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 Cities plan Halloween events; South Pacific opening at the Firehouse; Encore Players performing; special evening of classical music planned; listings of meetings and special events; and much more.

## Dublin School Board Explores Future Role in Development

**By Ron McNicoll**  
 The Dublin Unified School District Board wants to take an active role in the three-way discussions among the city, developers and the school district on how to have school housing needs met. However, the board does not want to interfere in the planning process. Board members want to acquire the maximum dollars they can from develop-

ers, pointing out that every dollar that comes out of a developer's pocket keeps down the community's costs. That was the consensus following a 50-minute discussion by the board at its Oct. 13 meeting. Superintendent Stephen Hanke summed up the board's position as dealing with each development individually, "walking forward slowly, without stepping

into the business of the city council." At issue are approximately 1000 non-vested units in a city with 5000 units already vested for guaranteed development. However, some of them appear to be far down the road. With an 11 percent growth rate spread over the past two years, schools have been crowded. Hanke said the elementary school

pressure has been relieved by the opening of Amador Elementary School. In addition, the planned K-8 for the Jordan Ranch should be built in three years to prevent further elementary school overcrowding in the future. Now, the pressure is on the high school. Needs will be examined as part of the district's Facilities Master Plan (FMP), which is due for completion next March. It's

possible a new high school with an ultimate enrollment of 1500 would be built in East Dublin, or perhaps a satellite campus of around 500. Part of the "walking forward slowly" mentioned by Hanke was underscored by trustee Megan Rouse, who said that the city should hold back on any approvals of non-vested units for  
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Cloudy days have added color to the hills of North Livermore.

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## Livermore City Manager Gives 16-Day Extension To Developer Cutoff Date

Livermore City Manager Marc Roberts reported that city staff has extended the cutoff date for downtown hotel and residential developer applicants from November 2nd to November 18th. He said that the purpose of the extension of the Request for Proposals (RFP) due date is to accommodate developers in the process so that they can make a more complete application. The City wishes to receive proposals for development of 8 acres in downtown Livermore with such uses as a hotel and residential units, plus some retail and commercial office.

forum, not placed on the council agenda. The council majority chose not to put the subject on the next city council agenda for discussion.

At the October 12th City Council meeting, the Ad Hoc Advocacy Committee, a citizen group led by Bill Dunlop, had requested an adequate extension of the hotel RFP. Councilmembers could not express their views on the topic at the time because it was only brought up in the public

The Ad Hoc Committee has engaged PKF, hotel consultants, to conduct a Market Demand and Feasibility Study of a hotel/conference center in downtown Livermore. Speakers at the council session said that the goal of the study was to determine whether a facility meeting broad community needs could be developed for the downtown. Dunlop explained that an extension was necessary because the PKF study would not be completed until November 13th.

When asked for his comment regarding the extension to November 18th, Dunlop stated, "While we appreciate that the City has moved back the closing  
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## Patterson Ranch May Have Hiking Possibilities

Representatives of two recreational districts see possibilities for low-impact hiking trails on a part of the Patterson Ranch land acquired by Zone 7 Water Agency. East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) director Ayn Wieskamp and Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) director David Furst visited the 5000 acres of watershed purchased by Zone 7 in 2013 for \$18.5 million. The land, east and west of Lake De Valle, is adjacent to LARP's Sycamore Grove Park. Some of the terrain rises high enough to offer a

view of the Livermore Valley beyond the hills that are east of the lake. Furst said, "I am very happy to see Zone 7 take a large piece of land from the private sector into the public sector." Speaking only for himself, Furst said that it may be possible, if other directors agree, to pursue the idea of creating two short loop trails into some of the ranch land from Sycamore Grove Park, which is adjacent to Patterson Ranch. At last week's LARP Board meeting, he suggested adding the topic to the district's facilities committee

agenda. Other board members agreed. Referring to his own thoughts about possibilities, Furst said, "We are interested in low-impact trails. The land would stay as open and pure as possible, with the trail through it. There would be nothing large, and nothing paved." Wieskamp said that she thinks the public is interested in possible recreational uses on the land. "People were always asking me, 'what is it like up there' after it was first purchased." What Wieskamp saw on the visit hosted by Zone 7 on Oct. 15 was impressive,

she added. "A lot of people can see why it's good. People asked me why EBRPD didn't buy it. We didn't have the funds. Zone 7 had the right funding sources." Wieskamp said she was enthused about the possibility of getting trails there. Zone 7 general manager Jill Duerig noted, "Zone 7 has always been dedicated to optimizing multiple benefits on the property it owns, and, has been willing to collaborate with other public agencies to enhance recreational opportunities." As an example, Duerig said that last month Zone 7  
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## Potential Conflict Delays Lund Ranch II Hearing

Councilmember Jerry Pentin's request for a continuance of a project on an issue before the Pleasanton City Council has resulted in a postponement of the matter. As a result, Greenbriar Homes' plan to construct 50 single-family, two story homes and related improve-

ments on 195 acres known as the Lund Ranch II property has been delayed until November 3. Pentin, who lives in the area that could be impacted by the development, is seeking an opinion from the Fair Political Practices Commission regarding the potential  
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## Ethnic Change Statistics Help District With Family Outreach

There has been a dramatic shift in the Asian and white populations in the Pleasanton Unified School District over the past five years. At the same time, most ethnic groups have remained at the same percentages. Figures shown by district senior director of pupil services Kevin Johnson at the school board meeting Oct. 13 show the Asian population districtwide climbed from 4198 in 2010 to 5623 in 2015, a gain of nearly 10 percent. The white population five years ago was 8118, and now is down to 6820, a drop of 8 percent. Other ethnic categories showed dips or gains of less than 1 percent. The district make-up consists of 46 percent white, 38 percent Asian, nearly 10 percent Hispanic, about 3 percent Pacific Islander, 2 percent African-American, and less than 1 percent American Indian or Alaskan native. Johnson told the board that the ethnicity data show what schools need to do to put together parent support programs. An example cited by Johnson was the district's creation of a Mandarin-speaking liaison person to reach out to the East Asian community and help parents

to become more involved with schools. Johnson's report also featured a look at total enrollment. Enrollment was 14,876 five years ago. Now there are 14,737 students, a drop of 139. Trustee Joan Laursen pointed out that the drop of 139 students over the five-year period amounts to a revenue loss of \$1 million in state average daily attendance money over the five year period. "Getting into a declining situation is terrible. We don't see it, though, with robust home sales, and kids moving in," said Laursen. She wanted to know more about the change. "Is it a bubble? Are we losing students to the charter school in Livermore? I realize we don't have all those answers, but those are my concerns," said Laursen. Trustee Jamie Hintzke  
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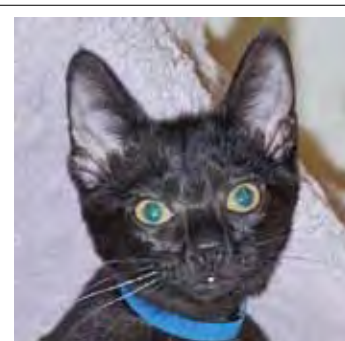
The 41st annual Foothill Band Review will take place on October 24. Over 50 high schools will take part in the parade, concert and field show competitions. This year's parade will begin on Main Street at 8:30 a.m. There is no admission charge. The concert competitions are held during the morning at Amador Valley High School. In the afternoon, the parade awards will be presented at the Foothill High School football stadium, starting around 3:00pm. The field show will take place from 4 to 10 p.m. Admission will be \$10. For additional information, go to [www.foothillmusic.org/BandReview.aspx](http://www.foothillmusic.org/BandReview.aspx). In the photo, the Foothill band marches in last year's parade.

## Rail Warning System Planned For Sunol

The Sunol Citizen's Advisory Committee heard a presentation at its meeting this week from staff of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRR), operators of the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) service on the installation of a new rail crossing warning system in Sunol. Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who represents part of Sunol, serves on the SJRR board of directors representing Alameda County for the 3-county ACE passenger rail service. Haggerty championed improvements to the rail crossing warning system in response to community complaints about noise generated by locomotive train horns and increased rail traffic from passenger and freight rail crossing  
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**PET OF THE WEEK**  
 You'll want to make a copy of Carbon, a delightful five-month-old inky kitten. He's a talkative fellow who is happy to repeat himself if necessary. If you've been looking for a complementary companion, get to Valley Humane Society on the double and adopt Carbon. Located at 3670 Nevada St., Pleasanton, Valley Humane Society is open Tues.-Sat. 10am - 4pm. Today is the last day to enter our 2015 Pet Photo Contest. For more information, visit [valleyhumane.org](http://valleyhumane.org) or call 426-8656. Photo - Valley Humane Society/K. Jacoby

# VALLEY ROUNDUP

# EXTENSION

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## Purchase Pink License Plates

7th District State Senator Steve Glazer and former Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan are joining forces during October Breast Cancer Awareness Month to urge residents to order California's new pink ribbon license plate.

"The generous act of placing a Pink Ribbon License Plate on your car will help raise awareness and save lives. Early screening is critical. Breast cancers found during early screening exams are more likely to be smaller, still confined to the breast, and as a result, curable," said Buchanan, who authored the bill to create the pink ribbon license plate after she met with four breast cancer survivors from Oakley, California.

Senator Steve Glazer said, "At least 7,500 pre-orders are needed for the Department of Motor Vehicles to begin producing the plates. I am urging women and men in California to order their plates today. This modest act of kindness will help provide needed funding for breast cancer screenings to underserved California women whose lives may depend on it".

