb Ritter and I encourage all to go out and VOTE FOR HERB!

#### Vote No on Gary Susan Steinberg Livermore

First he wildly accused City Council colleagues of conspiring together in violation of the Brown Act, because they disagreed with

Luckily a thorough investigation proved his accusations false, and he was forced to apologize.

More recently he tried to deflect citizen anger against the Lennar Downtown Plan by a weird distraction ploy.

He suggested dropping the idea of a community park in the Downtown Development Area, and just calling Carnegie our Downtown

Imaginative but impossible, as he surely should have known:

Carnegie is a historic building surrounded by some greenery, not at all the vision of a real open space downtown park requested by most citizens.

The access route he proposed from Downtown to

Carnegie is equally ludicrous. The City would have to acquire that right-of-way through private property presently occupied by businesses and parking lots. Imagine the expense and dislocation!

Last week he proposed a 45-day housing moratorium in the Downtown Development Area. Since that is already on hold for months, this was just a meaning-less gesture to "look good" before the coming election.

Gary is obviously aware of citizen anger at his support of the unpopular Lennar Proposal for the Downtown, and must believe this will help his image. Of course, after the election he can go right back to boosting that plan, with its 260 housing units up to 5 stories high, a truly monstrous develop-

ment. Will he listen to his constituents? Not likely. Many of us remember his insufferable attitude last July, when he dismissed ideas about Downtown offered by the public at a Council meeting. He described himself as "Santa Claus" and the concerned citizens as "children sitting on his knee asking for presents" and "he had to turn them down"

Such a high-handed attitude was an insult to every one of us. We don't need that kind of overbearing leader who belittles conscientious citizens at a public meeting, and ignores their honest opinions until election time.

I'm supporting Carling and Coomber who DO listen to the public, and have advanced sensible ideas about our Downtown Development and the future of our city. They reflect the true will of the people who want to keep Livermore livable.

#### Yes on School Bond Ken and Carolyn Mano Pleasanton

We are in favor of the Pleasanton School District Bond Measure (I1), to improve our schools, even though we no longer have children or grandchildren in Pleasanton. There is no question that many of our schools need upgrading, modernization and technology improvements, this bond measure is

the quickest, maybe the only way this will happen in a timely manner. The price of homes in our community have been at a very high level and have maintained their value, while in many other communities they have declined. This has been in main part because of the high ranking of our school system, so even without children in our home, a small increase in our taxes will pay off in maintaining the value of our home. We hate increasing taxes, but this appears to be a wise investment, for our home, and for the children of Pleasanton.

#### My Thoughts Laureen Turner **Livermore City Council**

Dear Editor, this is going to be an embarrassingly long

letter. For that I apologize but wanted to share my thoughts on the downtown. First, I feel the downtown is and should be for the citizens of Livermore first. This means a walk

able downtown where the citizens of our fine town can connect. My favorite parts of our city include Tuesday Tunes, any event that "closes" First Street, and, the farmers market. These events are where we come together as a community and my vision of our community is to enhance this feel.

There has been a lot of talk about the city owned block in the downtown and the entire election is focused on this issue. Though the downtown is indeed very

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# CAMPAIGN 2016

#### **DUBLINERS FOR CHANGE ENDORSES CANDIDATES**

Dubliners for Change is an organization concerned with the rapid growth in high-density housing in Dublin and the adverse effects this development is having on schools and quality of life. The group actively engages with Dublin city government to advocate for more sustainable growth, an end to school overcrowding, pedestrian-friendly shopping areas and transparency in government. Dubliners for Change believes "new perspectives are needed" and for the first time ever is endorsing candidates for local office in the November 8, 2016 election. For Dublin City Council, the group is endorsing Arun Goel and Mona-Lisa Ballesteros; for the Dublin Unified School Board of Trustees, Gabrielle Blackman.

#### CHAMBER FORUM

The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce will hold a candidates forum on Tues., Oct. 25 starting at 7 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue.

Taking part will be city council candidates: incumbents Laureen Turner and Stewart Gary and challengers Bob Carling, Bob Coomber, Chester Moore and John Stein.

The public is invited to attend. There is no charge. RSVP is requested at www.livermorechamber.org or 447-1606.

#### BROWN ENDORSES COOK-KALLIO

In the race for Assembly District 16, California Governor Jerry Brown has endorsed Cheryl Cook-Kallio for the general election.

"Democrat Cheryl Cook-Kallio will be a strong leader in the State Assembly and an unwavering champion in our fight against climate change. I strongly endorse her," said Governor Jerry Brown.

The seats is currentlyheld by Republican Catharine Baker. Cook-Kallio stated, "I'm proud to have the sole endorsement of Governor Brown in this race. He's been a powerful advocate for our environment and I look forward to working closely with him when I'm elected to make sure we pass the legislation necessary to protect future generations from climate change."

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# **MAILBOX**

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important to our city, I am concerned with the hyper focus of this project. However, wanted to share my thoughts as there has been significant misinformation.

First, the downtown specific plan was created in conjunction with the very people who are now fighting the development in the downtown. To their credit, at that time, the increased housing was needed to support BART to the downtown. All of this was to provide the needed funding for the Regional Theater. Now that both the Regional Theater and Bart are not coming to downtown, we carried forward with the previously adopted plan. This was for many reasons. Primarily, we did not receive responses from developers to the prior RFP so we changed direction and went with a market driven RFP. In hindsight, times have changed. Livermore can and should be choosey about what we do with this final block.

However, during the process, we settled on finalist, Lennar. I chose a different developer as I felt that they were more responsive to the community. However, I am one of 5 votes. On a 3/5 vote the developer was chosen. My peers voted for Lennar for sound financial reasons as well as their ability to bring in a high quality hotel.

The next step was to engage in community meetings to further develop the project. That is where we are now. What we have found is that people are most concerned about traffic and parking. A interesting item that we found that was somewhat surprising given all of the demand for increased parking that we have heard over the past few years was that there is no tolerance for a large parking structure. Additionally, the tolerance for housing has changed now that it is not needed for the finance to support the Regional Theater.

So, in the August meeting – the first meeting where city council members had the opportunity to direct staff on the project since the selection of Lennar, I asked for parking and traffic flow studies to be completed before we moved forward. I asked specifically for studies to be completed with full build out in mind so that we are truly planning for the long-term future. These

studies will not be ready for consideration until January at the least.

I did not vote for a 50% reduction in housing for the sole reason that I do not know if 50% is the correct number. We may need to reduce by more. we may need to eliminate it altogether on this site - I do not have the information at this point to make an informed decision. I felt that voting for a 50% reduction without the proper information would have been reckless so I voted against it. Please remember, this is all a work in process.

For the record, I have never said I want tall buildings in our downtown. What I do want is better parking, better traffic flow, additional retail, a high quality hotel with its own meeting space that meets the needs of our business and tourism community, and workforce housing. We do have other sites in our downtown that can provide housing but until we revise the specific plan and have the needed parking and traffic studies – I honestly do not know.

I am trying to make decisions that are well-intentioned and in the best interest of Livermore. If you have read this entire letter, ... I am impressed. Thank you for the time you took to read my musings. If you would like to have a conversation about the downtown or any other city project, I am certainly happy to talk. Feel free to email me at leturner@cityoflivermore.

#### **Support Maher Julie Frey Pleasanton**

Steve Maher is the best possible candidate for School Board. He brings a level of experience and dedication that is needed at the helm of our growing, competitive District. He is incredibly hard-working and is the most caring educator and administrator I know. always striving for the best possible outcome for each of our students. For Steve Maher, "kids come first" is not just a slogan, it is truth. As the parent of two students in this District, I am grateful he has stepped up to run for the School Board.

#### **Support Cook-Kallio** Sharon Piekarski Pleasanton

With the election less than one month away, voters are being bombarded by mail and

TV supporting the candidates.

The smears perpetrated by Assemblymember Baker and the California Republican Party are so farfetched as to be completely unbelievable.

That's why I am supporting former Pleasanton Councilmember and award-winning teacher Cheryl Cook-Kallio. When she speaks about what she's done for improving access to women's health care. she can actually back it up with facts – like the women she's helped or the funding she's secured for a women's clinic in Pleasanton.

As a Pleasanton resident who's seen Cheryl's work up close and has lived in this community for over 30 years, I can vouch for her work and encourage others in Assembly District 16 to vote for Cheryl Cook-Kallio.

#### **Re-Elect Jerry Thorne Howard G Seebach** Pleasanton

Re-elect Jerry Thorne as Mayor of the City of Pleasanton.

Jerry's experience as a manager in the corporate world led to his ability to manage budgets, hiring and firing, setting goals and objectives, team incentives – all qualities essential for city management. He has demonstrated these abilities in his past service as Mayor.

Under his leadership Pleasanton continues to a desired place to live, work and do business. Under his leadership the city has kept its image as a small town and a great place to visit. Under his leadership Pleasanton has received acclaim as an outstanding community. As a veteran he has kept the city respectful of those who also give service to our country.

Re-elect Jerry Thorne as Mayor of the City of Pleas-

#### State of the City **Kathy Streeter** Livermore

went to Mayor Marchand's State of the City presentation at the Livermore Library. He spent significant time explaining the regulations the Council must follow during their work on the downtown development project and all of the time and energy they have spent, and continue to spend, to make sure that development is the best it can be and reflects what the citizens of Livermore want. His talk was clear and

concise and should put Council criticism to rest.

Unfortunately the Independent did not cover this annual event. I wonder why?

#### **Students Come First Emmeline Chen Pleasanton**

I wholeheartedly support and endorse Steve Maher as a candidate for the Pleasanton School Board.

I met "Mr. Maher" when he served as interim principal for two of my children's schools. At both schools, Steve brought much-needed stability, wisdom, and cleareyed focus stemming from his experience as a Pleasanton principal and teacher.

I trust Steve to always have the best interests of students at heart. His constant refrain is "Students come first." When asked about school issues, Steve usually starts with, "Well, first I would consider what's best for kids?"

Steve treats everyone with civility and respect, and he actively seeks mutual understanding and collaboration. He is a man of principles and integrity with the courage to make unpopular decisions if he believes that's best for students.

Steve was a beloved school principal and had an extremely successful career in Pleasanton. He could easily rest on his laurels – having the Hart Middle School gym named after him, the many awards, etc.

Instead, Steve is running for Pleasanton School Board because he cares for our community and wants to help restore trust in our school

I urge everyone to put students first and vote Steve Maher for Pleasanton School Board!

#### **Campaign Donations** Andrew Barker Livermore

Jeff Kaskey has some nerve complaining in last week's letter to the editor about small donations from local business owners to city council candidates, when he has single-handedly given

more to the campaigns of Bob Carling and Bob Coomber than any other candidate has received in total this election

There is a legal technicality involving the difference between campaign committees and independent expenditure committees, but the plain fact is that a donation to Friends of Livermore is a donation to Carling and Coomber. Kaskey is both a hypocrite and a liar when he says the \$250 donations of others are the legal "maximum" while he himself gives \$7000 to buy seats on the city council.

If Kaskey wants to buy an election and prevent anyone with less money than him from ever living in Livermore, the least he can do is be honest about it.

#### My Record John Stein Livermore

I would like to thank the Friends of Livermore PAC for the expensive, glossy and misleading mailer describing my record and positions on open space. It indicates that their polling shows me to be a leading candidate for election to the Livermore City Council.

In the past I helped develop the successful South Livermore Plan that balances the desires of environmentalists, property owners, wine growers and the City of Pleasanton, Alameda County and the park district. I initiated the vote on the Urban Growth Boundary on the south side of Livermore. I helped to defeat the proposed Las Positas New Town. I support protecting sensitive habitat, scenic vistas and potentially productive agricultural land north of Livermore and retaining local control of its future. I also would like to see a sports park and site for a third high school north of the freeway.

Friends of Livermore has in the past supported over

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#### My GOALS for 2016 - 2020:

- 1. Continue to be the lone voice for the **SLOW and SMART GROWTH** policies that formed our award-winning town.
- 2. More QUALITY DRINKING WATER is needed. We should expand recycled irrigation to help "drought proof" Pleasanton.
- Plan for a larger **LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER**, currently the "busiest building in town." A larger library will provide support for all ages: Students, Seniors, ESL readers, tots, tutoring, Wi-Fi, e-books, meeting rooms, books on CDs, movies, music and more.
- **4.** Protect **OPEN SPACE & RIDGELINES**. Scenic hills and open space should be preserved for all to enjoy, not just a few.
- 5. **CONTINUE TO GET THINGS DONE!** I supported: the Veteran's Memorial, Bernal Park-2, Workday Campus, Preserving historic homes, reduced pension debt, a dog park, 10 miles of recycled water pipe and more. I also support our hardworking police & fire personnel that protect us and keep us safe.

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Protect Urban Growth Boundary

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# and Progress (CAASPP)

**PLEASANTON** 

results. They address how the district staff works to improve the performance of all students, including those who need more resources in instruction.

District Director of Assessment Michael Kuhfal said that all grade levels improved in math compared to the first year of the newly developed statewide testing in 2015. With the of the exception of the eighth grade, students improved in English Language Arts (ELA) over last year. The 8th grade dropped from 83 percent to 79 percent. Changes of 3 percent or more are consid-

ered significant. The overall scores in ELA for grades 3 through 8, and 11th grade rose from 80 to 81 percent. That compared to the average of Alameda County schools with an average rise from 52 to 55 percent and from 44 to 49 percent statewide. In math, Pleasanton's scores went up from 72 to 76 percent. The county showed an increase from 44 to 46 percent; statewide the numbers went up from 33 to 37 percent.

Trustee Joan Laursen said such comparisons are fine, but the board needs to be able to compare the results to districts of similar socio-economic status to learn what Pleasanton might do better.

Kuhfal said that the state will issue data on socioeconomic comparisons later in the school year.

In ELA scores in Pleasanton, some subgroups made dramatic increases, with a 6 percent rise in ELA for Hispanic/Latino students and socio-economically disadvantaged students. There was a 9 percent increase among English learners. However, there was a 5 percent drop among African/Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services Odie Douglas said that the district is focusing on certain subgroups, meeting recently with African-American families. "They were appreciative that we took enough

interest in what the data said. ing from the community in this room. We will work diligently," said Douglas.

In math, improvement ranged from 4 percent among students with disabilities, to 8 percent for Hispanic/ Latino, 9 percent for Filipinos, and 14 percent for English learners.

In other action, the board approved an agreement on developer fees for 36 single family units at 6900 Valley Trails Drive. The fees from Ponderosa Homes total \$775,000, but could change with any square footage adjustments in final building plans, according to a school

district document. Trustee Valerie Arkin said that she has been hear-

We told them the answer that some people have been (leading to improvement) is told that the school district approves development. She said, "I've never heard it before. It's almost like the school district is endorsing this project," she said.

Deputy Superintendent of Business Services Micaela Ochoa explained that the city approves development. The school district's role is to decide on accepting the development fees. School board sign off is required before a development can proceed. Ochoa said the district has some information about it on its web site. The district's fees for the development are based on \$7.50 per square foot of the buildings.

# **CURRENT OR FORMER LAWRENCE LIVERMORE OR SANDIA LAB WORKERS**

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## **MAILBOX**

(continued from page 5) 3000 housing units in the downtown and now is trying to force their new and expensive vision of the old Lucky site on the community. They want councilmembers who unquestioningly support their current vision and the use of public funds to support their private agenda. They have also supported bringing BART into the downtown and using property tax to support the construction of a multimillion dollar theater. To many Livermore voters being opposed by Friends of Livermore is a form of endorsement for an independent, knowledgeable candidate who supports broad based community input.

#### **Facts About** Friends of Livermore Lee Younker, Chair of **Friends of Livermore**

. Over the past few weeks, Friends of Livermore (FOL) has been attacked and misrepresented in a few letters to the editor of The Independent, local blogs and in a couple of articles in the East Bay Times. Some have suggested that FOL is simply two or three people trying to use the organization to get their way. Others have gone on to suggest that political action committees (PACS) shouldn't be a part of the local election process because they may overwhelm city campaign limits. Before addressing these charges. I would like to briefly restate the role and impact of Friends of Livermore on the City of Livermore.

Friends of Livermore(FOL) is a community-based group that formed under a simple but powerful vision for Livermore to protect the Urban Growth Boundary(UGB), prevent sprawl and preserve open space. Over time it has been repeatedly demonstrated that

the core values of FOL are indeed shared by a large cross section of the community. With these shared values and through the hard work of many citizens, elected officials and city staff, much has been achieved. Livermore is a special place to live, work, raise a family and visit. Preservation of important open space and agricultural land in eastern Alameda County through the Urban Growth Boundaries is a key cornerstone of what makes Livermore special. This enormous achievement has in many ways fueled and enabled the resurgence of the wine industry and allowed the city to focus attention on the revitalization of the downtown. Taken together these accomplishments have produced a city and environment that is unique in the Bay Area. While many deserve credit, it is clear that Friends of Livermore has played a significant role in the process.

Now, on to the charges.

First, the assertion that FOL is a handful of individuals trying to further their own narrow special interests and get their way. Nothing could be further from the truth. FOL has always been totally transparent about their values and objectives. As noted above, these values are indeed broadly shared across the community, as evidenced by elections, polls, meetings and public testimony over many years. To date, about 100 citizens have contributed to this year's campaign. FOL is not 2 or 3 individuals trying to impose their will and desires on the community.

Second, in a recent East Bay Times article and in other letters and blogs, there is the strong suggestion that citizenbased PAC's are somehow inappropriate or unfair in a local election. I have come to a very different conclusion. The FOL PAC was formed in 2005 in response to a massive housing proposal north of the freeway.

The forces for development were strong and without the work of the citizen-based PAC to rally and inform residents about what was at stake and what could be lost, Livermore would today be a very different place.

today are perhaps even stronger. The pressures for development in the Bay Area are great, greater than they were in 2005. The regional economic boom, the growth of jobs and the need and demand for housing combine to put pressure on communities throughout the region. One only needs to drive throughout the Bay Area to realize that it is very difficult to preserve open space on the boundaries of a city and to prevent massive, dense, high-rise structures from dominating the hearts of downtowns. What Livermore has achieved and valued with the Urban Growth Boundaries and the revitalized downtown will always be difficult to sustain in the face of the pressures to develop. It is so easy to slip and lose something special. PACs representing broad community views and interests are needed to balance effectively this pressure in important elections in which significant growth and development issues are

#### Misconceptions Dawn P. Argula **CEO & President** Livermore Valley

**Chamber of Commerce** 

I am writing to clear up Livermore community.

The Livermore Valley many of which reside in Liverbusiness owners, national and ratories – the list goes on.