Plates can be pre-ordered for a driver's own vehicle or as a gift. A portion of the \$50 cost is tax deductible.

Funds generated from the California Pink Ribbon License Plate will allow more women across California to get regular breast exams and mammograms. Orders can be made at [www.pinkplate.org](http://www.pinkplate.org)

## Swalwell Back from Russia

U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell (CA-15), senior Democrat of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence's CIA Subcommittee, recently returned from a six day trip to Russia, Latvia, and Estonia. He met with officials in each country to discuss the international need to stop Russian aggression in Syria and Ukraine.

Swalwell commented, "Russia's escalating aggression threatens American servicemembers in the Middle East and hopes for stability in the region. I urged Russia's Foreign Ministry leaders to work with the U.S. military to keep Russian planes away from ours. Any engagement, intentional or unintentional, could draw both of our countries into unnecessary conflict. I also encouraged Russia's leaders to come to the table and help broker a political solution to the Syrian conflict."

Swalwell travelled with former Intelligence Committee Ranking Member Dutch Ruppersberger (MD-2). Among others, they met with the U.S. Ambassador to Russia, John F. Tefft.

## Corrections

A story in the Oct. 8 issue about Tri-Valley Learning Corporation, which referred to the Oak Grove school district, erred in discussing the district's size. It is the fifth largest in the state by population. It is one of the largest in the state by area, said communications director Xanthi Pinkerton.

The name of the Amador Valley High School Junior chaireing the Wreaths Across Pleasanton campaign was incorrect in last week's Independent. The correct name is Cameron Huber.

date for all applications, the extension does not address our situation."

He added, "After the PKF Market Demand and Feasibility Study is completed on November 13th, PKF must have time to introduce its report to additional hotel developers. PKF recently informed us that developers will need a cutoff date in mid-January to review PKF's work and come up with a thoughtful proposal. The holidays make a compressed schedule particularly difficult. We hope that the City will work with us to

## HIKING

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directors approved an agreement to facilitate Livermore's Medeiros Parkway recreational plans.

Zone 7 acquired the Patterson Ranch in order to have control over the watershed that drains into Lake Del Valle. Zone 7 is therefore able to have direct control over cattle management practices to guard against pollution of the lake.

Zone 7 staff has said that grazing practices to date have been good. Owning the land will ensure that it will stay that way. Zone 7 retained the same land manager who has been supervising the property for decades for the Patterson heirs.

A part of Patterson Ranch was purchased in 1964 by the state Department of Water Resources, which dammed the Arroyo Del Valle to form Lake Del Valle for water storage. Zone 7 acquired the remainder of the ranch, which had been owned by the Patterson family since 1893.

accommodate our efforts to help bring the best possible project to the Livermore community."

Colliers International-DZT/Cushman Wakefield, hired to market the site, issued the RFPs in September. Mark Triska, executive vice president, said the firm had asked the city for the extension for both the residential and hotel RFPs. He explained, "We have discovered that constraints, such as lack of third party resources (i.e. site planners), industry conferences in September and October, year end closings, and developers who already are engaged in

multiple projects, have led to developer requests for more time from us. We feel

extending the call for offers date to Nov 18 will help us get more and better offers."

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## Model Grand Opening of Portola Homes

The Taylor Morrison team will host the official Model Grand Opening celebration of its latest Livermore community - Portola. The unveiling celebration of the community's two models will take place October 24 and 25 from 12 to 4 p.m. Tour Portola's brand-new, designer-decorated model homes, talk with onsite experts and designers from both the Taylor Morrison team and greater Bay Area, see live cooking demos, sample refreshments and more.

"Taylor Morrison is excited to bring this beautiful community to Livermore and looking forward to engaging with home shoppers who are looking to explore all that these homes have to offer," said Pierrette Tierney, president for Taylor Morrison's Bay Area division. "Portola is a community where location, style and function come together to create a sophisticated blend of all the amenities a homeowner is looking for in the Bay Area.

Portola features four three-story townhome-style designs ranging in size from 1,594 to 2,056 square feet. There are various floorplans with two to five bedrooms and two-and-one-half to four bathrooms. Each home includes a two-car garage and the option for designer-selected upgrades. Several plans also give homeowners the flexibility for room

changes to provide even more living and bedroom space.

For more information about this new community or to learn more about the grand opening event, contact a Portola sales associate at (925) 557-2073. The Portola sales center is located at 3949 Portola Common, Livermore.

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# EDITORIAL

## Silence Is Golden

The saying "silence is golden" is often used when it is thought that saying nothing is preferable to speaking.

Livermore Fusion Soccer Club put that thought into action as it observed "Silent Saturday" on October 17.

Parents and coaches were asked to refrain from shouting or yelling comments at the players or referees. Those on the sidelines could clap to show appreciation for action taking place on the field. Many created signs as a way to cheer on the teams.

The idea behind the event was to return the game to the players. According to reports, the idea went well. Players were able to communicate more effectively with each other and enjoy the game.

With reports around the country of verbal abuse and sideline interference with referees and players, hurrah for Livermore Fusion.

## DUBLIN

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six months, until the FMP is completed. The school board would then know more about its future overall plan.

The board discussed what "full mitigation" of a school means. Rouse said that based on comparable cost of buildings already done, she computed a need for \$80,000 to \$115,000 per student to build the facilities.

Using the low figure of \$80,000, and multiplying it by 900 students, the cost of a school would total \$72 million. Using the higher numbers of \$115,000 and 950 students, the upper limit would be approximately \$109 million.

"It may be that properties become vested anyway, because of factors beyond our control. I do think we owe it to the community to put a price tag on the cost," said Rouse.

Trustees Dan Cunningham and Greg Tomlinson said that developers would never pay such a high fee. They have to pay the statutory fee in effect now. Anything more would enable them to sue the city, said Cunningham.

Traditionally, the state has provided the "third leg" of support in the metaphorical stool to build schools. Statewide bond issues helped districts construct facilities. However, the state fund now can cover only less than 1 percent of the current need. Gov. Jerry Brown has refused to put a new bond on the ballot, although a statewide initiative has qualified for the November 2016 ballot. If approved, it would devote \$3 billion to K-12 school construction.

Dublin currently collects Level 2 fees from developers who have not made any other, separate arrangements with the district to mitigate a development's impact.

Dublin could charge developers full mitigation for the total cost of the school, if Level 3 were adopted. However, the state's "nearly dry" bond fund prevents that from happening.

During discussion of the timing of the city's non-vested unit approvals, and their impact on schools, Hanke said he was approached by the city about a development downtown "that has a clock running on it." It has to be decided by Nov. 20.

Tomlinson that the developer's time-sensitive agreement is not the district's problem. The agreement is between two owners. In his opinion, they could extend the timeline.

The board discussed writing a letter to the city, but Tomlinson said, "I'm not sure we need to write a letter. The City Council is not tone deaf." It was an apparent reference to comments from audience members at recent council meetings concerning

a perception there are too many residential units being approved at too fast a pace.

"There's an election coming up November 2016. It's so vocal right now, I think it's unlikely they will approve any (non-vested) project at this point," said Tomlinson.

## CONSERVATIVE BOND RATE SET

On another item, after looking at the projected growth of Dublin's assessed valuation, the board approved the more conservative of two scenarios when it comes to issuing bonds.

The board agreed to peg the estimate at 5 percent per year in annual assessed valuation growth. An alternative would have used 7.5 percent the first year only. However, that figure was considered to have some risk, because it would have pushed the bond payment from property owners above the \$60 per \$100,000 assessed valuation.

Board president Amy Miller told The Independent that it was important for the board to keep its promise that the tax rate would not go above \$60. "We always try to do what's best for the taxpayers," she said.

The issuance of bonds is expected to pay for \$14.5 million of \$18.5 million in debt on various school facilities costs, and \$25 million for a bond anticipation note that enabled construction of Amador Elementary School.

Dublin has had a request on the state's desk for reimbursement for Amador construction, but the current impasse in the state bond fund prevents any action. Hanke has said that the district will still try to collect, whenever state bond money becomes available.

## Climate Change To Be Discussed At Forum

A talk and discussion on climate change, led by a prominent expert from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. next Wednesday evening, October 28, at Livermore's Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of Fourth and P Streets.

The expert is Dr. Benjamin Santer, an international leader in the effort to uncover and explain complex clues that reveal patterns of human influence on the climate.

The event will be the last of six speakers forums sponsored by the church on issues of importance to society.

Attendance is free and open to the public regardless of religious affiliation.

# Input Sought on Plans for Wheels System

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) operator of the Wheels bus system, will host a second round of public workshops to gather comments on potential future Wheels route changes as part of its Wheels Forward initiative.

Wheels Forward, a comprehensive analysis of the existing Wheels bus network, will include recommendations for short and long term route modifications to better serve changes

in ridership, land uses, travel time and travel patterns. LAVTA launched the Wheels Forward initiative in the spring of 2015 with a round of data collection, on-board passenger surveys, an analysis of ridership and on-time performance, and existing and future land uses.

In late July, LAVTA held public meetings to solicit comments on future route changes and gather input from riders and non-riders on service improvement trade-offs.

The Wheels Forward Planning Team has now developed a series of bus service scenarios and is ready to gather public input on the potential route changes.

Residents can view the proposed service scenarios and offer comment through the WheelsForward.com website or by attending one of the three scheduled public outreach workshops: Tuesday, October 27th, 7pm - 9pm, Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton, served by Route

8 and 10; Wed., Oct. 28, 6 to 8 p.m., Las Positas College, Building 2400, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. (Park free in Lot E), served by Route ; and Tues., Oct. 29, 6 to 8 p.m., Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin, served by the Rapid and Route 10.