LVCC members provide goods and services, contribute to the local economy and pay local, state and federal taxes and fees and, collectively donate millions of dollars hours every year to numerous Livermore community organizations in education, sports, beside every single member

any misunderstanding or misinformation readers may have regarding local businesses, or organizations representing local businesses that may lead to the belief that these entities have no standing on matters relating to issues of importance to this community. On the contrary, local business is very much a part of the very fabric that makes up the

Chamber of Commerce membership represents more than 600 businesses and organizations, small and large. These businesses and organizations are located within Livermore, employ thousands of workers, more. Start-ups and small international corporations and multiple-generations of family owned businesses, member professions and industries include realtors, accountants, consultants, retail, restaurants, wineries, high-tech, lowtech, construction, agriculture, ranchers, wineries, the City, school districts, utilities, healthcare, the national labo-

and hundreds of volunteer cultural arts, health, environment, and social services - to name a few. Indeed, they deservedly take their place

of this community, as they actively engage, contributing towards enhancing, protecting and expanding the qualities of life of which we all enjoy. Whether we live and/or work or do business here, young, middle age or senior, our The arguments for a PAC members are an integral part of the Livermore community. Local business has a huge stake in the success of this city and we believe that there

> of importance. Much has been made about the planning and implementation of the current phase of the Livermore Downtown Specific Plan. This is a plan that had been developed and executed over a period of years. In keeping with this early blueprint, its main elements include a hotel, parking and housing on two city-owned parcels. It is an opportunity to deliver upon the city's obligation to fulfill these needs and do so with no taxpayer subsidy. This is prudent use of a public asset. LVCC and its members support the City of Livermore in these efforts and we welcome the opportunity to collaborate with all community members to achieve mutual goals of a secure, prosperous and vibrant Livermore community, now

> is "room at the table" for all

voices to be heard on matters

#### Involvement in Community Jean King Livermore

and in the coming years.

There has been criticism

of my financial support of candidates for city council elections. Here is some background information about my years of involvement in many aspects of the city.

Since moving to Livermore in 1962, I have been involved in community organizations, citizen sponsored initiatives and local government. I have been chair, served on the Board and/or on a committee of numerous non-profit organizations and Livermore City commissions - League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women, Jackson Avenue Elementary School parent/teachers organization, Student Education Loan Fund, City of Livermore General Plan Review Steering Committee, Valley Volunteer Bureau, Friends of the Vineyards, Del Valle Fine Arts, Livermore Cultural Arts Council, Tri Valley Conservancy, Livermore-Amador Symphony Association, Pedrozzi Foundation, Livermore Valley Opera, Axis Community Health, Livermore City Commission for the Arts and Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center.

In addition, I support other local organizations including Open Heart Kitchen, Hope Hospice, Ohlone Audubon Society, Valley Concert Chorale, Friends of the Livermore Library, Valley Dance Theatre, Valley Humane, Fertile Groundworks, Sunflower Hill, Livermore Heritage Guild, Rae Dorough Speakers Bureau, Shepherds Gate and Tri

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Community organizations and elected officials are both important to the betterment of our community.

Our elected officials are very important to the wellbeing of the community. I have campaigned, supported and numerous times been treasurer for candidates for Zone 7, LARPD, LVUSD and Livermore Mayor and City Council. I have been involved in citizen initiatives such as SAVE (Save All Valley Environment) and establishing the County and Livermore Urban Growth Boundary and supported the passage of school parcel tax and bond measures for the city, schools and park districts.

I have less energy now to physically be involved but can still support financially those entities which I believe make our community better.

The citizens of Livermore will not settle for anything less than what is best for our city whether it is open space protected by the Urban Growth Boundary or a revitalized downtown that all will enjoy. Livermore is special because of the citizen involvement in every aspect of our community.

#### **Elect Maher Egor Iakovlev** Pleasanton

Steve Maher was my principal 7 years ago, and I can still say with confidence that he had one of the biggest

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen Amador Valley High School defeated Dublin High 24 to 7 in varsity football action last week. With the win, Amador is now 2 and 2 in conference play.





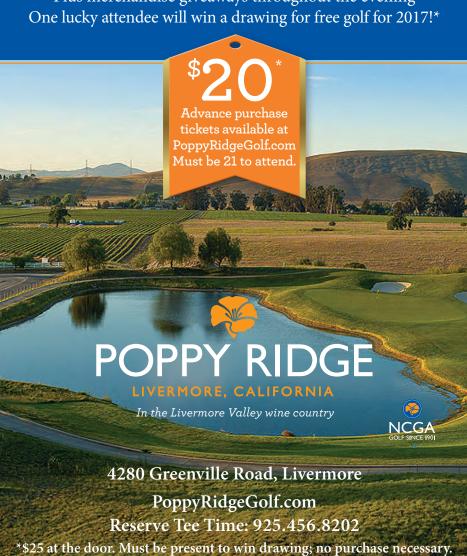




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# **DUBLIN SCHOOLS**

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facility design. She said that she thinks outside the box. Some in the community asked her to run for the

Blackman is not comfortable with the word "over-crowded." In the architectural industry, if you put up portables, you are exceeding design capacity. There are legal codes on student safety. The question is how many portables are used, and how they affect the safety of that site, she said.

Building more facilities can cost the district and taxpayers more money. Things might be done to shape schedules to use facilities more efficiently. It would not involve a year-round school, but starting shift times could be different. There might be short days during the year. The district has talked about different start times, sheadded.

On the traditional threelegged stool of school construction finance -- local bonding, developers fees, and state bond money -- the shortest leg has been developer fees. Even rising to Level III fees would be minimal, compared to the need. The developer fee formula is statewide. It does not meet the needs of the high Bay Area land and construction costs, she stated.

It's too late to negotiate any new fee agreements with developers of currently approved housing, added Blackman.

'Growth brings more students, which means the school district starts another round of bonds. It seems the school district is always scrambling. There is one answer. We have to slow growth and have sensible growth in our city.

On new programs, Blackman said that results of current programs have been good, with Dublin High School going up to the 60th or 70th percentile in proficiency. However, there should be an effort to move them into the top third.

The huge amount of homework loads are creating stress on our families." Students focus on getting the homework done, not on understanding it. It becomes a job," said Blackman.

#### **DAN CUNNINGHAM**

Dan Cunningham serves as president of the school board. He was first elected in 2008. He has lived in Dublin for 21 years, has a background in accounting and finance, and has been active with youth organizations.

Cunningham said he is running because of his finance background, and to elevated to Level III. Also, make sure we are managing growth properly. "There is a lot of stress on our schools and infrastructure. We still have students who are not successful. We did a good job with special education and higher achievers, but are not focusing on the kids in the middle.'

Cunningham said the growth issue needs a longterm basis solution, which is hard to do. Fallon has been capped at 1500 students. It's almost at that level. Ground was broken for the Jordan Ranch k-8 on Oct. 3, and will be ready in 2018. There will still be pressure on the elementary schools and Fallon Middle School. It's necessary to move forward and build facilities.

At Dublin High, a more flexible science classroom will be added, and more classrooms. The district is also looking for a new high school on the East Side. Six sites have been identified.

Asked whether developer fees, even at Level III plus local bonding, would be enough to push ahead with school construction, Cunningham said, "We need the state bond money. The state owes us over \$28 million for building Amador Elementary." The district fronted the money, with the expectation of reimbursement.

'If the bond doesn't pass, what are the options? I don't want to commit. We need the state bond. My biggest concern is that if it passes, will (Gov. Jerry) Brown authorize the sale of bonds? (If not,) we will have to sue him to force him to sell the bonds," said Cunningham.

The problem is costly land and construction in the Bay Area, and a statewide developer fee formula that falls short of recognizing that, said Cunningham. Even at Level III, which would bring the district \$21 per square foot of residential development, it still won't cover the cost. "It's time to reform the system," he said.

One thing Cunningham wants to see is more emphasis on the arts, not only for enjoyment, but students do better academically by participating in the arts. "I'd like to see us emphasize it kindergarten through high school," he stated.

#### JOE GIANNINI

Joe Giannini has lived in Dublin 15 years. He has a son attending an elementary school, and a child in nursery school. He served on the District Optimization Committee and the Facilities Master Plan Committee.

The topics that need to be addressed include districtwide capacity, funding at all levels, funding for students and for new teachers, and better benefits for teachers. he stated. Another of his concerns is the emotional well-being of students. "We address testing and programs, but the emotional is sometimes left behind. They need to have the tools to handle pressure that we and society put on them," said Giannini

Besides the need for building more classrooms, there is a need to build more effectively. High school capacity is expected to go to 3500 to 5000 students in the next eight to 10 years. It's important to look at repurposing buildings. Things might be done with block scheduling, as the colleges do, to relieve some pressure on classroom space. Some advanced placement students go to community colleges for their classes, and perhaps that could be done more. The potential to use on-line classes should also be considered.

It would be nice to have a high school in East Dublin. It's clear the district can't keep adding more temporary housing to Dublin High School without affecting parking and lunch lines.

Looking to developer fees won't be a major help, since development already approved was built with Level II fees. They can't be Level III fees don't pay what Dublin would have to pay in land and construction costs, since the formula is based on a statewide average.

The state wants to reduce districts' per pupil spending, through the Local Control Funding Formula. School districts that have more minority and low-income stu-

dents receive more money. "The only way to find money is to go to the corporate world, or work in partnership with the community, or cut programs, if there is no funding," said Giannini.

One way to save money is to repurpose buildings. The district should bring back the District Optimization Committee to look at the high school housing

problem.

The district has good programs. The goal now is to keep them that way, as the district expands. Money from Proposition 55 in November would help the district pay for programs. It would extend the highincome-level tax that goes to schools. "It's unfair to extend taxes, but the district needs the revenue," said Giannini.

#### **AMY MILLER**

Amy Miller is running again because she has two students "thriving in Dublin schools." She has served on the board for six years. The district has a new superintendent, and a lot of different mandates from the state. In spite of changes, it's a great time to continue on the board, said Miller.

Miller earned a master's degree in educational psychology and a counseling certificate. She is a communications consultant, whose clients include STEM pro-

Miller does not agree that there is "overcrowding." The district has used portables to keep up with the school housing need. "Maybe we had one or two years when overcrowding was an issue, but we've done a great job of mitigating it. It's just growing pains. When the city is built out, Dublin won't think that its schools are overcrowded," declared Miller.

In spite of using portables, there is an impact on school infrastructure. There may be longer lunch lines, and separate assemblies, but the district has been effective in dealing with issues.

If Prop. 51 does not pass, restoring state bond money for school construction, it will make things more difficult, but we'll find a way to get schools built. However, the developer fee levels are statewide, and hurt Dublin, with its higher land and construction costs, said Miller. "Developer fees are supposed to pay for a whole school, but even at Level III, they won't cover the whole cost. It's fair that the state pays, and the developers and local taxpayers, but the burden is unduly falling on local taxpayers

Miller would like to see amore social/emotional programs, because there are students who are struggling. One feature already established is the Gael Period, at the high school. It would provide a time to do homework, work on a project, or see a counselor.

Miller would like to see students could meet with a counselor or do yoga, and perhaps yoga classes for teachers. It's a way to relieve pressure from a compacted school day.

On the future of a second high school, Camp Parks could have 50 acres available, a desirable site size, but it would take longer than building elsewhere, or repurposing a building, such as the SAP center. "Regardless of which site, we'll make the program exceptional,' said Miller.

Miller also said that there is room to improve the district's communications with the community.

#### **XIAOZHAO** (BETTY) ZHUANG

Xiaozhao (Betty) Zhuang is the mother of a son who went to Pleasanton schools,



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before she moved to Dublin. She is a nurse, and says she is running because she wants to help others.

Dublin schools obviously are overcrowded, and the district needs a second high school. She wants to make sure that the funds are allocated well for the second high school She wants to make make it possible for every student to be stimulated when it comes to learning.

Zhuang wants to see more counseling services as a way to improve the well being of students. "I can be a bridge from the board to the community. "I understand and support teachers," said Zhuang.

The district is all right when it comes to elementary schools. The K-8 Jordan Ranch school, now under construction, is helping. A new high school campus will solve the overcrowding problem, she declared.

'We should have more money to support the schools. I respect taxpayers' dollars," said Zhuang. As for developer fees, "It's not asking too much of developers, because they have so many houses being built. We need to plan better. It's a system, and we support each other -- city, schools, and developers.

In regard to more programs, Zhuang states that there should be more options for students about classes. Career readiness programs are important.

#### TWO-YEAR SEAT **DAN CHERRIER**

Dan Cherrier has lived in Dublin for 18 years. He works as a civil engineer, and has a daughter at Dublin High School. He ran in 2008,

but lost to Dan Cunningham. Cherrier wrote the argument against the \$110 million Measure E bond, which voters approved four years ago. He objected to the money being assigned for equipment, such as computers. A good share of it bought then is now obsolete, and should have been purchased with other funds, he said.

Further, it was a 30-year capital appreciation bond, which means that its term can be extended, until the district gets enough money to pay off the bond. In the meantime, there is more interest to pay.

Cherrier also wrote the ballot argument against the \$283 million Measure H. which passed with 60 percent in June. He said the priority list should have been more detailed. Further, the obligation, because of three bonds.

Cherrier faults the district for adding new classrooms to Dublin High School, instead of putting the money into a fast-tracked second high school.

Although the district's money management is not good, the education is excellent, and so are the instructors. It's important to maintain the high quality education with the huge amount of growth that will be coming.

"The district is at 8000 or 9000 students now, and will be at 15,000 or 16,000 in 2024 or '25," said Cherrier.

Solving the school housing problem depends on getting more money from developer fees, said Cherrier. "We have only so much bond money. It should be spent as wisely as possible." Tacking on higher developer fees to new homes is fair, because the fees are a small fraction of the cost of a new home, said Cherrier.

The district needs the money from the state, if Prop. 51 passes.

On programs, Cherrier said he would like to see true, well-rounded classes. 'I'm an engineer, but I got as much out of auto shop and wood shop as I did from math and science." People don't want to hire employees who are book-smart, but do not have knowledge about how things work.

#### SAMEER HAKIM

Sameer Hakim is a nineyear Dublin resident. He has a son in middle school. Hakim comes from a family that reveres education. His mother was a teacher, and his sister is a principal. "I believe in education. Every generation has to be better than the previous generation." He holds degrees in computer engineering and physics, and studied in the executive education program in entrepreneurship at Stanford.

It's important to focus programs not only on the top and bottom 10 percent levels of student achievement, but also the 80 percent middle.

Hakim said that he is running to solve the growth issue, and is not for it or against it. "Managed growth enables the city to grow, and provides services to citizens, but allows us to grow at the right pace." The district has grown from 5000 students and is getting near 10,000, but has been able to raise the quality of its education.

We need more students to have more programs. However, the biggest constraint has been on revenue. The district should look into corporate sponsorship for help with funding," he stated.

The board incumbents advocated for higher developer fees (at Level III).

Developers have a responsibility not to just provide homes, bur also schools. The state must also contribute its fair share, with Prop. 51 approval a way to do so.

Hakim said that the schools are crowded, but they are not overcrowded, unless the population exceeds the design capacity. Dublin High is reaching its capacity. "It is crowded, but not overcrowded." It is important to create a second high school, but there must be enough programs at each high school.

Prop. 51 is needed, and if it does not pass, "I will concentrate my effort on exploring corporate sponsorship or philanthropy. Many people want to give back to the community, and there are many foundations. It could include going outside the community, and even outside the United States, he said.

As for new programs, Hakim would like to see more in the visual and performing arts. "We need PE to build the body, and the arts build the soul. The arts should have a greater role from elementary to high school.'

Another reason to have arts programs is to address the changing culture. Performing and visual arts help immigrants to assimilate better. It would enable the diversity of Dublin to adapt at the elementary school level. The value system of American culture can be brought into the picture to understand where cultures come together.'

Assigning the right amount of homework is also important. "We had a homework committee. We need to make sure homework does not go above a certain level."







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# **MAILBOX**

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impacts on me growing up, both personally and in terms of my education. He treated me, a 12-year-old socially inadequate slacker, with the respect of a fellow adult. Not only did he set a bar for treating others with respect, but he also was very willing to work with me on improving my school experience.

He is level-headed, passionate about education and the kids he is tasked with, as well as a great spokesman and tireless worker.

There is no doubt in my mind that Steve Maher would be a great addition to any school board, and I believe we owe it not just to him, but to Pleasanton's future students to elect him onto the Pleasanton School Board.

#### **Maher Supported Charles Abney** Pleasanton

Many residents of Pleasanton know Steve Maher as an educator, principal, interim school administrator, coach and as a special education teacher. His work in special education is the focus of this article. Something special I would like all residents of Pleasanton to understand about Steve Maher. In March of 1989, a kindergarten teacher at Alisal suspected that out daughter was experiencing learning difficulties. Our kindergarten teacher and Steve Maher (the Principal at Alisal) encouraged us to seek additional testing. Mr. Maher inspired me to learn Federal and State laws regarding children with disabilities and I became a knowledgeable advocate for my daughter's education. She received an Associate of Arts degree in Early Childhood Development from Las Positas College and subsequently is working as a substitute special needs aide for Pleasanton Unified School District. Her personal goal was to give back to the school district that

invested in her and to children like her with special needs.

Steve Maher and his resources worked to build an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) that created an inclusive least restrictive environment for our daughter. He taught me to become prepared, with measureable goals and agendas for countless IEP meetings, and how to keep her within the mainstream education system.

He attended our first transition meeting to Walnut Grove elementary school while still working at Alisal. He attended several IEP's after the transition because he was invested in our daughter's educational success. When our daughter transitioned to Pleasanton Middle School he was her Principal and an active advocate at every IEP meeting. When she transitioned to Foothill High School he was part of the transition team who understood how our daughter learned and processed information. He exchanged that information with the resources at Foothill which later became invaluable to her successful graduation. Steve Maher remained an advocate, and an IEP resource, throughout her high school and college graduation. I attribute my daughter's educational success to Steve Maher's advocacy and his encouragement of me to learn how to be an educated campaigner for educational resources.

I can attest that Steve Maher is passionate and committed to the success of our children in Pleasanton. I encourage all voters to elect Steve Maher to our Pleasanton School Board as a Trustee.

#### Misinformation Jonathan Lowell **Former Pleasanton City Attorney**

I served as Pleasanton's city attorney from January 2010 until my retirement at the end of December 2015. I provided legal counsel to the city council and the city of Pleasanton organization as a whole. In addition, I was part

of the city's executive team aiding the city manager as he administered city operations and advised the city council on policy matters. After reading some recent campaign literature, I think it important to set the record straight regarding the city of Pleasanton's management practices and fiscal condition during the

great recession. The Pleasanton city council, including Jennifer Hosterman, Cheryl Cook-Kallio, Cindy McGovern, Matt Sullivan, and Jerry Thorne, and later Karla Brown, Kathy Narum, Arne Olson and Jerry Pentin, worked hard to make sure Pleasanton was fiscally sound and well managed. They took a proactive approach and prepared early for rapidly increasing pension costs and a slow economic recovery. Their actions of reducing payroll costs and negotiating balanced contracts with employee groups served the city well by keeping its pension liability from increasing further than it would have otherwise. (The pension liability problem stems from failures at the state government level and by CalPERS, and because of the strong impact of the great recession.) Under the Pleasanton city council's leadership, over the last few years all capital improvement debt was paid off and an unrestricted reserve of over \$175 million was maintained. The city's bond rating was and is AA+, among the best rated cities in the state.

All of these elected officials served their community selflessly and with only the very best of intentions for Pleasanton. Through dialogue, listening, compromise and hard work, these Pleasanton city officials got the city through some very tough times, and the city is better off today and going forward because of their efforts. The political rhetoric I have been reading does not convey or acknowledge this.

#### **Pentin for City Council Roy and Ann Gillette** Pleasanton

As neighbors to Jerry Pentin we have had many opportunities to discuss Pleasanton city issues with him. We are always impressed with his knowledge and the importance of the topics being considered by our city. He is always fully versed and prepared on the issues being deliberated by the city council and how they will affect our community. He does his research and applies it to his decisions.

As city councilman Jerry serves on several Bay Area committees and is able to work for Pleasanton's benefit through those associations. While the Bay Area deals with growing population and traffic issues, as well as with state and county mandates, Jerry is striving to minimize the impact on our city.

In our many discussions with Jerry we came away with the realization that he truly wants what is best for Pleasanton and is not pursuing a personal agenda. As long time residents of Pleasanton we feel Jerry truly cares for Pleasanton. He definitely gets our vote.

#### **Re-elect Pentin Brad Hirst** Pleasanton

Jerry Pentin cares about Pleasanton and delivers on his promises. He has consistently worked in the best interests of all our citizens for 25 years in many areas of civic involve-

Going forward, Jerry recognizes and appreciates that Pleasanton is first and foremost a family town. Jerry wants parks, recreation and more bike paths, a new library, supports public education, a healthy business environment with well-paying local jobs, affordable housing for seniors, special needs and veterans.

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#### Elect Ritter **Kelly Hewitt Errigo** Pleasanton

I have lived in Pleasanton for seventeen years and have known Herb Ritter for over 10 years. We met through our children and volunteer work in our schools.

I am supporting Herb Ritter for City Council because he exemplifies Pleasanton's "Community of Character." His last 26 years have been spent in service to our city through numerous significant volunteer positions- all of which have contributed greatly to Pleasanton's successes, and for which he seeks only personal fulfillment. He has also been proactive in Pleasanton's Rotary and served on the boards of several non-profits, and for the past 10 years, has been active in civic government on committees, task forces and as an appointed Commissioner to the Parks & Recreation and Planning Commissions.

Herb's education as an electrical engineer and his MBA make him uniquely qualified to research and assess what is best for Pleasanton and its future. He has no predetermined agenda, and so remains open to the most current supported data and changing needs of our community.

I encourage you to learn more about Herb at HerbRitter.com, and vote for Herb Ritter for City Council. He is a candidate with heart. relevant experience and the ability to bring out the best in our community- for our entire community!

#### Carling and Coomber Thomas Jefferson Livermore

At the Monday, 10/10 Livermore City Council meeting the Council voted on an Interim Ordinance Urgency Measure Imposing a Tem-

porary Moratorium on Residential Development within the Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) Area. The staff report said that the proliferation of such residential construction in the DSP poses a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare.

According to Council discussion, passing this ordinance would have allowed a 'reset" on residential downtown development.

This proposed urgency measure came about after the many, many, many complaints about how the Council has been mishandling the development of the city-owned former Lucky site west of the Bankhead. They went out for proposals from developers and selected Lennar's proposal. Then, and only then, did they ask the public for input.

The public expressed great displeasure with Lennar's proposal, especially with its excessive number of residential units. Mayor Marchand and Councilmembers Stu Gary and Laureen Turner voted against limiting the number of residential units to no more than half what Lennar proposed.

Unfortunately, Monday's vote (3-2, needed 4 to pass) defeated the Moratorium measure that would have allowed a "reset." But, with councilmembers Gary and Turner running for reelection we can get a much needed reset for the Council by voting instead for Bob Carling and Bob Coomber for city council in

#### Mayors for Baker Bill Clarkson, San Ramon John Marchand, Livermore **David Haubert, Dublin** Karen Stepper, Danville Jerry Thorne, Pleasanton

Assemblywoman Catharine Baker has been a tremendous advocate for our communities, and she has earned a second term in office. That's why we, the Tri-Valley Mayors, on behalf of ourselves individually, unanimously endorse her for

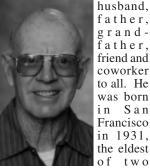
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# **OBITUARIES**

**John Edward Mellor** 

9/8/1931 - 5/29/2016

John Edward Mellor passed peacefully in his home on May 29, 2016. surrounded by family and friends, losing his nine month battle with brain cancer. Throughout his 84 years, he was a loving



father, grandfather, friend and coworker to all. He was born in San Francisco in 1931, the eldest

of two children of Florence and John Mellor. His youth was spent in the Bay Area where John battled a birth defect with the medical support provided by Shriner's Hospital. As a teenager, the family relocated to Livermore in 1947 where he helped run the family chicken ranch and graduated from Livermore High School in 1951. Following High School John found a job at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory where he worked in various positions

In 1961 John was introduced to Marilyn Gelber at her home in San Francisco. The two were married in 1963 and soon started their family in Livermore, having two children and becoming very involved in their local church. John depended heavily on his faith in Jesus Christ. He was active in his church for many years. Over the years John enjoyed bowling in adult leagues in Dublin Bowl and Granada Bowl, he was the soccer coach, team manager and tireless transporter of kids to and from practices and games all across Northern California.

for over 41 years.

John is survived by his loving wife of 53 years Marilyn, daughter Melissa, son Greg (Samya) and grandchildren, Andrew, Hannah, Michael, Shay and Reese. He is predeceased in death by his parents, John and Florence Mellor, and his sister Lillas Heron.

A Celebration of Life will be Sunday, November 6, 2016, 2 pm at Trinity Church, 557 Olivina avenue, Livermore, CA 94551

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Shriner's Hospitals for Children – Northern California, 2425 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95817 (www. shrinershospitalsforchildren. org) or to the American Cancer Society, 1700 Webster Street, Oakland, California 94612

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Pauline Ann Metzinger May 21, 1936 - Oct. 12, 2016

Pauline Ann Metzinger passed away at her home in Livermore, surrounded by her family, on October 12, 2016. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

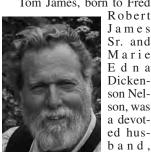
Pauline was born in Rollingstone, Minnesota and completed nurses training at St. Mary's Hospital and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. She moved to Los Angeles in 1959, where she worked at St. Vincent's Hospital as a supervisor of the CCU/ICU and the Post Op Recovery Room. She married Raymond Metzinger in 1962, and they moved to Newark, California in 1968 where they raised three children and became active volunteers with the Newark Soccer Club. Pauline took time off from nursing to raise her children, and resumed her nursing career in 1982 after her husband's death. She later moved to Livermore, California. She was an avid Giants, Warriors and 49ers fan.

Pauline is survived by her children Lisa, David and Lynn, and their families. Her positive and loving spirit touched the lives of her family, friends and patients.

A funeral mass will be held on October 24, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Avenue, Livermore, California. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Hope Hospice or Heritage Estates.

**Thomas Michael James** June 5, 1950, Fresno, CA

Oct. 12, 2016, Livermore, CA Tom James, born to Fred



Sr. and Marie Edna Dickenson Nelson, was a devoted husband, proud

father, skilled aviator, and second-generation PG&Eer. The first home he recalled was at the end of a dirt road in Tivy Valley, CA, at a PG&E transformer station managed by his father. He was educated at Coalinga High School, Clovis High School (1968), and West Hills College (Aeronautics, 1970). He proudly served

in the US Army Reserve from 1971-77, specializing in telecommunications (397th Signal Corps), automotive parts (6th Infantry Brigade), and as a combat construction electrician (Army Corps of Engineers). He also built a 44-year career with PG&E, beginning as a construction laborer in 1972 and ultimately retiring as a Senior Substation Specialist in 2016. His work focused on substation maintenance and construction, forensic investigation, and maintenance guidance. He loved his career, but no accomplishment brought him greater satisfaction than men-

toring the next generation. Thomas summarized his favorite things as "the Five F's": flying, family, friends, fishing, and (old) Fords. However, his greatest passion was airplanes: he earned his pilot's license at 18, and was proud to restore his 1958 Bellanca Cruisemaster, "Baby," to flying condition, among many other small planes. His many other hobbies were too vast to mention in full, though he was amazed by all things with moving parts and showed exceptional talent in woodworking, sewing, and home repair. Tom enjoyed hiking, camping, and took great pride in his orchard of peaches, olives and pomegranates. Tom's taste in music was eclectic and his collections of recordings are vast. Tom added ballroom dancing to his skills in order

to dance with his wife. Tom is survived by his wife of 12 years, Tasia Wilson Florey James; children Marian Elizabeth James, Patrick Thomas James, Glen Ricker Florey (Sara), and Owen Cotton Florey. He is also survived by his siblings Corinne James, Fred James Jr. (Jackie), and Theresa Hoskins as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. He will be joyfully remembered at a memorial service at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 1893 North Vasco Road in Livermore, on Saturday October 22 at 11:00 AM.

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#### **Dorothea Lucille** Cragholm

Dorothea Cragholm, 88, passed away peacefully on September 17, 2016, surrounded by



family. She is survived by her daughter, Carol ( P a u 1 ) Slichter; grand children,

her loving

Leann (Pete) Misthos and Denys (Amy) Van Arkel; and her great grandchildren, Devyn, Kensie, Kaelyn, and soonto-be baby Van Arkel. She is also survived by nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Dorothea is preceded in death by her grandparents, Charles and Anna Lyon; her parents, Samuel and Gladys Walker; husband, George Cragholm; and son, Carl Cragholm (who left behind a fiancée, Cynthia Weller; her daughters, Rachel Mount and Michelle (Scott) Herriott; grandson Thomas Matthews; granddaughters, Lillian Herriott and Sierra Mount; and a great granddaughter Sophia Mount).

Dorothea was born on April 7, in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. She left the farm lands of Iowa in 1945 to be with her parents in California. Livermore became and remained Dorothea's home until her death. She attended Livermore High School and worked part-time at the Livermore Sanatorium while attending school. She met the love of her life, George Cragholm and was married in December 1947. Dorothea graduated in June of 1948, and in October gave birth to twins, Carol and Carl. She spent 25 years working for the Hunts Can Company in Hayward, retiring in Sep-

tember of 1988. She was a loving, caring, generous person whose family and friends meant everything to her. Dorothea will be missed, but not forgotten.

Services will be held at

Callaghan Mortuary on Monday, November 7, at 10:30 a.m. A memorial celebration will follow at the Robert Livermore Community Center. There will be a private burial service at Memory Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Avenue, Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568-3024; Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566; or to the Disabled Veterans National Foundation, P.O. Box 96262, Washington, D.C. 20090-6262.

#### Milton Strickland Bates III Jan 23, 1957 – Oct 15, 2016

Milton passed away peacefully at his home in Livermore the morning of Oct. 15, 2016. He was preceded in death by his parents Henry Bates and Billie Jean Jones and



is survived by his Aunt Christine Turner of Mississippi and Uncle A n d y (Skitter) Anderson of Louisi-

tington. He

ana. Beloved brother to Cathy Brake of Livermore and Emily Vander Pawert of Pleasanton. Milton had one son Cory Bates of California. Uncle to Leighsa Ayers, Jayson Ayers and Jennifer Calandra, additionally he was grand uncle to several nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

Milton had made Livermore his home for the last 12 years. He served in the Army and was released with a medical discharge. He lived in Louisiana for a few years and enjoyed his time there getting in touch with his family roots. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with cousins, and cherished his memories of his time in the South. He had volunteered the last 5 years at the Inner Faith Sharing Food Bank, giving back to the community and helping those in need was his greatest

joy. Before becoming disabled Milton worked in the tech industry at various electronic companies as a buyer. He was a graduate of Heald College. Milton loved Bay Area sports and a huge fan and supporter of the Giants.

Friends of Milton's are invited to join his family for a memorial at Callaghan Mortuary Friday Oct 21 at 3:30pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Inner Faith Sharing Food Bank would be greatly appreciated.

#### **Derrick John Smith**

Derrick John Smith, age 47, passed away in Walnut Creek Kaiser hospital surrounded by his family on Friday, October 14th, 2016 after a long battle with Multiple Sclerosis.



was born on April 3rd, 1969 in Livermore to Darrell and Gevonia Smith. Н worked

at Yorkshire Roofing in Livermore for fourteen years.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Lisa Smith of Livermore; son, Brandon; mother, Gevonia Smith; brother, Steve Smith (Laurie): sister. Donna Stapleton (Doug), niece Stacy Stapleton, nephew Chris Stapleton; and many cousins, uncles, and aunts. Derrick's family meant more to him than anything else in the world.

Family, friends, and anyone whose lives Derrick touched are invited to Callaghan Mortuary 3833 East Ave, Livermore, CA 94550 on Thursday, October 20, 2016. Viewing starts at 10:00am and service begins at 11:00am.

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#### **Brown and Testa Brian and Christine Bourg** Pleasanton

Our City Council (with the exception of Karla Brown) has approved excessive growth in Pleasanton. After meeting and exceeding the number of housing units required to settle a lawsuit, our leaders pushed heavily for the huge development in East Pleasanton that would have: created a demand for more water, added to our already overcrowded schools, increased already congested traffic, and negatively impacted the quality of life of current residents! This plan was stopped only because hundreds of citizens voiced their outrage. But the council has continued to approve developments as if there is a pressing need to fill up all the remaining open space during their terms in office! Land has been rezoned for over 1200 units not required by law! We are voting for Julie Testa for Mayor and Karla Brown for Council. They are the only candidates who support slow, planned growth to preserve the quality of life that all of us deserve!

#### **Ritter for Council Amanda Baxter** Pleasanton

I recommend Herb Ritter for the Pleasanton City Council election. Herb has shown he truly listens to residents, analyzing all sides of the issues we face, and has the ability to be a true leader for our city. In stark contrast, his competition Karla Brown listens to a small selection of residents, only sees 1 side of complex issues, and makes a lot of promises that she is unable to keep. Herb believes in transparency and doesn't have any hidden agenda. We need a breath of fresh air in our city council, and Herb is the man to do it!

#### **Oppose Brown** Mark Priscaro Pleasanton

Karla Brown's ads claim she is "the lone voice for.. smart growth," wants to "protect open space & ridgelines," and "scenic hills and open space should be preserved for all to enjoy, not just a few," but the facts prove otherwise.

Brown's "the lone voice for smart growth"? Residents of Mission Hills and Ventana Hills fought for decades for smart growth in southeast Pleasanton, reducing a development of 150 homes to just 43. Brown rejected and refused to support that.

Brown wants to "protect open space & ridgelines," and has previously stated, "We are stewards of the land for the short time we are here. Please pass along to future generations untouched hills and ridges because once they are developed, they are gone forever." Yet, she vehemently opposed Measure K, which now protects and makes available 177 acres of hillsides and ridgelines for all Pleasantonians to enjoy. Plus, Brown lives in Kottinger Ranch, a very large development of

massive executive homes wholly built on hillsides and

Brown claims "scenic hills and open space should be preserved for all to enjoy, not ust a few." Yet, the hillsides and ridges within Kottinger Ranch that don't have homes built upon them are private property, accessible only to Brown and her neighbors to

Reject Karla Brown's hypocrisy. Vote for candidates who demonstrate integrity and the wisdom required to deal with the challenges of new housing growth in Pleasanton.

Be smart. Don't re-elect Brown, who just pays lip service to both.

#### Pentin Recommended **Becky Dennis** Pleasanton

I am writing to strongly recommend that voters reelect Jerry Pentin to Pleasanton's City Council.

There is much for Pleasanton's voters to appreciate in Pentin's long record of public service. While supporting the City's economic security with conservative fiscal management, he has effectively advocated for protecting our environment with pollutionreducing infrastructure such as an expanded trails system, bicycle friendly streets, and affordable workforce housing for Pleasanton businesses' employees. Pentin works to make a high quality of life available to ALL Pleasanton residents through his advocacy for our schools, expanded recreational facilities, and natural resource conservation.

So, whether you're renting an apartment or living in a mansion, vote for Jerry Pentin. He's doing his best for you!

#### Re-elect Pentin Thomas and Alejandra Hall, Pleasanton

My wife and I support Jerry Pentin for city council due to his straightforward results orientated leadership. The city is prosperous and well managed and that is directly attributable to Jerry's leadership on the current city council and his efforts prior in different facets of the city. As we move forward into the future we need to build continuity as some of the long term projects such as the new city hall, east side development, and the completion of Bernal Park come to fruition. Jerry is a straight shooter with no frills about him and will stay consistent in his messaging and decision making. It is for these reasons we support Jerry Pentin for City Council.

#### Yes on MM **Pleasanton Voters**

Our November ballot has an initiative for Pleasanton voters called Measure MM. The actual text is below in "city speak" which can be

"Shall the ordinance proposing to amend the City of Pleasanton's General Plan to prohibit retail uses of 50,000 square feet or greater, larger scale retail and club retail, in the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone be ad-

opted? This has been labeled the "Costco Initiative" and, like many of you, we like to shop at Costco. However, after sorting through the ballot arguments, financial reports and city documents, we learned the expenses of road expansions and new infrastructure will cost about \$16 million in infrastructure improvements. Normally a new business in Pleasanton pays 100% of its own infrastructure expenses to the city. Under this deal. Costco is not paying their full share.

According to MM's ballot arguments, "the project is estimated to cost \$16 million for infrastructure improvements and other expenses, with potentially up to \$11 million being subsidized by taxpay-Why are we (and other companies that paid 100% of their expenses) paying to bring Costco to Pleasanton when there are already two Costco stores 4-10 miles from Pleasanton shoppers?

We think if Costco wants to locate to Pleasanton, they should pay 100% of their infrastructure expenses. With reported earnings of \$76 billion in annual revenues, Costco can afford to pay its fair share. More and more consumers are shopping online using Amazon.com and other online retailers. As traditional brick and mortar shops close in the Tri-Valley (Sports Authority and Borders), we question if Costco will survive the 25+ years estimated to repay the city and taxpayers for prefunding these infrastructure expenses with future tax revenue.

For these reasons, we are endorsing YES on MM, which would limit the building sizes, attract medium sized companies (50,000 sq. ft. or less), result in diversified risk, and support the policies that ALL businesses on Johnson Drive must pay 100% of their own infrastructure improvements

#### **Vote for Thorne Bob Philcox** Pleasanton

I am a past Pleasanton mayor, having served 4 years on council, two of them as mayor. I know what it takes to deal with the problems that this city faces on a continuing basis. There are always problems, just different ones over the years, so I know what kind of person it takes to deal with these changing times and alternative views.

Jerry Thorne has been a tremendous asset to this city over the last 20+ years, serving not only 4 years as Mayor, but 7 years on the council and 10 years on the Parks and Recreation Commission. He knows this city and has the history and experience to deal with whatever comes along. It is because of people like Jerry Thorne that this city is in such good financial shape. He has excellent business background and knowledge to deal with problems and there will be many problems over the next years. It is no mystery why he has the endorsement of more than 70 current and former elected and appointed officials from and around this area. They know and respect him as the leader he is and we are especially blessed to have him willing to serve as Mayor once again.

This job is one that should be earned after gaining experience. It is not a position that a newcomer should hope to assume without first having the knowledge and experience of public service.

Pleasanton is a fantastic city. Let's keep it that way by electing qualified people to serve on our council.

Vote for Mayor Jerry

#### Voting for Pentin **Chris Beratlis** Pleasanton resident

I'm voting for Jerry Pentin and here's why.