Translation services are available for the public workshops with advance notice. Call Wheels at (925) 455-7555 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

## HEARING

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for conflict of interest. If it were determined that he lives too close to the site, he would not be able to discuss and/or vote on the issue.

Plans for development on the site have been controversial, because of its location on hills in the southeast area of Pleasanton. In response to Measure PP, the proposed Greenbriar homes have been located on a fairly flat area of the site. While the housing is not impacted, the need to build a road over a steep slope to allow access to the development is in question.

Measure PP requires the

city to restrict development of housing and commercial structures on steep slopes and within 100 vertical feet of a ridge line. However, no determination has been made if a road constitutes a structure.

Opponents of the road argue that a road is a structure and can't go over slopes steeper than 25%.

When the matter returns to the council, it will consider both the development plan, a Development Agreement to vest entitlements for the project, and certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pre-

pared for the project

## NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

A neighborhood meeting is scheduled to discuss the proposed Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone in Pleasanton. The meeting will take place from 6-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22 in the Hart Middle School multipurpose room.

The zone, along Johnson Drive includes office, commercial, institutional and industrial uses. The city recently released a draft supplemental environmental impact report for the 40-acre site.

Under the proposal, the City of Pleasanton would use zoning and land use designations, incentive programs, completed environmental review documentation, and standards and guidelines to streamline the development process. The goal would be to encourage investment within the new economic development zone.

The Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report is available on the city's website at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov). Written comments on the DSEIR will be accepted through Oct. 30.

# Black Holes In Space Are Subject of Talk On Tuesday

The origin and significance of black holes -- regions of space so dense that not even light can escape their gravity -- will be discussed in Livermore next week by one of the nation's most popular and lively speakers on astronomy, Dr. Alex Filippenko of UC Berkeley.

The talk, titled "Black Holes in Space - Hearts of Darkness," will be the latest in the Rae Dorrough Speaker Series, scheduled for Livermore's Bankhead Theater starting at 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday, October 27.

Black holes were long considered intriguing but

speculative phenomena, the stuff of science fiction even though they were predicted by Einstein's general theory of relativity. Because no light escapes them, they cannot be seen directly, even if they exist.

They did turn out to be observable, however, by their influence on nearby stars, gas clouds and other matter.

As space based and ground based telescopes have yielded more and more information about the dynamics of the cosmos, astronomers have concluded that super-massive black holes not only exist but

form the centers of all large galaxies.

Tens of millions of smaller black holes are thought to be scattered about the universe, the remnants of exploded stars that were at least several times more massive than our sun. Astronomers are working hard to understand their origins and life histories and the possibility of black holes of still different sizes and origins.

Filippenko is one of the most prominent of those astronomers. His research teams have pushed back the frontiers of knowledge not only in black hole research,

but also in understanding how and why the universe is expanding.

In addition, he is known for his ability to communicate with the public, delivering substantial scientific information in non-technical language, with humor and down-to-earth analogies. He is easily found online in Youtube presentations and videos posted by universities.

Filippenko's Bankhead talk is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or by contacting the box office at (925) 373-6100.

## Hearing Will Seek Comments on State Climate Change Plan

The California Natural Resources Agency will hold a public hearing at 10 a.m. Oct. 26 in Sacramento to take comments on the state's draft plan to safeguard implementation plans to deal with climate change.

The hearing will take place at the Rosenfeld Hearing Room at the California Energy commission, 1516 9th St. Another hearing is planned for Los Angeles on the following day.

Interested parties also may comment to the department before the end of November. A copy of the

199-page report is available at [http://resources.ca.gov/docs/climate/Safeguarding%20California\\_Implementation%20Action%20Plans%202015%20%28CNRA%29.pdf](http://resources.ca.gov/docs/climate/Safeguarding%20California_Implementation%20Action%20Plans%202015%20%28CNRA%29.pdf).

The plan is intended to show how California will prepare for and adapt to the catastrophic effects of climate change, including extended droughts, wildfires, rising sea levels, and increasingly extreme weather.

California Secretary of Natural Resources John Laird said, "With climate change, we cannot use the

past to help us predict future conditions. While we work to reduce the carbon emissions that worsen climate change, we must prepare for higher sea levels, flashier winter storms, warmer temperatures, reduced snowpack, and other changes with big ramifications for how we live in California."

"This draft report gathers in one place all of the actions unfolding across state government to help build our resiliency in the face of climate change. As a comprehensive document, it will help us track our progress

and help the public hold us accountable," said Laird.

The report analyzes what actions have already been taken to prepare for climate change and details steps that still need to be taken across ten sectors including water, transportation, agriculture, biodiversity and habitat, emergency management, and energy. It provides a blueprint for execution of the actions recommended in the Natural Resources Agency's 2014 report "Safeguarding California: Reducing Climate Risk."

## MAILBOX

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## Endangered Species Golf Course Adrienne Smith Livermore

Since I fought a Portola street-widening project (alone), I know how frustrating those golf course meetings can be, with highly paid consultants, and their fabrications designed to discourage residents so that large angry crowds don't attend the important city council meeting. I ignored the consultants and made the city change some of their Portola plans.

Millions of dollars in tax revenue from all those outlets can pay for the little golf course. I pay over \$7000 a year property taxes, so I am against any tax assessment.

Nature preserve marshlands, full of Pacific Pond Turtles and other endangered species border the golf course, with signs reading, "Do not disturb Red Legged Frog habitat. Endangered Species Act." People fear the golf course could be developed if made open space. But with all the endangered inhabitants, it's doubtful. Pacific Pond Turtles sunbathe on a rock in the duck pond daily. Blue Cranes, Herons, Egrets, Coots, can be seen.

Imagine how many people will fight this, especially if the duck pond is threatened! Remember the downtown fountain?

## Robert S. Allen Livermore BART Director, 1974-1988

John Stein's excellent October 1 letter laid out a clear case for adequate parking at Isabel-580 BART. While I was BART director nearly three decades ago, BART bought 53 acres there. Much of that land, though, has been traded and gone for the new freeway interchange.

Let's get BART rail to Isabel/580 ASAP, with parking as Stein proposed. Until BART rail comes, adding a Wheels route between the planned Isabel station site and the BART station Time

the bus to meet every train in or out from early AM through the evening commute, and reserve the parking at Isabel for Livermore residents.

This would take three buses each running about 14 hours per day, depositing and picking up passengers right at the fare gates. The daily round trip cost to riders of \$2.60 (with Fare buster westbound and BART transfer eastbound) comes to even less than the \$3.00 parking charge and no hunting for an elusive parking space! More space for others at no cost to BART.

Provide parking at Greenville/580 for Central Valley and ACE riders, with a similar express bus to the BART station. Charge a higher fare and a parking fee there; Central Valley commuters have not paid BART taxes for years, as have Livermore residents.

BART owns even more land near Greenville Road north of I-580, bought for a future train yard. Use that for interim fee parking, with a commute shuttle for Central Valley BART riders until BART rail is extended beyond Isabel.

I hope for BART ultimately to go over the Altamont to near Grant Line

Road - still in Alameda County. (Southern Pacific's ruling grade over the Altamont was a modest 1.29%, as compared to BART's 2.99% over Dublin Hill. We used to run heavy freight on that line.)

Hopefully, when BART's new train cars arrive, BART will add another route: from the Tri-Valley to downtown Oakland, Berkeley, and Richmond. Even now, some trains in the commute hour are standing room only from East Dublin. Changing BART's A-R line to A-C would greatly relieve the load on I-680.

## BART Letter Marie Timmer Livermore

John Stein is to be commended for his thought provoking letter to the editor.

It was one of the best informational letters about BART that I have seen.

His research and possible solutions should be carefully examined by the Directors and Engineers of BART. John certainly cares about Livermore's present and future. Maybe John Stein should be appointed to the leadership of BART. Take a bow, John. You are much appreciated.