I've known Jerry over the past four years working with

various downtown and City issues. He has patience and always considers both sides before making an informed decision. He owns and operates his own small business in Pleasanton and also raised his family here and so he understands the value of our community and the challenges we face. His common sense and values and just being an all-around nice and helpful guy is what all politicians should be like. You will often find Jerry participating in various events around town and running or mountain biking on the Pleasanton Ridge. He truly loves this town. These are some of the many reasons why Jerry Pentin is getting my vote.

#### **Pentin Endorsed** Gail Boal

Pleasanton I have had the pleasure of knowing Jerry Pentin for many years. In fact we both attended Hayward High School. He has consistently showed enthusiasm and support to the many causes he believes in such as bike/pedestrian safety, traffic issues, and partnership opportunities with our award winning schools. Jerry tirelessly gives to our community and I can't think of a more qualified person to be on Pleasanton's City Council.

I endorse Jerry Pentin for Pleasanton City Council.

#### Vote for Pentin Gina Piper **Pleasanton**

I have had the privilege to know Jerry for several years through my Rotary Club where he is an honorary member and has served this club and the community for many years. I am in support of Jerry for this upcoming election for many reasons such as his support of smart and calculated growth, support in attracting new businesses in Pleasanton and retaining the wonderful businesses we already have, his commitment to a vibrant downtown, his commitment to our schools and mostly for his thoroughness in learning, researching and understanding the issues that face Pleasanton.

#### **Dublin Candidates** Marie Marshall

Dublin In Dublin, a growing number of residents have been fighting the out of control growth that is supported by the money and power of developers. Dublin now holds the dubious honor of being one of the fastest growing cities in the nation. And..the sort of building shouts poor planning and bad decisions. Soon we will not have the tax base necessary to supply the services and the schools to meet the needs of all the housing that is being built. New decision makers are desperately needed in order to have a town that has any credibility, viability or quality of life at all.

Residents who attend council meetings and who email council members are tired of being ignored in deference to the power of the developers. This is not to say that development does not have a place. There is such a thing as smart growth. Growth that provides parks and schools where there are homes. Growth that keeps children safe from having to grow up right next to the fumes of highway traffic like 580 and keeps the front doors of homes from opening out onto major thoroughfares like Dublin Blvd., Tassajara, and San Ramon Blvd. Children will have to cross these in order to go school or anywhere. This year's election is

critical in addressing all this. We need smart members who will listen to and work with the public. I am offering the names of those that the voters in Dublin can trust to make better decisions in the future. I know each one and can verify that each will take the concerns of the residents that live in Dublin seriously and take seriously the concerns about the future of Dublin not the future of developers. Developers need to serve the community, not control it.

Arun Goel and Mona Lisa Ballesteros are both committed to Dublin (not developers) and running for city council.

Gabrielle Blackman and Dan Cherrier are both committed to the Dublin School District students and parents and will work with the city council to keep the excellence in school and encourage the building of schools so that students will have adequate classrooms with a high school on the east side of Dublin to address the overcrowding.

#### Vote for Testa **David Pascualy**

Pleasanton Pleasanton voters---please don't complain about traffic, overcrowded schools, water restrictions, degradation of our quality-of-life and the historic downtown, etc. when you elect (re-elect) the government officials responsible for these problems. Do not vote for Jerry Thorne, Jerry Pentin, and Herb Ritter. These are not slow-growth candidates but rather they represent the excessive growth of the Chamber of Commerce and rewarding developers with millions of dollars while we, the residents, take on the additional traffic.

Please vote for Julie Testa for Mayor (the City went to court and spent taxpayer money to block her ballot statement), re-elect Karla Brown for City Council (Karla consistently is the lone vote on the City Council for opposing greedy growth), vote Yes on MM to stop the huge subsidies/giveaway of taxpayer money to get Costco to come to town). You can just imagine what traffic on Johnson drive, Owens and Hopyard will look like-- a true nightmare.

The Pope says "Apathy is a Sin". You can help with the campaigns of Julia Testa, Karla Brown, Valerie Arkin, and Yes on MM by helping at the Farmers Market, sign-waving at major intersections, writing letters-to-the-editor, making donations to slow-growth candidates, and placing signs in your yards and cars.

#### Coomber and Carling Jeff Katz Livermore

One of less discussed aspects of the controversial and poorly designed Lennar Downtown development proposal is the 550 car parking garage, a concrete monolith that would block out light and tower over everything around it. I took a photo Saturday afternoon. The dirt lot and the parking lot west of the Bankhead hold approximately 630 cars according to the city. They were nearly full. If the Lennar plan were to move forward, the net LOSS of parking spaces would be +-80 cars. If the intent of this project is to help foster a more vibrant downtown, a net reduction of parking is not conducive to bringing more customers to our downtown.

The solution is to shelve the Lennar project, and get more resident visioning and input. This won't happen unless we vote in Bob &

Bob (Coomber & Carling) to Livermore City Council. Even if you never go downtown, consider the impact on already congested Railroad Ave. with fewer parking spaces + 260 added housing 2-3 bedroom

#### Carling and Coomber **Maryann Brent and** Ralph Moir Livermore

Hello Livermore voters! Have you asked yourselves if we have changed our minds about housing density at the Old Lucky site (gravel parking lots at Railroad and Livermore Avenues)? In the past we were neutral regarding high density housing on that site. Now many of us choke on the 260 units proposed by Lennar.

Actually, Livermore has overbuilt (see http://www. independentnews.com/news/ report-finds-livermore-building-more-needs-affordablehousing/article\_0ffe2eca-4940-11e6-8652-73fc1fc50bd3.html). According to this report, "Livermore would exceed the projected housing need under the current Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA), for years 2015-2022, by approximately 28 percent." What we have in progress is a new apartmenttownhouse-condo canyon juggernaut. Warning: the visual impact of these housing canyons could change our fair city's gracious new image downtown.

We don't want housing at the Old Lucky site. Any housing there would be expensive because the space is precious. We want a stylish hotel with conference/meeting rooms, parking underground or nearby, public green space for everyone to enjoy, and appropriate retail in Livermore's remaining iconic patch of downtown

Vote for Coomber and Carling for City Council!

#### Open Space **Dorothy Bishop** Livermore

I moved to Livermore in 1964 as a young married college graduate. We raised our family here, worked locally and always took a keen interest in the community. We watched Livermore grow from a town of 19,000 to a community of over 80,000. Recently with the plans on display at community meetings it became apparent that some city officials were promoting plans for significant residential building in the down town area to assist in subsidizing other development in the heart of our downtown. In the past few years large residential development has taken place all along First street and Railroad Avenue, so the need for further residences in the down town area seems unnecessary, especially high density and high rise units. The existing new residences on Railroad Avenue and First Street are all within walking distance of the town center businesses and activities.

Lack of parking is a big issue in the down town area. Attending the Bankhead or movie on a Friday or Saturday night is a big challenge due to lack of parking, even in the parking structure. I often have dinner with a group of friends on Friday night and we usually avoid the down town area due to lack of parking. It's very important that the future plans provide more parking than is currently available in the structure and the old Lucky's area.

Let's keep the downtown area for community focused businesses and recreational activities with more open space.

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following owner(s): Joann D. McCrea, 1391 Fairbrook Ct, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted

by an Individual The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above Signature of Registrant(s)

:s/: Joann McCrea This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 21, 2016. Expires September 21, 2021. The Independent Legal No. 4008. Published October 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Norman's Roller Shade & More, 2719 Tahoe Dr, Livermore, CA 94550

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Signature of Registrant(s) :s/: Nicole O'Dear-Hull This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 20, 2016. Expires September 20, 2021. The Independent Legal No. 4011. Published October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 2016.

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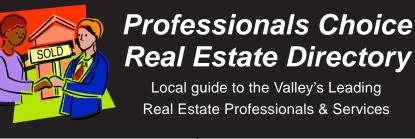
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aged to take a more active role in the city's cultural life," Crockett said in a newspaper article. "This

can best be accomplished by education, coordination of activities, and by providing facilities conducive to comfortable viewing, listening and performing. Soon an ad hoc commit-

tee formed with five members: Crockett, Joan (Kinney) Seppala, Don Miller, Tania Selden and Charles Speake. By June, they'd worked out a proposal that was, according to one reporter, "as intricate as a Balkan non-aggression pact.'

Yet half a century later, people point out that LCAC's commitment and work is palpable in Livermore's vibrant, thriving and diverse cultural arts scene.

"Ah, the arts! They are not the most basic necessities, like shelter, but once we have a place to live, the next thing we do is decorate it. We paint or write about our most basic experiences; we tell dramatic stories about our struggles, and collect the stories of our ancestors," said LCAC Vice President Jeff Kaskey. "The arts are how we express our feelings about the experiences, aspirations and fantasies of our daily lives. What we showed at the celebration was that the cultural arts aren't just something that a community does - they actually create a community. Being a town that values our range of artistic expression is a part of LCAC or its groups recount

who we are, and why we are passionate about the quality of life here."

The celebration included a 17-minute video, "Livermore's Impossible Dream LCAC's 50th Anniversary,' created by Lynn Monica. It is available for all to see on YouTube: https://youtu.be/ P6OFkZ6E3Zw.

"I have been interested in doing a documentary about Livermore, and when offered the opportunity to tell LCAC's story, I thought it would be a great opportunity to document a part of Livermore's history,' said Monica. "I hope viewers gain an appreciation of the tremendous impact that LCAC has had over the past 50 years in bringing culture and arts to Livermore.'

The video depicts, with humor and warmth, the challenges the LCAC has faced and overcome on its mission to promote cultural and educational activities within the greater Tri-Valley.

After the video, Livermore Mayor John Marchand presented a city council proclamation honoring LCAC's role in the com-

"The Livermore Cultural Arts Council grew and flourished as the City of Livermore transitioned from a sleepy town to the cultural mecca it is today," said Seppala, introducing the video. 'In taking the time to be interviewed on film, seven long-time members of the

their memories. A theme emerged. Groups have arisen with a passion for the arts, looking to enrich our community. With hard work and perseverance, they find a home, and then lose it, or almost lose it, but never lose their determination to make Livermore a cultural center. Tonight, we are celebrating the drive of all those who have come before us. We also toast those who carry on Livermore's search for the profundity that the arts bring to the soul."

Today, LCAC includes dozens of member organizations in a variety of areas: performing and visual arts organizations; Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, Valley Dance Theatre, Valley Concert Chorale, Livermore Valley Opera, Cantabella Children's Choir, Livermore Art Association. Livermore-Amador Symphony, Del Valle Fine Arts, Encore Players, Alliance for the Visual Arts, Pleasanton Community Concert Band, Pacific Chamber Orchestra, Rae Dorough Speaker Series and Valley Shakespeare Festival; cultural arts organizations like Chez Nami Foundation, Hispanic Heritage Center and Livermore Heritage Guild; educational organizations, including Las Positas College, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, Livermore Valley Lithophiles and Livermore Valley Education Foundation; and other organizations, including the City of



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

LCAC past presidents talked about the history and goals of the Livermore Cultural Arts Council during the 50th anniversary celebration. Pictured are (from left) Arne Kirkewoog, Clark Streeter, Jim Schmidt, current president Lynn Seppala, Les Edwards, Phil Dean, and Charles Hartwig.

Livermore, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, Friends of the Bankhead and Bothwell, Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council and Visit Tri-Valley.

'The LCAC is devoted to supporting the arts in all its forms and especially helping encourage arts in the schools," said Treasurer Nancy Mulligan. "The LCAC gives grants to schools for special projects that they can't afford themselves. Right now we're helping to reintroduce music education into the schools. The LCAC encourages our members to help bring their special arts to the schools, share information with each

other and support the other members, and foster new groups to encourage even more varieties of arts.

Additionally, the LCAC has supported arts festivals, Sommerfest celebrations, and new artistic organizations, along with driving support for a performing arts center that led to the creation of the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center.

Looking ahead, "The LCAC will find ways collectively to help all organizations in ways that one organization could not do by itself," said Seppala. "Advocacy will be an important role, whether it is voicing

the importance of adding cultural arts features in the planned downtown development or helping the schools bring back musical education to the lower grades."

The Livermore Cultural Arts Council meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue. Meetings are open to the public.

"Art makes us feel, think, see or experience the world in a different way," added Mulligan. "It is what makes us human."

To learn more, visit www.lcac.org.

## **FORUM**

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to see offices near BART as a way to reduce traffic by providing jobs for residents.

To deal with the projected budget deficit, Goel would focus on developing retail spaces to bring in tax revenue. Looking at employee contracts and dealing with pension plans would be critical to helping reduce the budget, he added. Wehrenberg agreed with his views, adding that there may be a need to reduce activities offered by the Parks and Recreation Department. Hernandez-Strah would look at everything, including employee contracts and pensions, as would Ballesteros. Ballesteros added that police and fire are needs, not wants. Retaining the quality of life is important.

#### PLEASANTON

Council incumbent and ndidate Karla Brown and mayoral candidate Julie The second would be to Testa answered questions about growth, their vision for the Eastside Specific Plan, Measure MM - the "Costco" measure, injecting reverse osmosis (RO) water into the underground basin, appointments to commissions and task forces, and the responsibility of the city when it comes to schools.

The Eastside Plan was stopped because people came out and spoke against it, commented Brown. Brown said it was not the job of the current council to approve everything. She said the land should sit there and let a future generation determine its use.

Testa said the concern is not just with the eastside, but other development projects as well. "We need to stop and not approve additional housing until we can catch up with the infrastructure for schools and traffic. Testa proposed a Rossmoor type senior development for the eastside, noting it would create no demand on schools and produce less traffic.

Both favored a "yes" vote on Measure MM. Brown felt that Costco, as the second largest retailer in the world, should pay for the infrastructure needed to accommodate its store. She objected to the plans to the city's plans to loan money to Costco to pay for the infrastructure. Testa would like to look at other options for the land.

new faces appointed to commissions and task forces.

Currently, the mayor makes all appointments to commissions. Testa said it didn't seem reasonable to have one person make all the decisions. Brown said that having one person make the decisions, results in commissions tending to be made up of people who agree with him.

The general plan includes recommendations for school campus sizes. "We're out of balance. School campuses exceed the recommended sizes" We are looking at different locations for schools, Brown added. Testa felt it was important that the city council and school district work together to make sure schools are built.

Both were opposed to injecting RO treated water into the underground basin. Testa said the first step to deal with water is to slow growth explore all conservation measures. Any new sources for water should be paid for by new development, since development is what would be accommodated. Brown said people don't want to drink RO water. Rather than injecting the water, she preferred first cleaning up the water, then letting it percolate naturally through the aquifer into the basin.

#### LIVERMORE

All six candidates for Livermore City Council took part in the forum. On hand were incumbents Stewart Gary and Laureen Turner, and challengers Bob Carling, Bob Coomber, Chester Moore, and John Stein.

Ouestions concerned downtown development including what they liked or didn't like about the Lennar proposal on the 8-acre Lucky site, how they would pay for amenities in the downtown, and whether or not infrastructure was keeping up with growth, among others.

Candidates were granted the most time to respond to the question about the Lennar plan.

Carling stated, "I like almost nothing in the plan. Housing is too dense; there is very little open space; because the hotel is on the eastside of Livermore Ave, there is no parking for hotel users." He said that Lennar had not been receptive to Both would like to see changes proposed by citizens. "We need to start over.

I am not opposed to housing. With the UGB, we need infill housing. It should not all be on the 8-acres.

Coomber declared, "I'm a parks guy. I like open space.' He wanted to see more open space in not just the downtown development, but in all development. In the downtown, he observed that open space would create a place where people can gather in the center of the city. He too would start the process of planning over. He couldn't imagine tall, 5-story condos hovering over the backs of First Street stores.

Gary pointed out that the Lennar plan was a private sector presentation. "We heard from the public that the plan is too big, too tall and too dense. No councilmember has approved the plan. The process has become controversial. He said studies will come back looking at expanding housing across all of downtown. After updating the Downtown Specific Plan, then a community conversation

would take place. Stein said that what is important is what the community wants and likes and is willing to pay for. Land is a resource, not a commodity. There is a need to complete the second parking structure near the current garage. It is important to take an overall look at the downtown. While housing is needed, there are other locations rather than the 8-acres that could ac-

commodate it. Turner said the downtown is for citizens, that means walkability. She liked the hotel and the market hall concepts in the Lennar plan. She preferred small intimate parks to one large gathering space. Turner favored adding housing to the downtown, not necessarily on the city owned 8-acre site. She said, "I'm not fine about that yet." Millenials need housing, but they can walk to the downtown from other locations.

Moore focused on his theme of a town square as a place for residents to gather and interact. He did not want any housing.

Paying for the amenities should involve public/ private partnerships, said Coomber. Gary agreed, adding whatever happens it needs to be economically balanced and accepted

by the community. Stein noted there is no funding unless residents want to pay through reduced services or a bond measure. Turner also favored public/private partnerships. Moore said money set aside for the parking garage could be used to pay for the town square. Carling said there will be choices to make. Citizens will be asked what they are willing to pay for. There are options for funding that could be explored, such as grants.

The majority of candidates felt city services have kept up with growth. Coomber raised concerns with regard to police and fire. He said there is a need to bring in more police and fire personnel to match the growth that has taken place since 2010. He pointed out that a great deal of overtime has been paid to police and fire departments.

Asked about the overall direction of the city, Stein said infill is critical, but changing zoning should be done on a large scale to make sure there are sites for schools and parks. Turner said the downtown specific plan needs to be revisited. There needs to be a way to deal with the homeless issue. Moore asked if we really needed BART. Carling wanted to revisit the downtown specific plan. A trigger is needed before moving forward with the Isabel neighborhood, he said. Coomber suggested simple amenities such as charging stations for electric cars

would increase the quality of life. He would collaborate with Dublin and Pleasanton in dealing with traffic. Gary said that building a tax base by adding businesses and jobs is important in order to retain core services.







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# **SECTION A**

Thursday, October 20, 2016

# Acoustic Alchemy to Perform Grammy Nominated Fusion Classics



#### **Acoustic Alchemy**

British instrumental and smooth jazz ensemble Acoustic Alchemy, fronted by guitarists Greg Carmichael on nylon guitar and Miles Gilderdale on steel and electric, has for more than three decades been recognized as a force in contemporary jazz. Their unique chemistry, backed by keyboards and rhythm, embraces a broad range of styles including jazz, rock, folk and world. With a repertoire of Grammy-nominated fusion classics, Acoustic Alchemy has reached across genres to build a loyal following worldwide. They will appear for one performance only on Friday evening, October 28, 2016 as part of LVPAC Presents tenth season at the Bankhead.

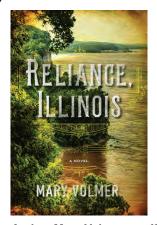
Acoustic Alchemy initially gained attention in the late 1980s when Carmichael, together with guitarist Nick Webb, provided Virgin Airlines with a recording used for inflight entertainment on Trans-Atlantic flights from England to America. From there, they landed a recording deal for their debut album, 1987's "Red Dust and Spanish Lace." Webb originally had worked with another guitarist some years earlier but when he came together with Carmichael, the two officially established the group's style and sound. After the tragic loss of Webb to cancer a decade later, Carmichael turned to Gilderdale, who had already

been playing with the band, to step up into the front role. Their collaboration sparked a new level of creative evolution in the band's contemporary jazz sound.