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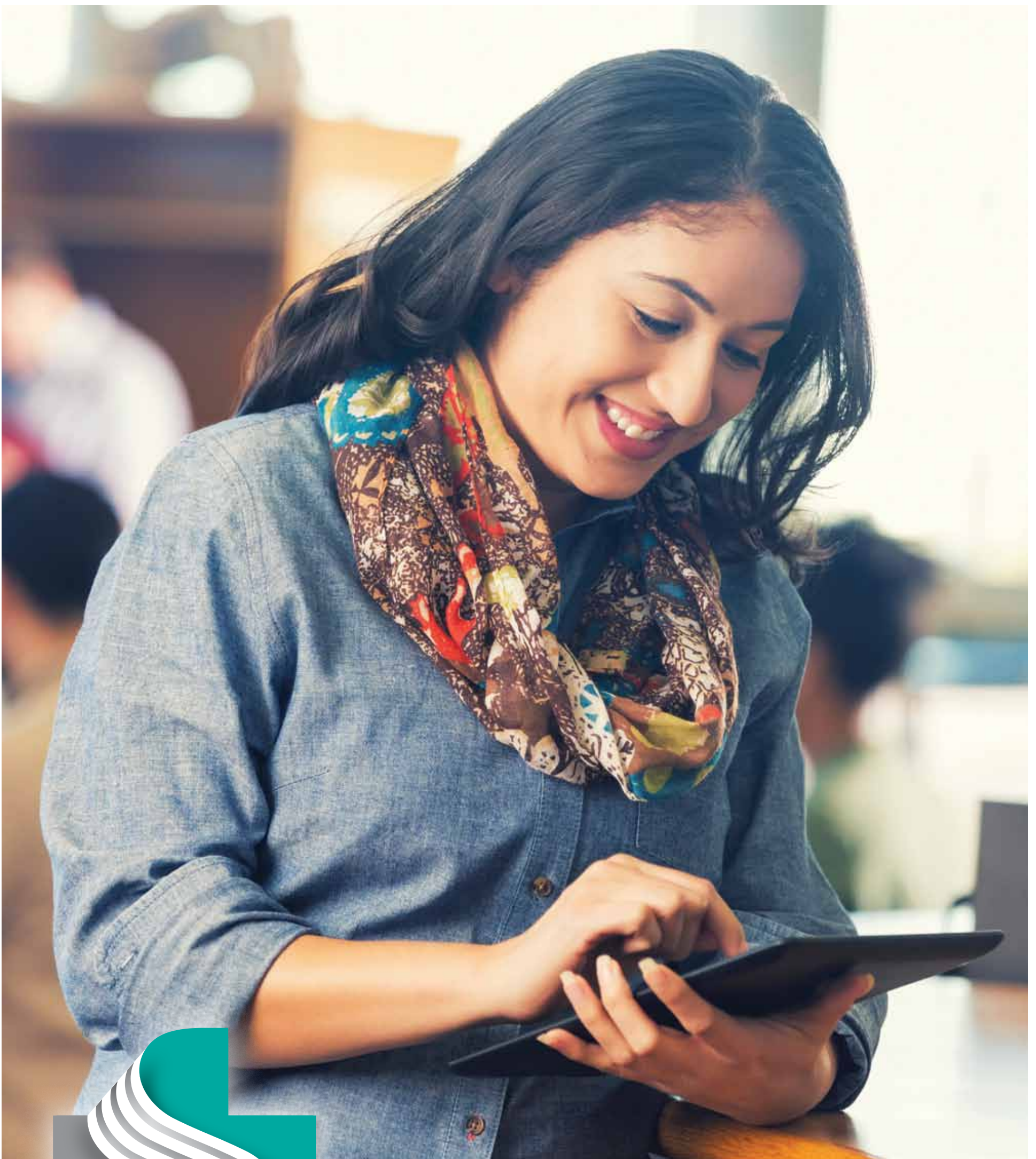
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# SPORTS NOTES



**Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club U9 RCD Espanyol vs. RCD Mallorca** : Top Offensive Players: AJ Becker, Cole Edgerton, Korben Reyes; Top Defensive Players: Daniel Linhardt, Sean Lau, Gavin Schoenweller. This was a high energy game, played by both teams. Andrew Negd and Anthony Negd both did a great job pushing up on the right wing. Cole Edgerton had a break away and scored the first goal for RCD Mallorca. Andy Hur and Jack Fowler scored two goals each. Daniel Linhardt and Sean Lau did a fantastic job playing defense.



**Fusion U8 Club America** had a great game against the Animals on "Silent Saturday." For Club America, there was a lot of offensive action with goals scored by Nicholas Baxter, Hayden Druba, Cole Peterson, Emilio Henthorn, Cooper Cox, and Daniel Camargo. Blake Roth also played strong offense and defense. Travis Dare led the Animals on offense with his impressive goal. The rest of the Animals: Carsen Dare, Ethan Murray, Madden Macchiano, Sebastian Mena, Shivam Saxena, Tyler Borchers, and Xavier de Leyos played hard on offense and defense.



The Granada High School freshman football team hosted De La Salle High School for an exciting game. The Matadors were leading until the last five minutes when De La Salle made the extra point to win the game 7-6. Granada's Adrian Ayala ran more than 50 yards for a touchdown. While the Matadors played an excellent game, penalties kept them from scoring. Pictured are Dylan Krauss, Duncan Maloney, Axel Avila, RJ Ruckteschler, and Rudy Ayala lined up on defense at the De La Salle twenty yard line.



**Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club U12: Hamburger SV 1, Hannover 96 5**: Top Offensive Players: Josef Rager, Archie Darlston, Jiankun Zhang; Top Defensive Players: Simon Clarke, James Byrum, William Zhai. Derek Wang scored the only goal for Hamburger SV on a beautiful chip from the 18 yard line that sailed over the goalie's head. Aadarsh Tripathi had several great runs up the field. Josh Young did a great job in both offense and defense. Dylan Gray did a fantastic job in goal, making many great saves. There was lots of action on both sides of the field. Pictured is Mathew Dickman taking the ball up the field. Picture - Iris Hur



Pictured are Pleasanton Seahawks Coach Steve Morsilli, Moriah Simonds, Maxime Rooney, Miranda Heckman, Lleyton Plattel at the annual Pacific Swimming Awards Banquet (not pictured: Chris Jhong).



**West Coast Katz** along with their sister teams Wild & Wonder all finished as top seeds in U19, U18 & U17 Girls State Cup group play. Katz finished tops in group play this past weekend with a convincing win over California Northstars. Ashley Halen got the hat trick to seal top spot in the U19 State Cup first round group. Joi Wilson served some outstanding crosses and was credited with multiple assists, Isabela Messa, Madison Carlton played strong on the outside while Jacqui Frizzi, Mena Seranno, Kamrie Kaasa controlled the midfield, GK Taylor Boren, defenders Asarra Price and Alyssa Liu preserved the shutout. Katz had strong performances from younger WCS players, Salina Cardoza, Morgan Hall & Colette Mardrossian, playing up to gain valuable experience.



The Fusion Goal Getters played the Reaction on a cloudy day last week. The game was close in the 1st half with stellar defense by Goal Getters' Hannah Swartzendruber, good midfield control by Claire Aguiar, and strong keeper play by Dawn Powell. The Reaction was held to 1 goal in the first half. Despite the excellent defensive stops by the Goal Getters the Reaction scored 3 times in the 2nd half winning the game 4 to 0.



**West Coast Klash** had an amazing weekend finishing up their last two Fall League games with victories for a record of 8-0, to win the League. The Klash players had only recreational soccer experience, but coach Sara Giroto built a team to play competitive soccer. Chloe Lucero, Hailey Anne Stubbles, Chloe Thomas, Khushleen Hothi, Gaby Valenzuela, Mahorosh Qazalbash helped anchor the team. Klash will be looking to add more U10 & U11 players to fill the roster for its move up in Division as League Champs. For more information about Klash and tryouts go to [www.westcoastsoccerclub.com](http://www.westcoastsoccerclub.com)

pass to Alana Albarran who netted the third Krush goal. In the first minute of the second half, Ciella put the game away with her third goal off another great pass from Sydney. The Krush defense and midfield were in lockdown mode the entire game, only allowing Fusion 6 shots on goal. Goalkeeper Jillian Barth was a brick wall in goal only allowing 1 shot to get through. Krush went on to win 4-1.

Sunday morning saw Krush play host to Dublin High Energy. Krush came out a little slow, but they found their groove about halfway into the first half when Ciella hit a cross to Hailey Garvin who one-timed it in to put Krush up 1-0. A few minutes later Mina Shokoor hit a beautiful shot to put Krush up 2-0. The second half was all possession as the Krush defense, anchored by Sydney, Madylin Harrell, Alana and Kira Korsak held Dublin to only 2 shots on goal the entire game. Ciella added the third and final nail in the coffin off a beautiful cross from Hailey Brackett.

Through 6 league games, Krush is now 5-0-1 with 21 goals for and only 4 against.

The West Coast Warriors U9 Boys showed up to their 8am game on Sunday determined to get their first win of the season versus Ballistic United. They dominated the first half, which ended at 0-0. Second half, they came out strong and within minutes Juan Godoy scored the first goal. After several great shots on goal, Juan Godoy won a loose ball off a shot from Luis Briseneno and scored for the second time. However, Ballistic had not given up yet and answered with a goal. With

only a couple minutes left, Tyson Machado fired a ball from midfield over the keeper and scored the final goal of the game, giving the Warriors a well-deserved 3-1 victory. Mark Anzo and Brandon Gracia combined in goal.

## CYO Cross Country

The St. Michael CYO cross country team competed in their penultimate meet of the season on October 9 at their home course at Shadow Cliffs. Leading the way, were the grades 3-5 girls who finished first as a team led by Sasha Piper (1st), Amelia Sanchez (2nd), and Jana Barron (4th).

Grades 3-5 boys also were first led by Justin Peterson (1st), Adrian

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**Sprinting to the finish, Justin Peterson of St. Michael CYO takes first place in the grades 3-5 boys race.**

## Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage Orange U-15 wound up its NorCal Youth Soccer State Cup preliminary round with a win and a draw during a doubleheader weekend.

In an Oct. 17 home game against the Montclair Clippers, Rage took possession of the field early, with shots on goal by Ariyana Walling, Isabella Clark and Lucia Castaneda and midfielder Jessica Stubbs keeping the ball within striking distance. In the 20th minute, with Rage giving pressure, a pass back to the Clippers' goalie was cleared into the stomach of Rage forward Ashley Lopez. The rebound landed at Clark's feet, who crossed it to Lauren Londono. Taking a shot that hit the crossbar, on the rebound Londono headed the ball in for the first game goal. Thirteen minutes later, on an assist from Castaneda, Eve Varela scored from 25 yards out, hitting the right-hand back corner of the net. After the half-time whistle, the Clippers mounted a comeback with several shots on goal, the first in the first 30 seconds of the second half, but Rage keeper Brooke Delaney and defenders Samara Ayoob-Ahmad, Emma Monsen, Alexandra Greth and Julianna Pereira kept the Clippers from achieving their goal. Final score: Rage 2, Clippers 0.