Acoustic Alchemy has released more than 20 albums and been nominated for three Grammy Awards. "Live in London," issued in 2014, is an extensive compilation that showcases their unique musical chemistry. The album features songs from their studio recording, "Roseland," as well as numerous other selections from their catalog. The overriding mission of Acoustic Alchemy remains reaching the broadest possible audience by expanding the potential of instrumental music and embracing a broad spectrum of styles without being limited to any specific genre.

As Carmichael has said, "For a lot of people, instrumental music is just a sound that plays in the background...but we put a lot into it, we've learned how to take people on a journey. The band has been through a lot of changes over the years, but the concept of two acoustic guitars has always been the emotional centerpiece which draws people close."

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





Author Mary Volmer to offer tips on writing.

# Programs Planned As Part of National Novel Writing Month

At midnight on November 1, 2016 armed only with their wits, the vague outline of a story, and a ridiculous deadline, more than 250,000 people around the world will set out to become novelists. November is National Novel Writing Month, or NaNoWriMo, the world's largest writing challenge and nonprofit literary crusade. Participants pledge to write 50,000 words in a month, starting from scratch and reaching "The End" by November 30.

In support of local writers, the Livermore Public Library will host programs to inspire and motivate, as well as offer its space as a novel writing zone—a place to research, write and connect with other would-be writers.

"National Novel Writing month is a wonderful opportunity for people to dive into their imaginations and do one of the most crucial things in life: create," said Grant Faulkner, Executive Director of NaNoWriMo. "Everyone has a story that needs to come to life, so the shelves of the NaNoWriMo library stretch endlessly. NaNoWriMo helps people find their voice in the act of writing and through the encouragement of the writers in the NaNo community."

A program to celebrate NaNoWriMo will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2016, 2:00 pm, at Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Light refreshments will be served. Author Mary Volmer will offer tips on getting started, discuss the ups and downs of novel writing, and answer questions from attendees. Everyone is invited to this free event, and no sign-up is needed.

Mary Volmer has been awarded residencies at

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# Jimmie Vaughn and the Tilt-A-Whirl Band in Concert

Called "a living legend" by Guitar Player magazine, blues guitarist Jimmie Vaughn provides a link between contemporary music and its blues and soul heritage. Together with his horn-heavy Tilt-A-Whirl Band, Vaughan will bring his hot blues-rock style to the Bankhead Theater in Livermore for one show only on October 27, 2016.

A native of Dallas, Texas, Vaughan picked up the guitar at the age of 13 when he was sidelined by a football injury and never looked back. By the age of 15 he had started his first band, The Swinging Pendulums, and was soon playing in local nightclubs. Inspired by such blues greats as Muddy Waters and Freddie King, Vaughan began a lifelong commitment to the blues, bringing other musical influences together to establish a clean, rhythmic style of his own.

In the late 1960s he helped found The Texas Storm, a blues soul band with a Texas twist that soon migrated to Austin's lively college music scene, where they were joined by Vaughan's younger brother Stevie Ray on bass. However it was his next band, The Fabulous Thunderbirds, that truly sparked Vaughan's career. Starting as the house band for Antone's nightclub in Austin, they went on to record eight albums together and were nominated for two Grammy Awards. The Fabulous Thunderbirds, fronted by Vaughan's inimitable sound, helped bring the blues back onto the pop charts in a revival that continues to this day.

Vaughan had just completed an independent recording with his brother, when Stevie Ray was killed in a helicopter crash in 1990. After the tragedy, Vaughan left the

Thunderbirds and retreated from touring and recording for several years. He returned to performing in 1993 as a solo artist and released his critically-acclaimed first album, "Strange Pleasure," nominated that year for Best Blues Album at the Grammy Awards. He has since followed it up with four other solo albums.

As a singer, guitarist, and songwriter, Vaughan is adept at using his music to convey powerful emotions. "I try to speak with my guitar in sentences," he explains. "The people that I enjoy and the music that I enjoy are not about just a bunch of licks strung together. If you just play a bunch of guitar licks that aren't connected, it's like throwing a lot of words into a bowl. It doesn't make any sense. It's just words. When I listen to Gene Ammons, the great saxophone player, I get the feeling he's telling you a story. That's the goal. That's what I enjoy."

Arguably as passionate about cars as he is about music, Vaughan's 1961 Cadillac Coupe DeVille took first place at the Sacramento Autorama in 1999 and second place at the 50th Annual Grand National Roadster show. Whether on a concert tour or showing his latest custom hotrod, music connects all the points of Vaughan's life and he says not a day goes by without him picking up the guitar. "I've been playing since I was 13. I play every day. I've never stopped," he says. "I can't imagine that I could exist without it."

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets to all performances are available at the box office, online at www.bankheadtheater.org or by calling 373-6800.



# JFK University to Present Laureate Award to the Wente Family

John F. Kennedy University continues its tradition of promoting lifelong learning and community service through the Kennedy Laureate Award. The Award is bestowed on individuals who embody these ideals through excellence in their respective fields and service to others and their community. This year the award will be given to The Wente Family of Livermore for their Wente Foundation for Arts Education.

The Wente Family Vineyards has been a hallmark of northern California, operating longer than any other family-owned winery and now led by fifth-generation vintners focused on creating the region's finest wines. The Wentes have expanded their reach into hospitality and entertainment with their restaurant, golf course and concert series. They have pioneered new agricultural techniques in order to be good stewards of their land. The Wente Foundation for Arts Education extends the family's legacy of leadership into the world of philanthropy by creating opportunities for talented students.

The Wentes, represent-

ing their Wente Foundation for Arts Education, will receive the Kennedy Laureate Award at a dinner on November 12 at the Blackhawk Auto Museum in Danville. Consistent with the University's themes of lifelong learning and service to the community, the dinner is also a fundraising event directly funding educational scholarships. A generous 1:1 matching grant up to 100,000 has been set up to support the University's Undergraduate Success Center, which offers dedicated services and resources to support

Hispanic/Latino and underserved students.

Kathleen Townsend Kennedy of Maryland and Eric Rudney of Alamo will also be awarded the Kennedy Laureate Award that evening.

The awards program will include dinner and tour of the auto collection, silent and live auctions, and comments from the award recipients. Tickets are \$300 each for a VIP Reception and dinner or \$200 each for dinner and are available by contacting Anne Marie Taylor at 925.969.3491 or amtaylor@jfku.edu.

#### WRITING MONTH

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the Vermont Studio Center and Hedgebrook and now teaches at Saint Mary's College. Ms. Volmer's non-fiction has appeared in Full Court Press, Women's Basketball Magazine and NPR's This I Believe series. Her short fiction has appeared most recently in The Farallon Review. Crown of Dust is Volmer's first novel. Her second novel, Reliance, Illinois, was published in May 2016 by Soho Press. For more information about this author, visit www. maryvolmer.com.

Throughout the month of November, the Civic Center Library will host Write-Ins, informal meet-ups where local NaNoWriMo participants get together to write and cheer each other on. Hosted by local writer and NaNoWriMo participant Jake LeBeau, these Write-Ins will be held at 6:00-8:30 pm on November 1, November 8, November 15, November 22, and November 29. No sign-up is needed to attend these free Write-Ins.

For more information on National Novel Writing Month, visit www.NaNoWriMo.org.

The library's NaNoWriMo programs are made possible through the support of the Friends of the Livermore Library. For more information about other library events, visit www.livermorelibrary.net.

# Zombie Pub Crawl Scheduled in Downtown Livermore

Zombies will infest downtown Livermore on Thursday, October 27th, 2016. They will emerge beginning at 6:00 p.m. from the Bothwell's Downtown Art Studios and

# Discussion Planned of 'Night of the Living Dead'



John Stack, the creator of ZombieNights.com will host a screening and discussion of George A. Romero's Night of the Living Dead (1968, run time 96 minutes) on Sunday, October 30, 2016, 1:30 pm, at the Liver-

more Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

There is no charge for this event. Free popcorn will be served. Zombie and scary costumes are highly encouraged.

Night of the Living Dead is not rated, but parental discretion is strongly advised. John Stack will give a short introduction about this classic horror film and facilitate a post-film discussion on all things zombies.

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

#### Spooky Films at Rincon Library

Just in time for Halloween, the Rincon Branch Library will host a free screening of a spooky animated collection from Walt Disney Productions. Two short stories are featured in this 1949 production. One story involves a character obsessed with motorcars, who has a theme park ride in his honor at Disneyland. The other story includes the infamous "Headless Horseman."

These films will be shown on Friday, October 21, 2016, at 725 Rincon Ave., from 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm. Free popcorn will be served. The features are rated G, however are deemed most appropriate for children ages 6 and up. Call (925) 373-5540 or visit the library's website at www. livermorelibrary.net for the exact movie title.

#### Crafts at the Springtown Library

Celebrate Halloween at the Livermore Public Library. The Springtown Branch Library is hosting a craft program on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Participants will create jack-o'-lantern masks out of paper plates, tissue paper, and construction paper. Instructions and craft supplies will be provided.

Children of all ages are welcome to attend. No registration is required for this free event. The Springtown Branch Library is located at 998 Bluebell Drive.

For more information, visit the library's website: www. livermorelibrary.net, or contact Springtown Branch Librarian Caitlyn Lung at 925-373-5576.



2015 Zombies having a Romantic Meal

the meet mART Clay Studio next door, and will spread throughout downtown Livermore in "The Night of the Livermore Dead: A Zombie Pub Crawl."

That night, the Bothwell Art Center's studio artists, guests and professional makeup artists will turn normal Livermore residents into horrific zombies and set them loose downtown. Participating bars and restaurants will offer the zombies specially-priced refreshments such as Monster Pizza slices and bloody beer to keep the peace. At 8:45, the zombies will gather to finish off the night with a "Thriller" flashmob and Zombie Dance Party at the Shea Homes Stage in front of the Bankhead Theater.

Tickets for "Night of the Livermore Dead: A Zombie

#### Haunted House

Free haunted house, called Frightmare, will be open at 697 Sonoma Ave (right across from Granada High School parking lot). Canned foods are collected for Open Heart Kitchen, but no donations are required to enter the haunt. The haunted house will be held be open Oct 28th, 29th 7-11PM and Halloween 7-10PM. There is a "Lights on Tour" for those that



don't want to be scared, but want to see the haunt. The "Lights on Tour" is Oct. 29th 2-4PM. The Frightmare is recommend for ages 10 and up. Pictured is the entryway.

Pub Crawl" are \$25 each, ages 21 and up only. Zombies are provided with a glow-in-the-dark Zombie Pub Crawl mug for use in the participating bars and restaurants.

"This event typically sells out – but it's fun to just head downtown and watch," says Anne Giancola, who is comanager of the Bothwell Arts Center and is heading up the Crawl this year. Giancola credits Downtown Art Studios makeup artist Val Daft with the idea of making citizens into zombies and turning them loose downtown.

The event benefits the Bothwell's Downtown Art Studios and the meet mART, both projects of Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. Downtown Art Studios is located at 62 South L Street in Livermore.



2400 First Street, Downtown Livermore

# **SPORTS NOTES**



Battling both rain and a tough Lamorinda team, West Coast Kaos U14G poured on the goals in a 6-2 Norcal state cup victory. West Coast Forward Aliva Ganz recorded her first hat trick of the season by scoring 3 of the 6 goals. Pictured is West Coast outside-mid Nicole Codington battling for the ball. Codington scored the third goal of the match.



Foothill Falcons' team capture fourth at the Western States High School Water Polo Tournament in Modesto. Photo - Deb McElory

# Good for the Soul in Memory of Kate Steinle

The inaugural Good For The Soul 5K/10K and Kiids' Challenge will be held on Sunday morning, October 30, in downtown Pleasanton, under the Main Street Arch. This event is in memory of Kate Steinle, who tragically lost her life after she was randomly shot while walking arm in arm with her father on Pier 14 in San Francisco on July 1, 2015.

With this run, the organizers hope that people will come together to remember that life is short and tomorrow is not a guarantee. Proceeds from this run will be donated to the wonderful organizations Students Rising Above and the Challenged Athletes Foundation.

There is a race or walk event for everyone, including the 5K Run/Walk, or the 10K Run. In addition, there will be three separate Ki'ds' Challenge Races—for children ages 2-8. The 5K and 10K certified courses are flat and fast, using the monitored downtown streets of Pleasanton and a portion of the paved and unpaved Arroyo Trails. The start and finish lines are located under, or very close to the Pleasanton arch, located on Main Street. The Kids'

Challenge is a number of 100-yard dashes on Main Street, finishing right underneath the arch.

Participants of the 10K and 5K events will receive a commemorative T-shirt, refreshments, and award ceremony.

Check-in and race-day registration opens at 6:30 a.m., and will be held at the parking lot of Workbench True Value Hardware, at 652 Main St., Downtown Pleasanton. The 10K and 5K events will start at 8:00 a.m., with The Kids' Challenge will follow at approximately at 10:00 a.m.

Fees: pre-registration 10/28/16 midnight deadline: kids' challenge \$15, 5K and 10K \$40; add \$5 on race day.

For more information and/or an application, contact On Your Mark Race Events at 209-795-7832, or visit their website.

#### Foothill Water Polo

The Foothill High School Girls Water Polo Team captured fourth place out of 42 teams in the 39th Annual Western States High School Water Polo tournament October 14th and 15th in Modesto. They first defeated Modesto's



The Livermore High School Varsity girls water polo team, coached by Sarah and Kristen Wetherell, swept its fourth tournament of the year, improving to 18-4 with a win at the James Logan Autumn Invitational in Newark on Oct. 14 and 15. Sara Sommers, Kayley Clark, Katelyn Johnson, Maddie Potts, Natalie Hawkins, Alexandra Kerin, Gianna Paden, Katie Fournier, Fiona Weaver, Josie Barrantes, Emily Hawkins, Lindsey Clendenen, and Joanna Le Galloudec make up the team.



Pictured are Pleasanton Seahawks (from left) Lleyton Plattel, MacKenzie Lee, Tyler Lu, Miranda Heckman, Chris Jhong, Claire Suen, Calvin Davis, and Elizabeth Balicanta.

Enochs HS 11-3 where the offense was led by senior Maddie David (4 goals, 2 assists) and junior Emily McElroy (3 goals). Defense played a major role with the Falcons retaining possession of the ball most of the game with a total of 12 steals with major contributors being David and fellow senior Brooke Christian with four steals a piece.

Junior Madison Weiglein led the offense in the second game against Menlo-Atherton HS with a total of four goals and two assists including a game winning goal at the buzzer from half pool with only :01 remaining to defeat their opponent 7-6 and to clinch the bracket win.

In the third and final game of the day, Foothill defeated Golden West of Visalia 7-4 to clinch a top four spot in the tournament. McElroy led the offense with three goals and an assist

with the team getting help on defense by goalie senior Negar Tehranian who had seven saves and by Weiglein with three steals. The Foothill Falcons fell short on day two of the tournament falling to Fresno's Sanger HS 1-10 as well as to St. Mary's of Stockton. Tournament offense was led by David and McElroy each with eight goals and defense by Weiglein and senior Negin Tehranian with eleven and eight steals respectively.

#### Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks swam at the '2016 Pacific Swimming C/B/BB+' meet on October 1-2/2016. The meet was hosted be the Orinda Aquatics and was held at Campolindo high school in Moraga. Representing the Pleasanton



Livermore Junior Football League Senior Cowboys' Eric Hall takes it around the end for a big TD run.



The U5 Fusion Bandits played a great game on Saturday, staking good shots and working together as a team. Bandits include John Gandolfo, Alex Holloway, Atticus Hu, Luke Lange, Zander Ruiz, Carter Silvey, Christopher Sullivan, and Chase Van Groningen.

Seahawk

Brooke Bennett age 8 with 4 new person best times, Lillyana Caples (8) 6BT, Claudia Do (8) 2BT, Francesca Lin (7) 1BT, Serena Trifiletti (8), Sabrina Tsai (8) 5BT, Madison Wainwright (7), Casey Nguyen (8), Christopher Wang (7) 5BT, Paige Bennett (10) 2BT, Kaitlin Lee (10) 6BT, Emmy Loftus (9) 2BT, Erin Pan (10) 3BT, Jacqueline Phan (9) 1BT, Brooke Sanders (9) 1BT, Jessica Tai (9) 3 BT, Emma Wang (10) 2BT, Chloe Xu (10) 1BT, Ashwin Anugraham (9) 3BT, Aryaa Bhatia (9) 1BT, Devyn Caples (10) 7 BT, Anthony Chen (10) 2BT, Connor Chen (10) 5BT, Nabil Danandeh (10) 3 BT, Ayaan Goel (10) 4BT, Aayush Gupta (10) 3BT, Andrew Kanarsky (10) 2BT, Tyler Ly (9) 3BT, Arnav Murarka (10),

(9) 3BT, Arnav Murarka (10),
Raghav Vats (9) 5BT, Dominick
Wonosaputra (10) 6BT, Ashlyn Anburaj
(12) 4BT, Faith Carroll (11) 1BT, Chloe
Chen (12) 4BT, Zoe Chu (11) 5BT,
Camille Demange (12) 5BT, Adora Do
(11), Jillian Fu (11) 1BT, Aria Harris
(11) 6BT, Breuklynn Harris (11) 7BT,
Lauren Jhong (12) 1BT, Cynthia Li (11)
4BT, Florence Rui Lin (11) 4BT, Sydney Lu (12) 5BT, Jaimie Nguyen (11)
2BT, Jasmine Phan (11) 3BT, Vivian
Sun (12) 2BT, Christina Tsai (11) 2BT,
Emily Tsai (12) 5BT, Dahlia Versteeg

(11) 6BT, Mica Wang (12) 2BT, Joanna Zhu (11) 3BT, Richard Bai (11) 2BT, Aaron Caparaz (12) 3BT, Jai Channon (12) 2BT, Michael L Chen (12) 4BT, Akshay Gupta (12) 4BT, Joey Huang (12) 5BT, Justin Im (11) 4BT, Tom Li (12) 3BT, Brycen Martin (11) 4BT,

Alexander Quach (11) 6 BT, Karen Saini (12) 1BT, Jaden Siu (12), Eric Tandean (11) 6 BT, Conan Wang (12) 1BT, Ethan Wang (11) 8 BT, Samuel Wang (11) 4BT, Kevin Yuan (11) 4BT, Jolenny Canela (13) 2BT, Emily Chen (14), Jocelyn Martin (13) 3BT, Kylie Peters (14) 2BT, Joya Siu (13) 2BT, Adrianna Trifiletti (13) 1 BT, Josh Atre (13) 1BT, Hayden Chen (14) 3BT, Eric Dong (14) 3BT, Ryan Fortani (13) 5BT, Jason Fu (14) 1BT, Kacper Kardasz (14) 6BT, Andrew Li (14) 1BT, Adity Mehta (14) 1BT, Gregory Quach (13) 7BT, Nicholas Quach (14), Divjot Toor (13) 2BT, Justin Tsai (14) 1BT, Madhav Vats (14) 6BT, Andrew Wang (13) 2BT, Ernest Wang (13) 7BT, Samuel Wolf (13) 1BT, Bolyn Yun (14), Nathan Caparaz (16), Aaron Lee (15), Alexander Luo (15) 2BT and Eric Wu age 15 with 1 new best time

#### SUPER LEAGUE

Pleasanton Seahawks swim team competed at the 'Super League' meet on October 2, 2016. The Sierra Marlins



Rip City had a fierce game against the Chargers in Fusion Boys U9 competition. The boys have been progressing all year and have taken aspects of the game to the next level. Pictured (from left) are Nate Emrich, Brayden Benjamin, Joseph Tenca, Brandon Hahn, Christian Zavala, CJ Perin, Dario Bejines, Caden Romero, Mathias Quintana, Scotty Nobori, Seth Sprague, Logan Simonetti, and Tanner Bingham.



The U5 Fusion Mighty Unicorns played the Daisies. The Might Unicorns played great defense and took some great shots. Pictures are Kennedy Gandolfo, Ashley Kozak, Gracie Lorier, Abigail Melissare, Erica Salkeld, Hailey Salkeld, Audrey Schulz, and Charlee Sosine.

hosted the meet in Folsom, CA. The weather was challenging and many swimmers could not swim all of their events due to thunder and lightning. Representing The Pleasanton Seahawks was Elisabeth Balicanta age 15, Caroline Eckel (15), Amber Fornoles (16) Daniella Hawkins (15), Jessica He (17), Miranda Heckman (15), Marissa Lawrence (15), Mackenzie Lee (14), Sofia Moufarrej (17), Claire Suen (14), Emma Valentine (15), Ellen Wang (14), Gwyneth Wong (13), Mattias Blanco (15), Jonah Cooper (16), Calvin David (15), Christopher Jhong (16), Aaron Lin (15), Robert Mitu (15), Francois Moufarrej (14) with 1 new Best time, Lleyton Plattel (14) 1BT, Alex Ren (14) 1BT, Nicholas Skinner (15), Edward Smith (17), Sam Smith (15), Robert Torres (15), Justin Tsai (14) 1BT, Nicholas Wonosaputra (15) 1BT, and Lyon Zhang (17).

#### Livermore Jr. Football

Livermore Junior Football League scores:

Seniors Cowboys 50, Patriots 16: Joey Orluck led the rushing attack for the Cowboys, scoring two first half TDs. Zak Gooby threw three TDs passes in the first half to three different receivers: a five vard strike to Conner Beauchamp: Ryan Navarro, who had a nice run; and Jake Kennedy on a WR screen. Eric Hall took back an interception for a TD. making the score 44-0 at the half. Eric Hall also had quite a game on offense, leading the second half ground attack, and rushing for a TD late in the game. The Patriots scored twice in the second half, starting with a long run by Tanner Lewis. Tanner scored again on a long TD pass from Dylan Prusso, making the final score 50-16.

LJFL Advanced Chargers 0, Broncos 31: Chargers and Broncos met for a tough defensive game. The Chargers' defense continued to work diligently for the team. Anthony Pedretti's hard hitting tackle started off the 1st quarter for the Chargers. Colin Pearce showed no mercy by stopping the offense of the Broncos

The Chargers were unable to stop the Broncos from their assault. Nathan Moniz and Gage Walton made great plays. Chargers' Dominic Johnson & Devin Williams continued to be the go to players on offense. Joe Montano, the Chargers' quarterback did a great job of using the pocket and making great throws.

LJFL Advanced Colts 35, Panthers 26: This game was billed as the battle of the undefeateds and it lived up to the hype. The Colts came out of the gates strong in the 1st quarter after a couple of turnovers by the Panthers. The Colts took advantage with some excellent runs by Carter March and Royal Jones . C. March scored two early touchdowns, combined with an extra point run and an extra point pass to Julian McMahan for an early 15-0 lead at the end of the 1st. The Colts also had some great defensive plays by R. Jones and John West. Early in the 2nd, the Colts kept the momentum going with an interception by J. McMahan at the Panthers 35. The Colts capped off the drive with a 22vd TD run by R. Jones and a 2 pt. conversion pass to Andrew Hoffman. The Panthers responded with 26 unanswered points. Panthers held the lead until midway thru the 3rd quarter when R. Jones broke a 70 yard run with 6:51 left. The Colts' defense, led by Daniel Waxman, Craig Magnuson, Tyler Leonis, Nicko Gomez, J. West and Payden Ihrig shut down the Panthers' offense. The Colts' C. March got a big 1st down that kept a drive alive and resulted in another 27yd TD for R. Jones. In the 4th quarter, Colts' defense had a couple of big defensive stops by D. Waxman and T. Leonis. The game was put away when P. Ihrig sacked the QB and ended the Panthers. final drive. The Colts took over on downs and ran out the clock for a 35-26 victory to remain undefeated.

LJFL Junior Falcons 7, PJFL Ravens 0: Both teams found it difficult to move the ball resulting in several four-and-outs early in the game. The Falcons' defense, led by linebackers Manuel "Slim" Martir and Jacob "Hol-lywood" Talley, held the Ravens to a single first down in the first half and both were in on several tackles. With seconds left in the half, quarterback Trenton Pearce found receiver Kyle Gillman on a 30 yard touchdown pass who dragged a defender the last two yards into the end zone as the buzzer sounded. A tough run by halfback Sean Evans Jr. got the Falcons the extra point to make the score 7-0 going into halftime. In the second half the defenses proved just as relentless and neither offense could make much progress. The Ravens had their chances on offense but the Falcons' defensive front of Gavin Graham, Elias Ferran, Kaden Mock, Vincent Torres, Luke Remley, and Gabe Contreras were in the Ravens backfield all afternoon getting key stops when needed. With a minute remaining in the game and the score 7-0, the Rayens' defense made a key stop to give their offense one more chance to tie the game. However, a big sack by the Falcons' defense on the

last play of the game sealed the victory.
OTHER SCORES: LJFL Seniors
Steelers 18, Packers 14; LJFL Seniors Cowboys 50, Patriots 16; LJFL Advanced Colts:35, Panthers 26; LJFL Advanced 49ers 25, Ravens 21; LJFL Advanced Broncos 32, Chargers 0; and LJFLJuniorFalcons 7, PJFLRavens 0.

#### Awards Banquet

The annual Pacific Swimming Awards Banquet took place on Saturday, October 8th, at the Embassy Suites in Milpitas. Swimmers, parents and coaches from throughout the LSC

joined to enjoy dinner and awards. Pacific Swimming, the third largest of USA Swimming's 59 regional asso-

ciations, is made up of 120 swim clubs and more than 16,000 swimmers. The Pacific Swimming territory includes Northern California from Monterey to the Oregon border, the Stockton-Modesto area of California's Central Valley, and the Reno-Carson City-Lake Tahoe area on the California-Nevada border. The following is a list of the Pleasanton Seahawks award recipients.

Lleyton Plattel won Outstanding Male Swimmer award for both short course and long course in the 13 year old age group. Lleyton was also nominated for Age Group Male Race of the Year award for his 800 meter freestyle (8:26.93).

The Pleasanton Seahawks 13-14 200 meter freestyle relay team consisting of Tram Nguyen, Claire Suen, Mackenzie Lee and Elisabeth Balicanta were nominated for the Age Group

Female Relay of the Year award.

Miranda Heckman won 3 individual awards; Outstanding Female Swimmer award for both short course and long course in the 14 year old age group, long course for 15 year old age group, and Age Group Female Race of the Year award for her 500 yard freestyle (4:43.04). Miranda was also nominated for the Senior Female Swimmer of the Year award.

Calvin David won Outstanding Male Swimmer award for short course. 15 year old age group.

Christopher Jhong won Outstanding Male Swimmer award for long course, 15 year old age group.

Maxime Rooney won 4 individual awards; Outstanding Male Swimmer award for both short course and long course in the 17 year old age group, Senior Male Race of the Year award for his 200 Freestyle (1:33.82), and Senior Male Swimmer of the Year award. Coach Steve Morsilli won Senior

Coach of the Year award.

#### West Coast Soccer

West Coast Soccer U13G Wicked defeated Danville Mustang 5 to 2 in a Norcal Premier State Cup match. Wicked Goalkeeper Indie "Stonewall" Stoneberger had a strong game dealing with a very slippery ball but came up big for West Coast. Emma Valadez started the scoring with a chip shot. Makeila Yancey not only provided multiple assists on goals but also put two in the net herself. Emma Colmanero and Ashley Stuart contributed for a total of 5 goals Mustang was a strong competitor all the way through the match. It was the solid defending by Sabrina Rogers, Maria Rebolledo, Andrea Castillo, Jade Castillo, Ella Ferrick and Lexi Oddson which held steady. Wicked midfield play controlled by teammates Macy Roberts, Emma Valadez, Elissa Guiliacci, Kailey Matta, and Mary Jane Anzo and the forward line of Leslie Mangskau, Mia Marks and Taylor Jeffrey provided opportunities on goal.

West Coast U11G Krossfire took

on a tough Lamorinda team in State Cup action. From the start, Lamorinda looked to be dominating as they kept pushing the ball into Krossfire's defensive zone. Lamorinda was able to knock one in the net in the first half taking a 1-0 lead into halftime. The second half saw Lamorinda come out firing knocking in a second goal with only about twenty minutes left to play. This didn't stop Krossfire, though, Jasmine Branda hit a shot that was blocked, but Alana Albarran was right there to knock it in for the first Krossfire goal. Lamorinda then got called for a handball in the goal box, leading to a Krossfire penalty kick, which Alana knocked right in to tie the game up at 2 a piece. Madylin Harrell sent a pass to Alana who put the go-ahead goal in and completed the hat trick. Madylin hit another pass to Adriana Paneda who battled right through a defender and the goalie and

put Krossfire up 4-2.

The West Coast U14G Kaos closed out their first round of Norcal State Cup qualifying game with a solid 1-1-1 record. Kaos tied Pleasanton Rage Premier 3-3, lost of Marin FC Blue 0-5, and beat Lamorinda 6-2.

Kaos goals against Lamorinda were scored by Melanie Nguyen, Alivia Ganz (a hat trick), Nicole Codington and goakeeper and part-time forward Maddie Manninna claimed her first goal of the season.

West Coast Kaos' back line of Kassidy Brackett, Gaby Casillas, Kelsy Brumm, Kelsy Sako and Mercedez Valverde are credited with a solid defensive performance.

The West Coast Wildfire U17 closed out their Norcal State Cup preliminary bracket with two wins and a tie. In this first round of state cup matches, Wildfire beat Tracy Alternativo Futbol 6-1, Pleasanton Rage Premier 2-0, and

tied Union City Premier 1-1.
On Sunday against Pleasanton
Rage Premier with goals by Rachel McCarthy. and Savannah Seals with an assist from Kate Wallace.

West Coast Wild U18G dominated the first round of NorCal State Cup with three wins.

They defeated Delta United 6 to 0. In game two, the Cal Magic failed to show up, so a 3 to 0 forfeit was registered.

The final game, against Bay Oaks, ended with an 8 to 0 final score. It took only 11 minutes for the Wild to produce 6 goals to start the Sunday game. Devyn Gilfoy led the way with 4 goals assisted by Callie Craine, Haley Bostard, Kylie Martinez & Delanie Sheehan. Paola Samaniego and Sheehan scored, both assisted by Lauren Sisneros. Defender Nailah Staples scored assist by Devyn Gilfoy and Meghan Giamona scored a bomb assist by a pass from Robyn McCarthy. With a solid 8-0 lead at halftime. t The game would end early due to lights going out but both team got a good work out and Wild will move into the next round of State level competition.

West Coast U12 girls Maroon Krush faced off against crosstown rival Livermore Fusion SC 05 Girls Maroon in first round State Cup play. Krush scored first with defensive back Kira Korsak doing the honors. Krush took control of the game in the second half with solid passing by midfielders Daisy Tompkins, Hailey Garvin and Makenna Galvan. Near the end of the game, Katherine Phelps scored Krush's second goal of the game. Krush's forwards Ciella Seals, Presley Perez, Kimmie Keller & Katelyn Cainey had great ball movement throughout the game, while defensive core of Korsak, Phelps, Kaya Whittaker and goalie Jillian Barth played solid defense.

#### Lacrosse Signup

Registration is now open for the Livermore Phantom Lacrosse fall ball program. 12 weeks of lacrosse for only \$120. Sign up at www.phantomlacrosse.org.

LGSA Registration
Livermore Girls Softball Association welcomes all Livermore girls aged 5-18 for the 2017 Spring Recreational season. No prior experience necessary. Online registration is now open at www. lgsa.org. Visit the website or email info@lgsa.org for more information.

#### Race to the Flagpole

The Livermore-Granada Boosters will host the 7th Annual "Race to the Flagpole" on Saturday, November 12, 2016. 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. They encourage awareness and appreciation for fitness, as well as community pride. This year the opening ceremonies will include the VFW Color Guard.

All race proceeds support the Livermore-Granada Boosters scholarship program. Race-day registration begins at 6:45a.m. at Independence Park, 2798 Holmes Street in Livermore. The half marathon starts at 8:30am, 10K starts at 9:00am and 5K at 9:15 am. The one-mile fun run begins at 10:45 am. Pre-registration entry fees for the 5K are \$30, the 10K \$35 per runner, and half marathon entry fees are \$45 per runner. Group/family discounts are available for four or more runners. The one-mile fun run entry fee is \$10. On race day, all registration entry fees will be an additional \$10.

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

#### **Smoke Tryouts**

Livermore SMOKE will be holding tryouts for a 14A travel ball team for the 2017 Spring and Summer seasons.

Location: Granada High School 400 Wall St., Livermore. Tryout Dates: Saturday & Sunday, November 5th – 6th, 2016. Pitchers & Catchers: 9am -10am. All Players: 11am - 2pm

For more information, contact Aaron Castro at 510-938-9435 or castrobunch@outlook.com

Register online at www.Livermore-GirlsSoftball.org

#### Football Games on TV

TV30 will broadcast three high rivide will broadcast three light school football games on Saturday nights at 7 p.m. starting October 22. Watch the games on Comcast TV30, AT&T U-verse via Channel 99 and also streaming at tv30.org.

"This is the eighth year of TV30's all-inclusive High School football coverage and broadcasts," said Melissa Tench-Stevens, Executive Director at TV30. "We are very appreciative of the support of the cities, local sponsors and the TV30 Foundation, as without them we would not be able to provide this coverage.

Play by play and color announcing will include TV30 sports personalities Ian Bartholomew, George "Dr. B" Baljevich, Tim Sbranti plus a high school field reporter. Interviews during the game will include coaches, players, principals, students, Mayors and more.

All games will first air on Saturday at 7pm and will repeat during the week The game broadcast schedule on TV30 follows: October 22 Livermore @ Dublin; October 29 Dougherty Valley @ Granada; November 5 Foothill @ Amador Valley.

DVDs of the games may be purchased by going to the website tv30.org.

# Gidget's Birthday Celebration Included Cake, Games and Friends



Gidget's birthday cake (above); Gidget at the beanch with Donna (right).

#### **By Carol Graham**

Of all the birthday gifts she received, one stood out: a picture frame stating "Love is a Four-Legged Word."

It is a sentiment understood by Donna Haggerty, owner of the Yorkshire Terrier who turned 18 on September 28. They spent the day enjoying the windswept beaches of Monterey - an apt locale for the Yorkie named Gidget, a fictional 1950s teenager whose adventures revolve around surfing at Malibu beach.

Yet three days earlier, Gidget had celebrated her first-ever birthday party.

"I always meant to give her a party but never did," said Haggerty. "Then this year, I figured if she makes to 18, she deserves a party. The theme was colorful, paw-print décor for dogs to 'paw-ty.' It was festive kids were in the pool, adults were enjoying the live music played by Mark Clarin, and dogs were socializing."

Attendees included nine

four-legged friends, including BFF Pookie and 5-yearold "sister" Tiffany, and 45 of the two-legged variety, including Dr. Ayshea Quintana, Gidget's veterinarian.

"Gidget is my oldest canine patient. The Haggerty family has done an amazing job taking care of her," said Quintana. "I'm happy to be able to help them celebrate another year."

Quintana, part of the Arroyo Veterinary Center team in Livermore, said that the average lifespan for breeds like Gidget is 14-15 years. However, owners can ensure their dogs live as long as possible by learning about their dog and its breed, and having regular veterinarian checkups.

"I recommend annual checkups for dogs under 8, and biannual for older dogs or dogs with chronic health issues," said Quintana, adding that her favorite moment at the party was "Watching the dogs eat the specially-made chicken and rice birthday cake. They



loved it!"

"We had two cakes - one I made for the dogs with organic chicken, and one for people that was a delicious chocolate cake with Jamoca ice cream from Baskin-Robbins," said Haggerty (no known relation to Supervisor Scott Haggerty). "We had a taco truck, and a bartender making margaritas and Moscow Mules."

No party is complete without games, and Gidget's featured "Guess What Gidget's Thinking" and a doggie dress-up contest.

"Gidget was a gift to my husband Ken from a prior girlfriend, then we started dating and I fell in love with her," said Haggerty. "Ken named her after the movie character because she was so small and cute. Gidget stands for girl-midget. She has always been lively and smart. We taught her several tricks like to do yoga, sing, dance and even sneeze on cue. We had to

spell words like 'treat' and 'bye bye' when talking in front of her so she wouldn't get too excited, but then she learned the spelling. She is also headstrong. When she wants something she doesn't give up. I think that's part of the reason she has lived so long - she doesn't want her younger sister to get all the attention."

The party took place in the backyard of the Haggerty's Livermore home, but Gidget's heart belongs to the beach.

"She ran along the sand in Monterey and was so happy," said Haggerty. "But it was bittersweet for me because I know that it could be her last trip to the beach."

Yet Gidget's spirit will live on, forever captured in a photo encased in a frame that expresses the strong bond humans share with their cherished four-legged friends.

# Meet the Artist During Reception at Cuda Ridge Winery

Bryce Beecher's "Natural Influences" art exhibit hangs at Cuda Ridge Winery through December 31st, 2016. An artist reception with Bryce Beecher will be held at the winery on Sunday, October 23rd from 1-4pm. There will be efreshments and complementary wine tasting of two wines.

The acrylic and watercolor "Natural Influences" pieces are available for viewing and purchase during regular tasting hours, and at the Artist's Reception. Cuda Ridge Wines, which produces small lot, handcrafted Bordeaux style wines, is located at 2400 Arroyo Road in Livermore.

Recently, Bryce said that he has been using free-flowing techniques, along with paying careful attention to color and composition, to develop beautifully expressive images. "I can control my pallet of colors and where I introduce them to the canvas, but I am very interested in the uncontrollable and/or unrepeatable aspects in my work," he explains.

Bryce was born in Santa Clara, raised in Idaho, and found his calling in a variety of visual arts as a young child. He has experience in many different mediums, from acrylic and watercolor to glass and welding. Bryce studied fine arts at Las Positas and Chabot Collages, as well as numerous workshops. He has been an active artist in the Livermore and Pleasanton community for the last 10 years working as an artist/instructor for many local businesses and programs such as: DAY Art Studio, Young Rembrandts, Grumbacher, LARPD, and PUSD.

Cuda Ridge Wines features an art-friendly exhibition space with a dedicated hanging system throughout the tasting room for local artists to display and sell their art. Regular winery hours are 12-4:30 Fri.-Sun.; open by appt. at 510-304-0914.



Bryce Beecher at work.