On Oct. 18, Rage traveled to San Lorenzo to play the SACYSL California Northstars. Throughout the game, Rage's Allison Defazio and Hunter Faria owned the midfield, and Megan Stewart took shots. The Northstars picked up a loose ball in the midfield and scored the game's first goal to take the half-time lead. In the 60th minute, Rage's Samantha Cawthorn dribbled up the right wing before sending a

perfect cross arriving in the penalty box to Castaneda, who trapped the ball, and then shot in the back of the net, tying the score. Energized, Rage continued to press, but the team was unable to score another goal. Final score: Rage 1, Northstars 1.

**Pleasanton Rage U12 Fury 2, Warriors 3**: Mariah Branscomb scored a hat trick as the unbeaten Warriors improved to 5-0-1. AvaMarie Perry excelled in the midfield for the Warriors, who received stout defense from Ejean Kuo, Rebecca Williams, Sara Vannoni and Sophie Wendell. Goalkeeper Anna Shackelford made several exceptional saves, including one in the waning minutes to preserve the victory. Branscomb's first of three goals came in the final minute before halftime for a 1-0 Warriors lead. Fury rallied from a 3-0 deficit with a pair of second-half goals.

## West Coast Soccer

The West Coast Wildfire U16 girls faced a tough San Jose Crossfire team this past weekend. In their second of three Norcal State Cup group play matches, Wildfire took on Crossfire at home in Livermore. West Coast kicked the game off with several offensive plays but were met with a solid Crossfire defensive line. At the end of the first half, both teams remained scoreless.

At the kick-off of the second half, West Coast came out firing. Within five minutes, forward Meghan Giamona delivered a powerful mid-field shot to give Wildfire a 1-0 lead. Wildfire kept the ball deep in the Crossfire backfield and had several shots on goal. Wingers Lynette Soto, Isabella Barbero, and Callie Crain had several crosses into the box setting up multiple scoring efforts.

West Coast's mid-field and back-line put up a wall of defense that stopped most of Crossfire's offensive attempts. West Coast's goalie MacKenzie Long blocked a shot with her extended body. West Coast Wildfire claimed the 1-0 victory and moved up in group standings.

**West Coast Soccer U11 Warlocks** first headed to San Ramon to play a morning game. Louden Philbrick used aggressive footwork to control the flow of play. Danny Ramirez was his usual playmaker self. Jeremy Miller, Kevin Kovacs, Raul Olmos, Salvador Ramirez, and Zack Valenzuela kept the San Ramon defense on its toes. On defense, Dylan Lee led the way with some outstanding stops in goal. Helping on defense and feeding the offense were Anthony Blake, Tyler Wallace, and Mark Sorensen. Next game took the Warlocks to Rocklin to play in another state cup qualifying game. The Warlocks gave it all they had and proved that they belonged on the field with a powerful Rocklin team.

**West Coast's U10 Krush** played two big league games. Saturday the Krush girls took on in-town rivals Livermore Fusion. Ciella Seals got things started for Krush with the first goal off a great through ball from Sydney Goodwin. Nadia Sherman then connected with Ciella to put Krush up 2-0. About halfway through the first half, Ariana Butler hit a great open field



## PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

Wheels is planning the future of transit in the Tri-Valley, and we need your input! The week of October 19th, we will be posting potential future Wheels route changes on [www.wheelsforward.com](http://www.wheelsforward.com).

The following week, three public workshops will be held in Pleasanton, Livermore, and Dublin. Please view the proposed changes online and attend a workshop to help us design the best possible bus service for the Tri-Valley!

### Pleasanton

**Tuesday, October 27th**  
**Amador Valley High School - Auditorium**  
1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton  
Served by Routes 8 to 10  
7:00-9:00pm

### Livermore

**Wednesday, October 28th**  
**Las Positas College - Building 2400**  
3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore  
(Park free in Lot E)  
Served by Route 12  
6:00-8:00pm

### Dublin

**Thursday, October 29th**  
**Civic Center-Regional Room**  
100 Civic Plaza, Dublin  
Served by the Rapid and Route 10  
6:00-8:00pm

Translation services are available with advance notice. Please call Wheels at (925) 455-7500 at least 48 hours before the meeting you'll be attending.



# SPORTS NOTES

## Amador Valley Survives Cal Comeback

By Travis Summers

PLEASANTON – California High School thought it could catch the Amador Valley defense off guard, but Connor Mays was ready.

The Grizzlies, trailing by three points and faced with first down at the 3-yard line, could have spiked the ball to stop the clock with ten seconds remaining. Instead, Cal quarterback Jack Gerlach raced to the line of scrimmage and attempted to score a game-winning touchdown on a keeper as the Don defense scrambled to get into position.

Amador Valley's Mays tackled Gerlach at the 2-yard line as time expired after the Grizzlie quarterback muffed a handoff attempt to running back Justin Locklear. The defensive play preserved a 17-14 home victory.

"Right when the quarterback said 'hike' I saw the running back start to make a move and I knew they were going to try to run it," Mays said. "I thought the running back was going to get a handoff, but then I saw the quarterback fumble it and then take off toward my side. That's when I went in for the tackle."

Cal looked like it would score its third and final touchdown of the contest when it completed a screen pass to Trevor Leathley. Leathley was tackled at the 3-yard line in the middle of the field, which kept the clock running and set up Mays' game-saving tackle on the resulting play.

Cal coaches had wanted to spike the ball to set up a game-tying 20-yard field goal, but failed to communicate their intentions to Gerlach who attempted the keeper instead.

"I thought they would spike it, but our kids are smarter than I am and continued to play defense," Amador Valley head coach Rick Sira said. "[Cal head coach Eric Billeci] obviously has a great program



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

**A solid game on offense and defense led to an Amador Valley High School victory over Cal High in EBAL action.**

with a team that was playing well and they decided to go for it. Our kids made the play."

The clock and Mays' tackle might have been the only two things that could have stopped Cal from winning. The Grizzlies (5-2, 3-1 EBAL) had trailed 17-0 at halftime, but answered by dominating the second half, scoring a pair of touchdowns from Locklear and outgaining the Dons (5-2, 2-1 EBAL), 220-24, in offensive yards.

The last-minute drive wasn't Cal's only opportunity to take the lead in the fourth quarter as the Grizzlies had put together a 9-play, 46-yard drive in an earlier possession. A fumble at the 14-yard line killed their first opportunity at taking the lead.

Amador Valley's late-game resiliency was foreshadowed in the first half after a string of sloppy plays by both teams. Both Cal and Amador Valley combined for three turnovers in a four-play stretch late

in the second quarter that was ended when Patrick Loughnane broke free for a 29-yard touchdown run for the Dons' final score. Loughnane would finish with a game-high 123 yards on 23 carries.

"I thought our team did a great job in those tough situations," Sira said. "Whenever something went wrong it didn't seem to bother us. We were ready to go. I think it says a lot about the character of our kids."

Amador Valley will travel to San Ramon Valley (2-5, 1-2 EBAL) this week.

Amador Valley 17, California 14  
Cal 0 0 7 7 14  
AVHS 3 14 0 0 17  
AV - Taylor 35-yard field goal  
AV - Jones 56 run (Taylor kick)  
AV - Loughnane 29 run (Taylor kick)  
CAL - Locklear 1 run (Lego kick)  
CAL - Locklear 4 run (Lego kick)  
Statistics

Rushing - AV: Patrick Loughnane 23-123, Ronnie Jones 10-84, Tore Wiley 1-1. Totals: 34-208. CAL: Malek Alatasi 14-92, Cameron Norfleet 10-61, Justin Locklear 16-59, Carlos Gomez 5-11, Christian Toetuu 3-9, Jack Gerlach 2-7. Totals: 50-239.

Passing - AV: Ronnie Jones 3-6-0, 12 yards. CAL: Jack Gerlach 4-16-2, 81 yards.

Receiving - AV: Hakin Tokhi 1-8,

Vince Ruso 1-6, Bradley Norton 1(-2). CAL: Brandon Perrilliat 2-53, Trevor Leathley 2-28.

**Foothill 35, Monte Vista 27:** Foothill improved its perfect record to 8-0 against arguably its toughest opponent to date by holding off Monte Vista's late-game rally.

Running back Isaiah Floyd rushed for the Falcons' first two touchdowns and their last, compiling 163 yards on 20 carries. He also threw a touchdown, finding wideout Ruben Mercado for an 8-yard score in the fourth quarter.

Monte Vista (5-2, 2-1 EBAL) came to within a score of tying the game when Peyton Henry hit a 44-yard field goal late in the fourth quarter, but the Mustangs couldn't recover its second outside kick attempt on the ensuing play.

Foothill (8-0, 4-0 EBAL) will face Cal (5-2, 3-1 EBAL) on the road. It will be the Grizzlies 2015 Homecoming, making it the second-consecutive week the Falcons will try to ruin its opponent's homecoming.

**San Ramon Valley 49, Livermore 28:** A second-half scoring barrage from San Ramon Valley proved to be too much for Livermore as the Cowboys fell to 3-5 this season, and 0-4 in EBAL action.

The Cowboys were tied with San Ramon Valley at halftime, 21-21, but the Wolves scored consecutive touchdowns to begin the third quarter to build a lead it would never surrender.

Livermore will have a bye this Friday, before facing Amador Valley (5-2, 2-1 EBAL) in Pleasanton next week.

**Alhambra 14, Dublin 13:** A blocked kick on a Dublin point after attempt proved to be the difference, as the Gaels (5-2, 1-2 DFAL) fell to Alhambra (4-4, 1-2 DFAL) in Martinez Friday.

Alhambra built a 14-0 lead before Dublin got touchdowns on back-to-back possessions at the start of the fourth quarter to pull within a point. That second touchdown resulted in the blocked PAT, which proved to be the game-winner.

The Gaels had a shot to pull ahead when it reached the Alhambra 24-yard line

with one minute remaining, but failed to convert a fourth-and-six situation to turn the ball over and seal the Bulldog victory.

Dublin will host Las Lomas (1-6, 0-3) this Friday.

Granada, BYE: The Matadors will face Monte Vista (5-2, 2-1 EBAL) this Friday at home.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

**Amador Valley High School girls varsity water polo team defeated Granada High 12 to 8 in EBAL action.**



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

**Foothill High School girls varsity volleyball team swept Livermore High, winning all three sets: 25 to 9, 25 to 16 and 25-15.**

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Gomez (4th), and Vincenzo Piazza (15th). In the grades K-2 race, Nicolai Barron and Daniel Enrique took first and second, while Miriam Piazza and Susie Beamon were fourth and seventh for the girls. The grades 6-8 girls team of Viviana Valenton (4th), Sophia Piper (12th), Fiona Smith (13th), Mina Thompson (15th), and Eleanor Hu (24th) took second.

Finally, the grades 6-8 boys team were fifth led by Giorgio Piazza (10th), Jacob Walker (19th), and Anthony Pedretti (23rd). The team's

season finishes with the Diocese Championship on October 16. For more information on St. Michael CYO cross country and track, see the website at <http://www.smistrack.org>

### Race to the Flagpole

The Livermore-Granada Boosters will host the 6th Annual "Race to the Flagpole" on Saturday, November 14, 2015. The event offers

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The Mavericks 10U softball travel team finished 1st in the "Black Widow" tournament in Hayward, this past weekend. The team effort was paced by outstanding pitching from Makayla Munoz in the semifinals and Jenn Morrison in the championship game. On offense, Kate Hankins went 9 for 12 and Raegan Chioino 6 for 10. Players are Eva Chamberlain, Raegan Chioino, Amie Dempsey (not shown), Allison Gould, Jessy Hall, Kate Hankins, Sofia Lamiero, Jenn Morrison, Makayla Munoz, Kathryn Piscotty, Hannah Temple, and Lindsey Wilson.



Pleasanton Junior Football League U10 Bantam Ducks took on the Golden Bears. Top Offensive Players: Archer Kelly, Ryan Mayer, Xander Zdanowicz; Top Defensive Players: Logan Brady, Nicholas Durbala, Travis McFadden. The game was filled with lots of exciting tackles, blocks and runs. Hunter Lawrie had a great run for fifteen yards. The Ducks' offense did a great job blocking, splitting the defense, and enabling the Ducks running back to run up the middle. Christopher Hines making a tackle with Xander Zdanowicz there for back up. Picture - Dena Downum



Allison Defazio of Rage Orange U-15 crosses ball in 1-1 game against the SACYSL California Northstars.

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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. These events are open to all ages and abilities.

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

Race-day registration begins at 6:45 a.m. at Independence Park, 2798 Holmes Street in Livermore. The half marathon starts at 8:30 a.m., 10K starts at 9:00 a.m. and 5K at 9:15 a.m. The one-mile fun run begins at 10:45 a.m. 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.

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**Seahawks Earn Awards**

The annual Pacific Swimming Awards Banquet took place on Saturday, October 10th, at the Embassy Suites in Milpitas. Swimmers and coaches from throughout the LSC joined to enjoy dinner, awards and Olympic Swimmer Natalie Coughlin as Guest Speaker. Pacific Swimming is the third largest of USA Swimming's 59 regional associations, it is made up of 120 swim clubs and more than 16,000 swimmers.

Pleasanton Seahawk Coach Steve Morsilli was awarded Senior Group Coach of the Year. The following Seahawk swimmers received awards and nominations: Miranda Heckman received the Outstanding Short Course award for 13 year old female swimmer. Miranda was also nominated for Race of the Year for her 1000 free (10:02.06) and Swimmer of the Year for her 3 Pacific Swimming Records, 8 National Top-10 Rankings, 3 Far Western Individual Championships and a Far Western Record 13-14 Girls

1000y Free. Lleyton Plattel (13) was nominated for Race of the Year with his 1500m freestyle (17:26.56). Christopher Jhong received the Outstanding Short Course award for 14 year old male swimmer.

Moriah Simonds received the Outstanding Short Course award for 16 year old Female Swimmer and was nominated for Race of the Year for her 1000 free (9:37.35) she swam at Winter Sectionals breaking the Pacific Record. Maxime Rooney received the Outstanding Short Course/ Long Course award for 16/17 Male Swimmer, Race of the Year for his 200m freestyle (1:47.10) he swam at US Nationals which placed him 3rd in the Nation, and Swimmer of the Year for his National Champion 200 freestyle at Summer Nationals, youngest member of the men's USA National Team 2015/2016, World Junior Gold Medalist 200 free, 4x200 free relay, FINA World Junior Records 200 free, 4x200 free relay, Summer Junior National Champion 100 free, 200 free, and NCS Champion 200 free, 500 free.



West Coast Wild concluded group "A" State Cup play this past weekend with a dominant first round performance. Wild scored a 2015 State Cup record 26 goals scored while giving up 0 as they cruised past opponents Orchard Valley 10-0, Tracy Futbol United 6-0 & Richmond Sol 10-0. The goals were spread out among 15 different players on team Wild while Melissa Ellis, Devyn Gilfoy & Lauren Sisneros lead the team with 3 goals each. In the photo, West Coast defender Maya Lopez slipping the ball through an opponent's legs as she helps her Wild team get three shutouts in State Cup first round play.



The West Coast Wildfire U16G team took command of their opponent in a Norcal State Cup group match. Wildfire dominated on both offense and defense to bring home a 1-0 victory over San Jose Crossfire. Pictured is Kylie Martinez clearing a ball out of the back field.



West Coast Wonder finish 1st in State Cup U17 G group play. West Coast Wonder had an outstanding weekend against some very good competition. Saturday team Wonder faced a tough CenCal Cosmos from Fresno, Tracy Kimball HS student Casey Hamilton, Salina Cardoza and Sara Shea netting two as the Wonder went onto a 4-0 victory. Team Wonder had a strong performance against Orchard Valley on Sunday defeating their opponent 5-2 to capture first place in State Cup U17 Group play. The Wonder defense was anchored by Erica Dias Goals scorers were Lauren Sandy, Casey Hamilton, Marissa Pletschette, Salina Cardoza and a beautiful header goal by Madison Gannon. In the photo, Madison Gannon receives a pass from midfielder Amanda Silveira vs. Orchard Valley

**Livermore Softball**

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

**Little League Signup**

Little League Baseball spring registration will be on Saturday 10/24/15. Livermore High football snack bar area. 10am-2pm. Registration is open to players ages 4-18 whose birth date is on or before August 31, 2016. Please bring copy of birth certificate and proof of residency (utility bill). For more information check home team websites.

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8:30 am - 9:30 am Non-Medicare retirees  
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Come and listen to our presentation about 2016 benefits and visit with some of our plan providers:  
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**October 15 - December 7, 2015**  
Open Enrollment for Medicare-eligible retirees (OneExchange)  
**October 19 - November 13, 2015**  
Open Enrollment for non-Medicare retirees and Medicare-eligible retirees in Kaiser (Empyrean)

**Rotary 5K Spirit Run Set for Saturday**

The Livermore Rotary Club will hold a 5K Spirit Fun Run on Saturday morning, October 24, 2015 starting in Carnegie Park in downtown Livermore. Proceeds from this family friendly event will benefit Livermore schools, and a healthy eating and wellness theme is an additional bonus for participants.

Sponsors for the run include Kaiser Permanente, The Independent, Real Food Bay Area, New Leaf Community Markets and more. Runners in Halloween costumes are encouraged. Prizes will be awarded for run times and costumes.

Entrants also receive T-shirts, goodie bags and refreshments. The run begins at 9:00 a.m. near the new Rotary Bandstand at K and Fourth Streets. Children's focused activities begin at 10:30 a.m. in the field behind Del Valle High School on 5th Street. For fees and more details on this new event, visit [www.Livermore-Rotary.org](http://www.Livermore-Rotary.org). To pre-register online, visit [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

Race-day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. in the park. For information, call 925-216-2228.

The race will be professionally chip timed by OnYourMarkEvents. Prizes

will be given for Best Costumes and Unique Finishes and prizes.

The event includes a special race and activities for kids 12 and under. Children 10-12 will run a 1 mile course at Dell Valle Phoenix High School, 2253 5th St., Livermore, in the athletic field behind the school. Children 5-9 will be able to participate in a special relay race which includes brief walk/run course which includes Halloween Activity Booths that also carry an educational message about healthy eating. Booths will offer pumpkin decorating, bobbing for apples, and pumpkin toss.