# **SHORT NOTES**

#### **Scholarship Available**

The Community of Character Collaborative invites all high school seniors in Pleasanton to apply for the annual Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarship. Long time school board member, trustee and president of the Pleasanton Unified School District, Juanita Haugen inspired the Pleasanton Community of Character initiative. In her honor, annual \$1,000 scholarships will recognize students who have a strong record of civic engagement and have demonstrated exceptional character by role modeling the traits of Compassion, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Integrity and Self-Discipline.

An award will be presented to a student in each of Pleasanton's three high schools. Applications are being taken for Foothill and Amador Valley students, Village will be presented at a later date.

Applications and guidelines are available online at www. Community of Character.org.

The deadline to apply is November 14, 2016. Selections will be made in late-November.

#### **Submit Sports Quotes**

The City of Dublin invites the public to nominate inspirational sports-related quotes for inclusion on the base of Elatus, a new public art statue to be placed at Fallon Sports Park in Spring 2017. Athletes of all ages are especially encouraged to submit favorite quotes.

Elatus is a mirror-polished

stainless steel abstract sculpture which, with its pedestal, will tower 31 feet above the sports grounds. It is expected to become an iconic piece of artwork for Dublin, offering a great backdrop for sports team photos. The abstract sculpture is inspired by the athletic human form in full extension, suggesting a baseball catcher leaping to catch a fly ball, a soccer goalie defending against a high kick or a tennis player at the height of a serve. The classical pedestal, similar in design to the Statue of Liberty's, will feature bronze plaques on three sides inscribed with the inspirational sports quotes, chosen by the community. The fourth side will feature a comment from the artist.

Nominated quotes should be 75 words or less and include attribution to the person who was originally responsible for the quote. In early December, a selection of nominated quotes will be presented for the public to rank in an online survey at the City of Dublin's online forum, "Open City Hall." If the public chooses shorter quotes, it is possible that the artist may be able to incorporate more than three on the artwork.

Submit suggested quotes by November 18 to Tegan McClane, Cultural Arts and Heritage Manager, at tegan.mclane@dublin. ca.gov, or mail them to City of Dublin, Attn: Tegan McLane, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568.

#### **Ghost Tours**

An evening of dark and spooky true history will be offered for ages 8 and up, Friday, October 28, 6:30-11 p.m. at Dublin Heritage Park and Museums.

Flashlight tours of Dublin Pioneer Cemetery are offered every half hour beginning at 7 p.m. Tours after 9 p.m. are reserved for older teens and adults only. Cost is \$7 per person. Space is limited and this event is expected to sell-out. Register online in advance.

In addition to the tour, hear haunting ghost stories in the Sunday School Barn, watch an old black-and-white horror movie projected on the Sunday School Barn. See ghostly images of long-dead pioneers in the Old St. Raymond Church, peek inside the parlor of the Kolb House. Fortify yourself with popcorn and hot cider, and stock up on handmade gifts for your favorite trick-or-treaters.

Pre-register on www.dublinrecguide.com for the tours.

#### **Prayer Breakfast**

Tickets are available now for the fourth annual Tri-Vallev Prayer Breakfast to be held Monday, November 21, 2016 at Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Pleasanton at the Club, 7050 Johnson Drive, Pleasanton, Networking 7-7:30 AM, breakfast/ program 7:30-9 AM.

This year's guest speaker is Bay Area author, speaker, pastor, John Ortberg.

Purchase tickets at www.city-

servetrivalley.org; cost is \$45.00 Hewitt at (925) 487-4748 at per person before 10/31/16 & \$50 after. Table of 10 sponsorship \$500; CityServe Partner Sponsorship \$1,000 (includes table of 10). All proceeds will go toward serving families in need in the Tri-Valley. For more information contact CityServe of the Tri-Valley at (925) 452-8276 or

info@cityservetrivalley.org for more information.

#### Fit Style Anniversary

Fit Style is celebrating its one year of business on November 10th. But this anniversary party isn't just for Fit Style but rather for the community and county. Owner, Jenn Longsworth wanted to do something to give back to the community. "I love having my business in Pleasanton and the

Jenn and the Alameda County Community Food Bank will partner at the anniversary party. Barrels will be placed at Fit Style where customers, clients, friends, etc. can bring their food items. In addition, attendees at the November 10th party who bring a minimum of three food items will be given a special ticket for a raffle prize that evening.

The Alameda County Community Food Bank serves 1 in 5 Alameda County residents. For a list of the most needed food drive items, visit www.accfb.org/

To learn more about the 1 year anniversary party or how to donate to the Food Bank, contact Marketing Consultant, Frances

frances@fhimarketingconsul-

The public is invited to attend the 1 year Anniversary Party. RSVP by November 5th to jenn@fitstyle.com

#### Nature Programs

Evening Hike for Adults Only will be led by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sat., Oct. 22. Meet Ranger Patti Cole at 6 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

Join this casual evening walk in the park. The group will check out the "changing of the guard" as the daytime (diurnal) critters begin to settle down for the night while the nocturnal crew starts their shift. Bring binoculars if you like, and be sure to dress for a possibly chilly evening.

Corpses Close Up will be the topic of the Oct. 23 program. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 2 p.m. at the reservable picnic area at Sycamore Grove Park.

Halloween times are famous for walking corpses and ghoulish things. For those who are not too

squeamish, this program will take a look at some local wildlife bodies and parts. This is the perfect opportunity to learn about some of the critters that share Livermore open space with us.

There is a \$7 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park, and a \$3 donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified. There is an annual parking pass available that provides significant savings over the daily fee for regular park visitors. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.





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**Fusion Walnut Creek** 925.296.0053 FusionWalnutCreek.com

# Wheels for Meals Ride Set for October 29

lane@att.net

Foothill High Falcon Royale Online Auction and Annual Gala

Join more than 1,100 riders on October 29 for the Wheels for Meals Ride and cycle to end senior hunger at the 7th annual ride benefiting Meals on Wheels of Alameda County. Ride through Livermore Valley Wine Country and then return to a celebration complete with entertainment, a delicious BBQ lunch (with vegetarian options) and family-friendly fun.

Falcon Royale, an online auction benefitting Foothill

Presenting the auction and Falcon Royale are the Foot-

High School is underway through Sun., Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.

good.com/foothillfalcons to check out the auction items.

A few of the auction gems include: Warriors tickets,

VIP graduation tickets, sports memorabilia, golf, photog-

raphy packages, Bay Area outings and more.

hill High Boosters and PTSA. Go to www.biddingfor-

Three rides are offered, 15 miles for beginners and

families with kids; 35 miles, and 70 miles.

the Castlewood Country Club, Pleasanton.

The event will take place from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the start at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, 2500 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton.

To attend this year's Falcon Royale purchase tickets for

this fun adults-only event to be held on Saturday, Nov. 5 at

Tickets are \$95, which includes cocktail hours with

appetizers and no host bar, dinner, dancing and exciting

silent and live auctions. Purchase tickets at www.falcon-

Questions? Contact Brenda McFarlane brendmcfa-

Register at www.feedingseniors.org

Proceeds benefit Meals on Wheels providers so they may continue to serve 530,000 meals to homebound seniors in Alameda County.

# **ART & 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.

Members of the Pleasanton Art League Public Art Circuit are currently exhibiting art at six businesses in the Pleasanton - Dublin Area. Viewing locations are: Bank of America at 337 Main Street, Pleasanton; Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at 777 Peters Street, Pleasanton; Sallman, Yang, & Alameda CPA's at 4900 Hopyard Road Pleasanton; US Bank at 749 Main Street, Pleasanton; Edward Jones at 6601 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin: and The Bagel Street Café at 6762 Bernal Avenue Pleasanton. If interested in becoming a member of the Pleasanton Art League or for information regarding the Public Art Circuit, call John Trimingham at (510) 877-8154.

Blackhawk Gallery, Alamo Danville
Artists' Society presents Blackhawk
Gallery's new Exhibit Chroma. On view
seven days a week from September 23
to November 27. Free and open to the
public. The Chroma exhibit features
one guest artist and forty-one member
artists. www.BlackhawkGallery.org

Barbara Metes Theater Gallery, featuring, 'Rooted in Nature' photography by award winning artists Lee Serles and Barbara Nichols Reynolds. Show: 10/10 - 10/28. Gallery is also open during school hours and during theater performances. Building 4000 Lobby at Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive. Livermore. Parking \$2.

#### MEETINGS/CLASSES

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

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

Figure Drawing Workshop, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission to

attend. Cost \$20 per session. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or e-mail Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 - microangelo@ earthlink.net.

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

Ukulele Circle, Meetings held the last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$10 fee to cover meeting costs.

#### **WINE & SPIRITS**

Cedar Mountain Winery, Traditional Halloween Candy and Wine Paring, every Friday-Sunday in October (noon to 4 p.m.) Cedar Mountain Winery & Port Works, 10843 Reuss Rd., Livermore. www.cedarmountainwinery.com We think you will be delighted. Tasting fees apply.

Nottingham Cellars, Livermore, Thursday tasting room hours resume to 12-4:30 pm. October Friday Live Music and Happy Hour: Join us for music on the patio from 5:30-7:30 pm. Happy Hour 5-7 pm - 10/21 Mark Clarin, 10/28 Nick Tyrrel, 2245-C South Vasco Rd. 294-8647 Cellar Sale November 5-6, 11 am to 6 pm. Special event and the tasting room will be closed to regular tastings. The wines that are available for purchase will be available for tasting. Non Club Members will be charged a \$10 tasting fee that will be reimbursed on 6 pack and case purchases.

Charles R Vineyards, "OctoberVINEfest," Saturday, October 22nd from 11:30 am - 4:30 pm. Pouring some of the new grapes recently pressed. Unique opportunity to taste three brand new fermenting wines and compare to the taste of the current bottled wines and see if you can match the varietal. Pack a picnic and relax for on the patio. 8195 Crane Ridge Road (at the end of Greenville Road) in Livermore

Las Positas Vineyards, Friday, October 21st "Evening in the Vineyards" concert from 6-9 pm featuring Charged Particles. Wine, non-alcoholic beverages along with Artisan pizza's available for purchase ( sorry no outside food or beverages permitted). To purchase tickets, go to www.laspositasvineyards.com. Space is limitted. Sun., Oct. 23, "Sunday Funday," featuring newest International Cheese & Wine pairing flight. Tasting Room is open 11:30 am-4:30 pm.

For more information, contact curt@ laspositasvineyards.com

#### 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 Tuesday each month from 7:30-9:30--Dance floor, full bar, small cover

Livermore-Amador Symphony Pops Concert, Oct. 21, www.livermoreamadorsymphony org/pops

#### dorsymphony.org/pops Michael Mullen in a Live Looping

Concert in TriaSoli and Trio Of One a double bill Live Looping extravaganza concert on October 22nd at 7:30 pm at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore; Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door; doors open at 7:00 pm. Advance tickets are available at lypac.org.

County Line Trio - Salute to The

Kingston Trio. Sunday, October 23, 2:00 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Reserved seating tickets \$15-\$25. Songs include: Remember Tom Dooley, Lemon Tree, Charlie on the MTA, Scotch and Soda, Worried Man and Where Have All The Flowers Gone? Wonderful three-part harmonies, with guitar and banjo, blended with delightful banter, jokes and just cutting-up and having fun. Tickets available at www. firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton

Jimmie Vaughan & The Tilt-a-Whirl Band; 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www. bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Acoustic Alchemy, 8 p.m. Oct. 28. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Philharmonia Baroque, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Run Boy Run, 8 p.m. Nov. 4. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www. bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The Willis Clan, 8 p.m. Nov. 18. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www. bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800. Del Valle Fine Arts, Stephen Waarts,

violin, Nov. 19, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www. bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800. 4th annual Holiday Youth Music Festival

featuring local young musicians, 6 p.m. Nov. 26. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, www.firehousearts.org.

Pleasanton Community Concert Band, holiday concert, 2 p.m. Nov. 27. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Free, donations appreciated. www.pleasantonband.org

Handel's Messiah 2016, Pacific Chamber Orchestra. 2 p.m. Nov. 27. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

#### ON THE STAGE

The Cashore Marionettes - "Life in Motion." Friday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 22, 2:00 p.m. In a rare engagement, the famous Cashore Marionettes present their magical live performance titled "Life in Motion" at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton Reserved seating tickets \$10- \$18. One-of-a-kind live theatrical performance. In a series of scenes taken from everyday life and set to music by composers such as Beethoven, Vivaldi, Strauss and Copland characters of depth, integrity, and humanity are portrayed unlike anything else in theater today. Tickets available at www. firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton

The Addams Family Musical, based on the TV show, Oct. 21-30, Fri./Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. www. laspositascollege.edu

In the Heights, Trī-Valley Repertory Theater production, weekends Oct. 22 to Nov. 6. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 373-6800 or www. bankheadtheater.org.

My Fair Lady, Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre. Nov. 5-20. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, www.firehousearts.org.

One Man Star Wars Trilogy, 8 p.m. Nov. 11. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Agatha Christie's Murder on the Nile, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 15. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

#### COMEDY

Free Comedy Show every Thursday at Sanctuary from 7:30-9pm in the Skylight Room at Sanctuary, 2369 First St. in Livermore.

#### MOVIES

The Classic Film Series, Pleasanton Library will feature a range of genres. "On the Islands," themed films will be shown the first Thursday of each month through June 2017. 6:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue. Free admission. Everyone is welcome to attend. Some films are mature in content and may not be suitable for children. For more information or assistance, please contact the Pleasanton Public Library at (925) 931-3400, extension 4. Visit www.pleasantonlibrary.org for a list of films and more information.

#### AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS Auditions for Brighton Beach Memoirs

by Neil Simon, Las Positas College production, Nov. 14-17, Directed by Ken Ross. For more info visit www. laspositascollege.edu/thea/auditions. Performs in the Spring.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Storied Nights: An Evening of Spoken Word. 2nd Thursday of each month.

Features local authors reading their work 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Peet's Coffee and Tea, 152 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Sponsored by LVPAC and Peet's. Information go to http://facebook.com/ StoriedNijehts

The Ghosts of Dublin, 6:30 to 11 p.m.
Oct. 28. Dublin Heritage Park &
Museums, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin.
flashlight cemetery tours, dark and
spooky history. Register at www.
DublinRedGuide.com.

Downtown Halloween Carnival, downtown Livermore, Oct. 29, 1 to 5 p.m. costume contests, games for children in grade 5 and under. www.livermore downtown.com

Jeans and Jewels, Tri-Valley Conservancy, November 4, evening of delicious wine, food, games and dancing. www.trivalleyconservancy.org

Golden Gate Cat Club fall cat show,

Nov. 5, "Colors Of Autumn." The show is open to the public from 9 – 5 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave, Livermore. Admission is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids and seniors, and a family rate is available

for \$25.00. Parking is free in the lot off Loyola Way. The snack bar will have refreshments. Proceeds are donated to a variety of local rescue organizations, and to the Winn Foundation, dedicated to feline research and cures for disease. Rescue cats and kittens available for adoption. For more information, call 925. 934. 3471

Julie Lythcott-Halms, Rae Dorough Speaker Series, Author of How to Raise an Adult: "Throw out the check-list child." 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Hometown Heroes, noon to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 10. Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin.. www. rotarydublin.org.

Holiday Craft Boutique, 10 a.m. Nov. 19, Dublin Senior Center, 4600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Presented by Dublin Senior Center and Dublin Senior Foundation.

Stunt Dogs, 2 and 6 p.m. Nov. 20. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

# 'Harry & Snowman' to Screen at the Vine Cinema

Vine Cinema will be showing the film, "Harry & Snowman," documentary about a horse and his rider.

The film will be offered Oct. 21 to 27: Fri. and Sat. 12:30, 2:30, 4:45 and 7 p.m. and Mon. and Wed., 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 p.m.

According to reviewers:

"The Snowman of Ron Davis's documentary Harry & Snowman is a horse that melts the heart;" "Gallop, don't trot to Ron Davis' winning documentary Harry & Snowman."

Vine Cinema & Alehouse is located at 1722 First Street, Livermore. For information, go to www.VineCinema.com

#### Holiday Fair Planned at Pleasanton Senior Center

The holiday season will kickoff with a Holiday Fair at the Pleasanton Senior Center on Saturday, October 22, 2016, between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Hosted by the Friends of Pleasanton Senior Center, this annual event will feature more than 60 local artisans and boasts a wide array of handmade arts and crafts such as jewelry, pottery, purses, bags, aprons, embroidered shirts, baby clothing, wood toys, home decor, doll clothes, and knitted scarves, hats, sweaters.

The Holiday Fair provides an opportunity to find that unique gift and support the programs offered through the Senior Center.

The Pleasanton Senior Center is located at 5353 Sunol Blvd. For more information, please call 925.931.5365.



Sarah Morgan (top left) pictured with her Xtreme Force Dance Company team.

#### Student Collecting Socks for the Homeless

The Xtreme Force Dance Company's 2016 National Competition Team members have joined team member Sarah Morgan, 16, a junior at Granada High School, in her personal sock campaign to clothe the feet of Livermore's homeless community.

Sarah's fellow team members, dance moms and teachers, have purchased and donated new, clean warm women's, men's and colorful children's socks

to her service project. The campaign runs through November 18, 2016.

Sarah will collect and distribute the socks to the four homeless refuge's temporary locations through late November and December when they are open to the folks who require shelter. There are no permanent homeless shelters for men in the Tri-Valley. Local churches host the shelters during cold weather. Tri-Valley Haven

and Shepherd's Gate will also be given socks.

Xtreme Force Dance Company is located at 847 Rincon Avenue, Livermore. A decorated sock collection box is located in the lobby where donations can be left any afternoon Monday through Friday and most Saturday mornings. Sarah can be reached at 455-0164. For information about the Livermore Homeless Refuge, call 895-4267.

#### Vita Voci to Perform Music Set to Shakespeare

Vita Voci, an eight-person vocal ensemble, will present music set to the texts of Shakespeare. The musical settings span the 14th-21st centuries from England's Bennet and Vaughan Williams to Denmark's Jeppesen, Finland's Mäntyjärvi and America's Matthew Harris.

This program will be presented on Sunday, October 23, 2016, 2 pm at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. This program is free for everyone.

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

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

Singing together since 2012, the members of Vita Voci are: Lucy Hair and Susan Moreno, soprano; Susan Anderson and Sally Mote-Yaffe, alto; Mark Rose and John Mark Carter, tenor; Kurt Haller and David Yaffe, bass. They state that it is their pleasure to share such sweet sorrows, sighs, and smiles that only vocal music brings.

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

# Topic to Discuss the Theme Assault on Free Speech on University Campuses

By Carol Graham

All are invited to attend a talk titled "BDS and the Assault of Free Speech on University Campuses" on Thursday, October 27, at the Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton. The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement (BDS) is a campaign designed to isolate and punish Israel for its policies toward Palestinians and its occupation of the West Bank. Since its beginnings in 2005, the BDS movement has prompted considerable debate about its scope, efficacy and morality.

"Despite the hallowed traditions of academic freedom and freedom of

inquiry, many campuses today are hostile to genuine conversation and debate," according to speaker Mark Yudof. "Freedom of expression is viewed by a vocal minority as a ploy to preserve privilege. There is a fear of listening to those with whom one disagrees."