Sponsors representing the nutrient dense food movement will be on hand to show runners, kids, moms, dads and grandparents how to help their bodies work at optimum health. The race begins at the new Bandstand at Carnegie Park. For more information on the race go to [OnYourMarkEvents.com](http://OnYourMarkEvents.com) or [active.com](http://active.com), or [Livermore-Rotary.org](http://Livermore-Rotary.org).



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## SHORT NOTES

### Twilight Tasting

Friends of the Vineyards will be the featured non-profit at the Twilight Tasting Event on October 22nd hosted by Page Mill Winery.

The winery will be donating all \$10 tasting fees and 10% of wine and merchandise sales to Friends of the Vineyards which will use the money raised to support its scholarship program for students in the Las Positas College Enology and Viticulture Program. Light refreshments will be served. There will be a raffle at the event and additional items will be available

for purchase from local vendors. Reservations are not required.

Page Mill Winery is located at 1960 South Livermore Ave., Livermore, CA 94550.

For more information visit [www.fov.org](http://www.fov.org).

### Hike Brushy Peak

A special hike, led by Kaiser Permanente's Hike and Thrive partner, Save Mount Diablo, will take place at Brushy Peak Regional Preserve in Livermore on Sunday, November 1st at 9am.

Explore the hills of the Tri-Valley at Brushy Peak Regional

Preserve. Brushy Peak offers great opportunities for all types of outdoor exploration, including hiking, biking, running, dog walking and nature study.

Wear hiking boots or sturdy walking shoes (no open toed shoes). Bring snacks, water and sunscreen for the hike. There are restrooms and a picnic area at the staging area.

Dogs are welcome, but must remain on leash.

Interested people need to be a Kaiser Permanente member to attend. Everyone is welcome.

Two hikes are available: Beginner hike: 3 miles, 300

foot elevation gain/loss, 2 hours; Intermediate hike: 6 miles, 1000 foot elevation gain/loss, 2.5 - 3 hours

The Laughlin Ranch Staging Area is located at 3899 Laughlin Road in Livermore. Look for the Kaiser Permanente signs.

Please email [diablokp@kp.org](mailto:diablokp@kp.org) with names and email addresses of those attending. This hike is on a first come first served basis, as space is limited. Please arrive by 8:30am to check-in and to ensure parking.

### Autumn Amble

An Autumn Amble will be

held on Sat., Oct. 24 by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Darren Segur at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Road.

As the days grow shorter and the temperatures cool, the sycamores, oaks and other flora display the colors of autumn. Come out for a slow-paced walk through the nature area to observe these changes and enjoy the new season. Good for all ages, bring a camera if you like.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$3

donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

### Five Star Agent

Renee Best of Intero Real Estate Services has been named a Five Star Real Estate Agent.

The award winners represent fewer than 7 percent of real estate agents in the Bay Area.

Renee Best is located in Livermore.

For more information about the award, go to [www.fivestarproudfirst.com](http://www.fivestarproudfirst.com).

## OBITUARIES

### Roy Italo Stefani

Roy Italo Stefani, 89, died Friday, September 25, 2015 peacefully in his home in Livermore. He is survived by his wife Lily of 68 years, their children Judy, David and Scott, 7 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was born in Oakland, Ca., served in the Army during WWII, 50 year member of the Buon Tempo Club and especially enjoyed his family and friends.

Roy grew up in Oakland California and moved to Castro Valley, where he lived for 47 years. He worked the family grocery store in Oakland for many years. Roy loved baseball, football, bocci ball, bowling, golf, and playing cards. He was an amazing husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, November 1, 2015, at 11:00 am at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St, Pleasanton, Ca 94566. Reception immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave. # 100, Dublin Ca. 94568

**James A. Hegarty**  
4/18/24 - 8/1/15

Jim was born in Oakland, California to James and Florence Hegarty. He was raised in Santa Rosa, CA. He served in the Army during WWII. His mother changed his age so he could join the Army at age 16. A year later the war broke out. He spent the next four years fighting in the Pacific Theater, returning home after the war at the ripe old age of 21. During the war he served as a S/ Sgt. in Company K, 184th infantry regiment, with the 40th infantry division, and the 7th infantry division. He survived beach landing in the Aleutian Chain, and the Battle of Leyte Gulf in the Philippines. He was a mortar squad leader.

After the Army, Jim graduated from Santa Rosa Junior College and then UC Berkeley. He was employed by Lawrence Livermore Lab as a physicist for 33 years, retiring in 1988.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Ginny, in 1964, and his second wife, Guylene, in 2013. He is survived by his sons: Jack (Marilyn) Swire, Santa Rosa, CA; Jim (Denyse) Hegarty, Livermore, CA; Ken (Bonnie) Hegarty, Livermore, CA; Charlie (Vickie) Hegarty, Cloverdale, CA; and daughter Ginger (Ken) Common, Pioneer, CA. He is also survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was the perfect father, not only to his own children, but also to several neighbors and friends. He will be missed by all who were fortunate to know him.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., at the Veterans Memorial Building in Livermore.

If you would care to donate in his name, a few suggestions are Hospice of Amador, 1500 S. Highway 49, #105, Jackson, CA 95642; the American Cancer Society; or to Alzheimer's research.

**Hollis Hutchinson Bascom**  
May 13, 1924 - Oct. 7, 2015  
Resident of Dublin

Hollis Hutchinson Bascom passed away peacefully

on October 7th, 2015, at the age of 91 from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

Hollis touched many lives as a thoughtful, kind and resourceful man. He had both a scientist's curiosity and an entrepreneurial spirit: intelligent, creative, and fearless. He looked for the next challenge, while caring for his family and others striving for a better life.

Hollis was born in Royal Oak, Michigan, the son of the late Glenn & Delcia Bascom. He graduated from Riverside (CA) High School and earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering from UC Berkeley after serving in the Navy as an Ensign in the Pacific in WWII. Hollis completed a successful career as a manager with Coast Manufacturing before founding the ORCON Corporation in 1961. He held patents related to the company's manufacturing of carpet seaming and insulation films for the aerospace industry, products found on the Mar's Reconnaissance Orbiter and the International Space Station. Having served as CEO and President of ORCON, Hollis retired after 53 years.

Community-minded while residing in Livermore for sixty years, Hollis served as past president of the "20-30" service club, spearheaded fund-raising for Livermore/Pleasanton's Valley Care Hospital in 1956, and was elected first President of the Board of Directors of ValleyCare Hospital in 1959.

He worked to reengineer Livermore Sewers plan (1958) and the design of the Bothwell Center; organized East Bay real estate ventures and chaired Livermore's Building Bond Committee (1970).

Hollis is survived by his loving wife and companion of 36 years, Susan DuPre; his four children by Barbara Archer: Hollis Howard Bascom (Deanna), Sabrina Bascom (Mike), Allison Murphy (Patrick), and Grant Bascom; 7 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. His sister, Marian Jacks and many nieces and nephews and their families survive him. His brother, Liston Bascom, and sister, Jeanette Miller Jensen, predeceased him. Hollis will be missed by his wife, his family and all who knew him.

The family would especially like to thank Golden Hills Board and Care as well as the caring staff at Hope Hospice. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Hollis' honor to Habitat For Humanity. We also invite you to share your memories and tributes at <http://hollis-hutchinson-bascom.lastingmemories.com/>

**James "Jim" Dewey Youngblood Jr.**  
On the evening of September 9, 2015, Jim passed away at his home in Livermore, California, as the result of cancer. He was comforted by his fiancé of 11 years, family members

and his very dear friends.

Jim was born in Arlington, Virginia on April 10, 1949. He was the first child and only son of Warren "Kit" Katherine Youngblood and James Dewey Youngblood, Sr.

At the tender age of 6, his family moved to Pirmansens, Germany. While living there, Jim was the catcher for the Little League Baseball Organization. In 1961 the team won the championship title in Washington, DC and much excitement was generated by the press about the boys. After winning the championship, Jim did not return to Germany, but instead, stayed in Arlington, Virginia with his maternal Grandmother. His family joined him later and moved to Oklahoma.

After graduating from high school in Clarksville, Tennessee, Jim joined the Navy. He was stationed in Oahu, Hawaii and spent the next four years playing baseball for the Navy. He met his first wife, Lee Anna Stickels, and mother of his only son, James Dewey Youngblood III while in Hawaii. They raised their son in the northern California area.

Jim worked as a cost accountant for several manufacturing companies during his career, most notably for Flextronics and Optisolar in the Bay area. He was greatly admired by his staff members and served as a mentor for many during his years of employment. He was a hard worker, expected the same from his staff, while maintaining a respectful rapport with all.

Jim was a natural athlete. He played baseball, football, soccer and golf very well and enjoyed the outdoors. He also loved to garden and to listen to all varieties of music.

Jim's passing was preceded by his mother Warren Katherine Willet Youngblood, in 2012 after a long illness.

His surviving relatives are his beloved Vickie Vera, of Livermore, California; his father, James Dewey Youngblood, Sr. of Dunellon, Florida; his son James Dewey Youngblood III and wife Erica, of Manhattan Beach, California; Vickie's daughter Heidi Malden and husband Matt of San Mateo, California; his sisters, Gail Katherine Macomber and husband Jack of Knoxville, Tennessee, Debra Gregory and husband John of Bradenton, Florida, Larree Marie Saxe, of Brick, New Jersey; his granddaughters, Jessica and Leah Youngblood and Malia and Mylie Malden; his nephew Damien Macomber; his nieces Mare' Newton, Emma Gregory, Sara Gregory; his great nephew, Quinton Newton and his great niece, Ava Grace Newton.