Yudof - a former president of the University of California, chancellor of the University of Texas and president of the University of Minnesota - is a recognized expert in the fields of constitutional law, freedom of expression and education

"BDS is a movement on many campuses in California. Disruption of pro-Israel

speakers is increasingly common," said Yudof, an Orinda resident. "Open and robust discussions on campuses of matters relating to Israel is of critical importance."

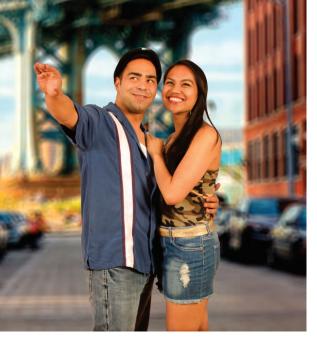
Doors open at 7 p.m. for the 7:30 talk at the Congregation Beth Emek, located at 3400 Nevada Court, near the intersection of Valley Avenue and Stanley Boulevard. A \$10 donation is suggested.

'Congregation Beth Emek's Israel and World Jewry (IWJ) Committee is responsible for bringing in speakers from all over the world to inform and educate the congregation's members and the broader community on the issues and events of importance to the world's Jewish communities in the U.S., Israel and abroad," said committee member Jennifer Ackerman. "The topic of BDS has been discussed at previous IWJ events. Attendees had many questions. It became apparent that this topic warranted further discussion. Professor Yudof will go into greater depth regarding BDS and freedom of speech on campuses."

Congregation Beth Emek serves Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon and Tracy. Members are Jews by birth or by choice, interfaith family members, and those wishing to learn more about Judaism in a community that is deeply committed to tikkun olam, the "repair of the world."

'Addressing the disruption of free speech is always timely as it is a constitutional right in the United States," said Ackerman. "We hope that attendees will become more cognizant of the limits to free speech that have been set at some universities.'

To learn more, visit www.bethemek.org.



Alex Gomez and Vida Mae Fernandez appear in Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's "In the Heights." The musical opens this weekend at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore with opening night Sat., Oct. 22. Music and lyrics are by Lin-Manuel Miranda; book by Quiara Alegría Hudes. "In the Heights" tells the universal story of a vibrant community in New York's Washington Heights neighborhood on the brink of change, full of hopes, dreams and pressures, where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you, and which ones you leave behind. The musical was the winner of the 2008 Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Score, Best Choreography and Best Orchestrations. Photo - Robert Sholty and DC Scarpelli

Photo - Doug Jorgensen October 5 saw witches of all ages strolling the streets of Downtown Livermore. The annual event. presented by Livermore Downtown, Inc., included martini locations highlighting local bartender creations. There were also culinary treat locations offering delicacies created by local restaurants and caterers. A witches hat contest was held at the Flagpole Plaza.







The Pleasanton Public Library cosponsored the 2nd Annual Korean Culture Festival in partnership with the Tri-Valley Korean American Parents' Association on October 8 at the library. The event included examples of Korean dance, music, martial arts, food and crafts.



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Health and schoof, "keeping you mentally fit: how to manage stress in high school," presentation for parents Oct. 20, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Dublin High School Student Union, 8151 Village Parkway, Dublin. 6:30-8 Keynote speaker is George Papageorge 7:00-8; Breakout sessions featuring: Axis community health (alcohol/drug prevention); Alameda Crisis Center (Suicide warning signs); and DHS Health Teachers hosting a talk on anxiety and stress as seen from a student's perspective.

Granada High School 50th Class Reunion, first graduating class will celebrate its 50th reunion on Homecoming weekend, October 28th and 29th. On Friday night join Granada Alumni for the pre Homecoming football game BBQ at 5 p.m. The class will be recognized that evening. On Saturday, October 29th at 2:00 attend an Ed Brush Poetry Books Release party at Alden Lane Nursery. Former students and teachers will be reading from the books. Book sale proceeds go to Ed's wife Leona. From 6:00-9:00 Saturday evening the reunion dinner will be held at Cattlemen's Restaurant 2882 Kitty Hawk Road Livermore. The Class of 1966 welcomes classmates from 1967, 1968 and 1969 along with Livermore High School friends. Contact Jacquie Williams-Courtright for more information and dinner

reservations. jacquie@aldenlane.com or 925-447-0280.

GNON (Girls Night Out Networking), 5 to 7 p.m. Mon., Nov. 7. Action 1 Properties, 2340 Santa Rita Rd., Suite 9, Pleasanton. November mixer. RSVP by Nov. 5; prepayment required. www/gnon.org/rsvp/html, questions 487-4748.

Livermore Community Blood Drive: Friday, October 21, 1-7 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue. Every single day, Bay Area hospitals need over 300 units of blood to keep sick and injured patients alive. Come donate, bring a friend or family member to the drive and help save a life. Register at www.redcrossblood.org and use ASBURY925 as the Sponsor Code, or call Thomas Petty at 925-980-8164 for more information.

Grants Available, Rotarian Foundation of Livermore is now accepting applications for 2017 community grants. Grant applicants are limited to organizations serving youth in Livermore. The Livermore Rotarian Foundation now partners with the Livermore Valley Education Foundation. Grant applications can be found online at www.rotarianfoundationlivermore.org. Deadline for submitting applications is December 9, 2016. Contact Marty Plone for additional information on grant criteria and the application process (925) 443-2629

Blood drive, the Livermore City Clerk's Office will host an American Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday, October 26, 2016. The Red Cross mobile unit will be in the Police Department parking lot at 1052 South Livermore Avenue from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Save time by completing and printing the RapidPass questionnaire the

#### Auditions Set for High School All-Star Jazz Band

The locally based East Bay Jazz High School All-Star Band, sponsored by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC), is holding auditions for the 2016-2017 season beginning in November/December 2016.

Auditions will be held on October 27, 2016 from 6:00 PM to 9:15 PM at the Music Room at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton. For more information on East Bay Jazz and the High School All Star Jazz Band, visit the website at www.eastbayjazz.org.

The band consists of 20-25 high school musicians in two groups, a big band and a combo/trio. Rehearsals for band members is once per week at Amador High School.

In addition to supplementing music programs offered in high schools East Bay Jazz provides weekly rehearsals with fellow jazz musicians and performance opportunities at locales throughout the Bay Area. Last year, among other performances, the East Bay Jazz High School All-Star Band played many times at the Bankhead Theater, they performed at The San Jose Jazz Festival and at a conference for an international service organization. For the upcoming season several gigs are booked and others are planned.

East Bay Jazz is the creation of Spencer Sussman, a local trombonist who performs, composes, and teaches individually and in schools.

To register for an audition and to learn more about the program go to www.eastbayjazz.org.

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day of your appointment. RapidPass can be found at www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass. All are welcome. For more information or to schedule your appointment, visit www. redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Livermore..

Livermore High School PTSA safe and sober grad night fundraising: Sat., Oct. 22 and Sun., Oct. 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the high school, 600 Maple St., Livermore. E-Waste collection — Old phones, computers, TVs. Plant Sale - Core Conservation Growers (Jeff Anhorn Nursery). USDA Meat Sale — Choice grade meat. Stock up for the holidays, "Buddy-Up" and split large quantities! Butcher on site to cut meats (nominal fee for cutting). Information email livermorehighgradnight@gmail.com or visit www.livermorehighschoolotsa.com.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, Oct. 23, 1 p.m. lunch in Livermore, RSVP by Oct. 20 to Ruby, 462-9636. Oct. 30, 1 p.m. brunch in San Ramon, RSVP by Oct. 27 to Marsha. 830-8483.

Holiday Boutique: Mom2Mom is hosting its annual holiday boutique on Saturday November 12 from 9-3 at Harvest Valley Church, 3200 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton. Shop for unique quality handcrafted items made by local crafters and artisans. Drawings will be held throughout the day.

43rd Annual Bazaar, Friday and Saturday, November 4-5, from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. Unique handmade gifts, children's items, holiday decorations for Fall and Christmas, and ornaments. Jellies, candies, and baked goods available. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho Street, Livermore.

Holiday Craft Boutique, Livermore Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary is hosting their annual Holiday Craft Show on Saturday November 5th at 527 N Livermore Ave from 9 to 3 pm. Come shop for handmade treasures from vendors, take a chance on a raffle, have lunch and purchase some delicious baked goods. Proceeds go to the local food bank and animal shelter. For more information or if interested in being a participant. call Evy Barr @ 925-980-7216

Voter registration will take place at Livermore Thursday Farmers' Market 5-7pm and at Pleasanton Saturday Farmer's Market 9 am-1 pm through Oct. 22. Ballot information will be available. Register online at RegisterToVote.CA.gov. The last day to mail-in and register online is Oct 24, 2016. Hosted by Tri-Valley for Our Revolution. Contact Kyoko Takayama 925-290-7124.

Spirit Run, Sunday morning, October 30, 2016 is the "purrfect" time to dress like a black cat and join the Rotary Club of Livermore's 5 or 10 K Spirit Run to benefit local community projects. Serious runners and families alike are welcome at this event that begins and ends at the Carnegie Park Rotary Bandstand near 4th and K Streets at 9:00 am. Run the race, visit the Sunday Farmers' Market there, and have a "Healthy Halloween!" For details, fees and registration forms, visit Livermor-eRotaryRun.org. Interested in a remaining sponsorship? Contact Deborah McQueen at 925-557-8945.

The 8th annual "Party Palooza" through November to benefit the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation. Events: Oct. 20: dinner at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard; Oct. 21: 7th annual gourmet dinner with the Shapiros; Nov. 5: 8th annual soups

of the world. A full list of events and details is available at www.HealingTherapiesFoundation.org/palooza

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

Rotary Club of Livermore Valley invites interested individuals to attend its morning meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7am in Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill at the Las Positas Golf Course, 915 Club House Drive, Livermore. Anyone who would like to give back to the community is invited to meet with club members and community leaders who work or live in the Livermore area for fun and fellowship while raising money to help local schools and various organizations such as Open Heart Kitchen, AXIS Health, Every 15 Minutes, Wheel Chair Foundation, CAPÉ, Veterans groups, and many more. For more information, go to www.livermorevalleyrotary.org/ or contact Fred Quarterman at 925-337-5342 or Deb Tacker at 925-447-1135.

Del Valle Folk Dancers: beginning and experienced dancers are welcome. Balkan, Israeli and other world dances, easy line and circle dances, no partners required, casual dress. \$3 per session (first time free). Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center (West end), 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Information: George Pavel (925) 447-8020 or george.pavel@gmail.com

Square dancing for all ages 8 years and up Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm at Del Valle High, 2253 5th Street, Livermore. Families and friends welcome. September classes free to new dancers. Questions? Margaret 925-447-6980 or mmiller1435@gmail.com

Writing Club for Young Adults.
age 13 through 21 will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on October 20, November 10, and December 15, 2016. Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The club is free and no registration is required. Led by published Young Adult author, J.L. Powers. For more information, visit Teen Space page on the library's website: www.livermorelibrary.net, or contact Teen Services Librarian Jennifer Mosel at 925-373-5576.

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

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

org/

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

Pleasanton Lions Club welcomes visitors to come experience a great time while making a difference in our community & beyond. Dinner meetings every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. Check the website for meeting location: Pleasanton. www.pleasantonlionsclub.org

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

Operation: SAM "Supporting All Military" is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued morale support of deployed troops. www. operationsam.org, email operationsam@comcast.net or call 925-443-7620.

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

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy
Support Group meets every fourth Tuesday
of the month at 10 a.m. in the third floor
movie room at Heritage Estates Retirement
Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley
Blvd., Livermore All are welcome. Contacts
are: Sandra Grafrath 443-6655 or Lee
Parlett 292-9280.

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

#### RELIGION

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

**Tri-Valley Bible Church,** 2346 Walnut St., Livermore, holds Sunday worship at 10 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9 a.m. Children's classes during adult

worship service. AWANA children's program Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 449-4403 or www. Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com.

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

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

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

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

Sunset Community Church, 2200
Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Hispanic service starts at 2 p.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 447-6782.

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

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

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

Calvary Tri-Valley, Sunday Services at 243 Scott Street, Livermore, 10:00am. www.calvarylivermore.org or 925-447-4357.

**Granada Baptist Church**, 945 Concannon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school – 9:45 a.m.; worship service – 11 a.m. All are welcome. 447-3428.

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

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

Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Ave. Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., and Sunday School and Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday night there is adult Bible study, and youth activities at 6:30 p.m. Child care during all events. 447-1848, www.trinitylivermore.org

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

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

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

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church , 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. www.saintbartslivermore.com. Service Schedule: 8:00 a.m. Contemplative Eucharist, 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (check web-site): 10:20 Sunday School (Godly Play); 10:30: Sung Eucharist with choir, child care provided.

Little Brown Church, United Church of Christ 141 Kilkare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www. littlebrownchurchofsunol.org 925-862-2580

Pathway Community Church, 6533 Sierra Lane, Dublin. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. www.pathwaycommuntiychurch. org (925) 829-4793.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 486 S. J Street, Livermore. Sunday worship at 9:00 am, followed by Bible Study/Sunday School at 10:20 am. www.goodshepherdlivermore.org or call (950) 371-6200.

Bethel Family Christian Center, 501 North P Street, Livermore, Pastors are Don & Debra Qualls. Weekly ministries: Sunday 10 a.m. - Teaching Sessions; Sunday 10:25 a.m. - Holy Grounds Fellowship; Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Elementary aged children go to Kid's Church following worship, nursery available; Wednesday 7 p.m. - Back to the Point Bible Study; all ages; Friday 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery; in the dining hall; 925-449-4848.

Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. Interpretation for the deaf at 9:00. 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org

Valley Bible Church, Livermore, meets at 10:00 am Sunday at 6751 Southfront Road, Suite 6749, Livermore. Phone 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org.

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

Chabad of the Tri-Valley, 784
Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. www. jewishtrivalley.com. Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome, no matter where they are on their faith journey. Sunday worship is at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. with childcare and Sunday school at 10:30am. First Sundays of the month are informal with guitar. Children's choir is at 11:40-12:10. "Come As You Are" is an informal service every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer minister. www.lynnewood.org. 925 846-0221.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints--Livermore Stake, Sunday services--1501 Hillcrest Ave: Springtown Ward 9:00 am; 1st Ward 11:00 am; 4th Ward 1:00 pm. 950 Mocho St.: 3rd Ward 9:00 am; 2nd Ward 11:00 am; Mocho Branch (Spanish) 12:20 pm. 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin: Tri-Valley Young Single Adult Ward 1:30 pm.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-

Day Saints: Pleasanton 1st Ward: Sunday at 1 p.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Pleasanton 2nd Ward: Sunday 1 p.m. at 3574 Vineyard Ave. Pleasanton 3rd Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 3574 Vineyard Ave. Pleasanton 4th Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Dublin 1st Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 8203 Village Parkway.

John Knox Presbyterian Church,
7421 Amarillo Rd., Dublin. Sunday worship
service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for
ages 3-18 during worship. Adult education
Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Jr. High youth group
Sundays 4:00-6:10 p.m. High school youth
group Sundays 5:50-8:00 p.m. www.
ikpcdublin.org (925)828-1846.

Livermore Quakers: Unprogrammed worship, Sundays at 6 pm, 1886 College Ave. (United Christian Church). www. LivermoreQuakers.com

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

Center for Spiritual Living Livermore Valley - People from all faith traditions, cultures, races and sexual orientations welcome. Sunday service at 10.00 a.m. Youth and teen programs offered as well. All are welcome. Meeting place 1617 2nd St., 2nd Floor, Livermore. For more information contact revharriet1@yahoo.com or visit us at http://csllvlighthouse.org.

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

Tri-Valley Church of Christ, gives away clothing and other items every Monday 10-12. Donations are also accepted on Mondays between 10-12. 4418 E. Avenue, Livermore.

Christ Church (a nondenominational evangelical church formerly meeting in Pleasanton), Now meeting at Arroyo Mocho Elementary School, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Worship service at 9:00 a.m.; Educational Classes for all ages at 11:00 a.m. visit: www.christchurch-trivalley.org or call 925, 846, 0665.

Unity of Iri-Valley - 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. 10:00 am Sunday service. Rev. Micah Murdock, minister. All are welcome. Children's program available. Ongoing groups and activities. www.trivalleyunity.org (925.829.2733).

GraceWay Church will worship at 10 a.m. Sundays at Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Rd. until new home is refurbished and updated. Services include band-led worship music, as well as choir anthems. Sunday School for infants, preschoolers and elementary through high school students. GraceWay will move to its new home at 1183 Quarry Lane, Pleasanton, later this year, www.gracewayfaith or 846-4436 for information.

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) for women of all ages and life stages. Meets Thursday mornings, 9:30 – 11:30 am; through May 11, 2017. St. Charles Parish, Borromeo Hall, 1315 Lomitas Avenue, Livermore. For WINGS speaker presentations and events: stcharleslivermore.org, click on "Upcoming Events" and "WINGS". Questions: Donna Leach 925-443-6815 or Phyllis Clearwater 925-337-4299

# Milestones



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Students, former students, faculty and Livermore School District officials were on hand for the dedication of the new turf on the football field at Granada High School. The ceremony took place on October 7 prior to the kickoff of the conference game with California High.



The piano students of Kim Luty presented an afternoon of music on Saturday, September 17 at Our Savior Lutheran Church. The recital featured piano music from styles ranging from Beethoven and Chopin to Sinatra and Springsteen. Several students ages 8-18 were presented with Certificates of Merit from the prestigious Music Teacher's Association of California. In December the students will perform holiday tunes at local senior homes. The studio is located at Mozart, Einstein and Me (aka ABC Music) at 2156 First St, Livermore.

# All for Music - a Recap of the PSEE Fundraising Show

By Claire Shao (9th Grade, Amador Valley High)

The All for Music Show was a huge success in raising money for Pleasanton Schools Educational Enrichment (PSEE) to support the Pleasanton 5th grade strings and band program. The fundraiser was held on Friday, September 30, 2016 at Pleasanton Middle School.

During the pre-show, there were raffles and an instrument petting zoo hosted by Ingram & Brauns and Schwän Violins from Pleasanton. The petting zoo was a big hit amongst children. High school volunteers demonstrated various instruments and allowed children to trythem. The sounds of musical instruments clashing together loomed across the multi-purpose room.

The lights started to dim and the spotlights shone onto the strings act conducted by Mr. Aubel, the PSEE Vice-President and Amador Valley High School strings teacher. The sound of the Star Spangled Banner resonated. Special guests - Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, Superintendent Rick Rubino, City Councilman Jerry Pentin, PUSD School Board Members, employees and PSEE President Susana Lopez-Krulevitch all attended and



The photos are of some of the performers who took part in the All for Music Show.

with music.

The show reached its climax when Pleasanton celebrity Barry Mew surprised the audience by dancing on stage with a group of children to the song "Baby" by Justin Bieber. He was a trivia dancer from the "Live with Kelly & Michael" show. Some of the other highlights that night were performers from Triple Threat Performing Arts, Yao Na Dance Studio, opera singer Leland Smith, and youth

spoke about their journeys organization PLAY. The musical night was concluded with the Harvest Park Middle School Jazz Band conducted by Mr. Perazzo.

> Thanks to all the 70 plus volunteers and show organizers: Ivy Chuang, Winnie Liu, and Sherry Zhou for making this show a big success. Over 400 attendees and over \$10,000 was raised for PSEE. To learn more about PSEE or the event, visit: http://pseefundraising.wix.