We will miss Jim and are grateful to have had him for the time we did. He will be forever in our hearts.

**Mary L. Cusumano**  
March 25, 1920 - Sept. 24, 2015  
Resident of Hayward

Mary L. (Perlando, Allen) Cusumano, passed away peacefully on Sept. 24, 2015 in Hayward, CA, where she resided for the last 4 years. She was a previous resident of San Leandro for 46 years.

Mary was born in Oakland, CA on March 25, 1920 to parents John and Mary Perlendo. She spent 45

wonderful years there growing up and raising her family. She was a proud graduate

of Oakland Tech.

Mary was predeceased by her husband John Allen, second husband Mickey Cusumano, her brothers Charles and Martin Perlendo and daughter Mary Lou Allen Derieg. Those who knew Mary, know her daughters Judy Allen Clavin (Frank), Mary Lou Allen Derieg (George) and Cathy Allen Templeman (Rick) were her pride and joy. Her 8 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren were the light of her life and she bragged about them to anyone who would listen. Mary retired in the late 70's from Nabisco and poured all of her energy and love into her family.

She collected girlfriends she loved for a lifetime. Her favorite hobbies were dancing, trips to Cache Creek, Wheel of Fortune every night, and watching her beloved Oakland A's. Mary's family thanks God for the gift He gave them in their Mom and Grandma (aka: Cusumano, Cuckoo Bird, Granny Goose, Mano and Gram). They will miss all of her "I just called to say I love you" phone calls but will continue her loving legacy by giving her credit for having "started it all."

Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her: "Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all. "Proverbs 31:28-29 Services were private. A celebration of Mary's life will be held on Nov. 22, 2015. Please contact Judy or Cathy for details.

**Francis Meyer**  
Dec. 29, 1939 - Oct. 17, 2015

Francis Meyer passed away peacefully at home due to congestive heart failure at age 75. He is survived by his wife Linda Meyer, children

Shenay, Mark, Cheryl, Darren, Eric, James, and CJ; plus 14 grandchildren, sisters Winona Badillo, Kaiwa Meyer, and Leina Morris. He was preceded in death by his brother, Donnie Meyer.

Francis Meyer was born on December 29, 1939 in Kahuku, Hawaii, on the windward side of Oahu. He was born to Donald Mapuana Meyer, of Hawaiian and German descent, and Madeline Lee Kong. The German-Hawaiian Meyer family originated on the island of Molokai when Rudolph Wilhelm Meyer, a German surveyor sailed to Hawaii, met, fell in love and married a Hawaiian High-Chiefess, Kalama Waha. Today, the RW Meyer family has holdings under the RW Meyer Corporation and ties

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But most of all, Francis absolutely loved spending time with family and friends, creating traditions and attending his grand children's numerous sporting events, dance, and music recitals.

Services will be held Saturday, October 24th, 4pm, at Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd, Livermore, CA

Donations suggested to the Sunset Community Church Youth Foundation.

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Kathy was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend to many. Kathy enjoyed her retirement, loved to travel with her husband John and group of dear friends, attend A's games and especially loved to watch her grandchildren play sports.

Kathy is survived by her husband John Pedrioli, son Bob Boeche, daughter Michelle Breining and sister Candy Tiffany. She also leaves behind numerous grandchildren and close friends who will all miss her dearly.

There will be a memorial service at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore, at 10 a.m. on October 26.

**Irma Jessie Foster Owens**  
Resident of Livermore  
California 2010-2105

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**Irma Jessie Foster Owens**  
Resident of Livermore  
California 2010-2105

Irma Owens was a kind, loving mother and grand-



mother. She loved flowers and birds, antiques and old pictures. But most of all, she loved her family. She loved sharing time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and worried about them because she cared.

Born January 30, 1920 in Sledge, Mississippi. She died October 19, 2015 in Livermore, California. She was proud of the fact that she had lived to be 95 years old.

Irma was born in Sledge, Mississippi to Mary Myrtis Tucker and Henry Clayborn Foster. She lived in Memphis Tennessee until her marriage to Lancelot C. Owens in 1941. After they moved to Chicago, Illinois, she helped run their radio repair shop. They moved back to Memphis, Tennessee about 1943 and lived there until they moved to Los Angeles, California in 1956. While living in Los Angeles, Irma worked as an electronic circuit board assembler. She attended adult education classes and got her high school diploma. In the 1970's Lancelot and Irma moved to Quincy, California. During the last 5 years of her life, she lived with her son in Livermore, California.

Irma Owens is survived by her son, Jerry Lance Owens, and her daughter-in-law, Rose Ellen Owens. She had seven grandchildren: David Owens, Linda Newville, Michael Owens, Sandra Tayler, Nancy Fulda, Karen Shaw and Steven Owens. She had 20 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by four of her siblings: Wayne Foster (Memphis, Tennessee), Lila DeVolve (St. George, Utah), Ruth Gipe (Redding, California) and James Foster (Sacramento, California). She was preceded in death by her husband, Lancelot C. Owens and her two older brothers, H.C. Foster and Gwynn Foster.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, October 24. Burial will be at Memory Gardens in Livermore, California. Callaghan Mortuary is coordinating the services and burial. (925) 447-2942

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# Tether of Friendship Helps Sight-impaired Runner

By Ron McNicoll

Like all runners, Ross Illingworth, 13, loves to go really fast. He started out running solo, but since the 7th-grader joined the cross country team at Christensen Middle School in Livermore, he truly has found his place among the runners -- with the help of a tether and a friend.

With Ross holding on to one end, and 8th grader Will Nordvik at the other end, the tether connection enables Will to guide Ross along the cross country track where middle-school students run. They don't graduate to running on an open course until high school, said Ross's special education teacher Katelyn Medina.

Will offered his aid when he learned that Ross, who is severely impaired visually, wanted to move up from solo running. Ross started running solo in 3rd grade at Altamont Creek school, and has been finishing in the middle third of the pack.

Ross came to cross country with help from Medina and Christensen PE coach Mary-Jeanne Tenret.

Ross ran track last spring independently, because he has enough vision to see the lines on the track, said Tenret. He participated in the long jump, and the 100 and 200 meter races.

Ross said that he was apprehensive at first about running, but got used to it.



Ross Illingworth and Will Nordvik can be seen running together.

Moving up to cross country was not tough at all. Will's help has meant a lot to me. He held the tether, I was on the other side, and we ran against a curve. It

helped me run faster, and go harder," said Ross.

Ross, who lives in a rural area, likes to raise and show pigs. He won the Supreme Champion ribbon at the 2014 Alameda County Fair. His 11-year-old brother, Braden, took second prize.

Tenret, the PE teacher, said that Ross has already practiced cross-country running around the field at his rural home. The rural environment is encouraging him to learn how to live on a ranch when he is an adult, said Tenret.

"Ross is a dynamic kid. He's very friendly. Our students have been welcoming to Ross, said Tenret. Christensen enrollment is at 620 students; 20 percent of them have various special needs, she said.

"We have a diverse population, and the special needs kids' popularity is so high that kids don't shy away from them," said Tenret.

## RAIL

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through Sunol. The installation of a wayside horn warning device is installed at the railroad crossing and emits an audible warning to oncoming motorists when a train is approaching. This reduces the need for a train locomotive to sound its horn as required beyond the vicinity of a public grade crossing.

"I am pleased to work with the Sunol community and support this project which will help improve the quality of life for its residents," said Haggerty. "We believe that the wayside horn device addresses noise impacts for the Sunol community, while maintaining safety at these crossings and does so without inhibiting passenger and freight rail operations."

Haggerty met with local residents in 2013 to discuss

their concerns about the noise and increased train activity through Sunol. At the time, ACE was embarking upon planning efforts to modernize its rail service. Haggerty flagged Sunol as an area to investigate options to improve noise impacts from rail activity.

ACE staff examined options including the wayside horn device and a "quiet zone" designation for the crossings. The quiet zone designation required extensive engineering at the crossings that would impact adjacent roadways and businesses, narrowing feasible options to a wayside horn. The community was notified and on 12/15/14 a temporary wayside horn was field tested at the Sunol crossing.

The project is being conducted in cooperation with Union Pacific Rail Road,

ACE, and Alameda County. Construction will begin after the California Public Utilities Commission reviews the project and approves a grade crossing improvement permit. The cost for wayside horn devices installed at crossings at Main Street and at Bond Street is estimated at \$714,000. It will be funded through Measure B county-wide sales tax funding for transportation projects. The tentative schedule, pending CPUC approval, shows construction starting April 2016 and full operation of the wayside horn device system in June 2016.

For more information on the wayside horn project visit the ACE website at [https://www.acerail.com/About/Public-Projects/ACEforward/Events/141215\\_WSH-FAQs.pdf](https://www.acerail.com/About/Public-Projects/ACEforward/Events/141215_WSH-FAQs.pdf).

Tenret said that a whole team helps Ross in his education. Jodi Sinclair is an orientation and mobility specialist, who helps Ross get to and from school, and

around the campus. Laura Chauca, a vision specialist, works with Braille instruction, assisted by aide Kelly Boulware.




The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) board recognized the dogs and their family who appeared on the front cover of the Fall/Winter LARPD Parks & Play guide. Pictured are Jessica and Eric Wenrich with rescue dogs, Lily and Stitch, who were photographed at Cayetano Park during its grand opening celebration in February. They were presented with a framed certification of appreciation, and autographed the guide cover for LARPD. Also during the meeting, the Board accepted the improvements of the May Nissen Swim Center as complete. The original scope of the work included replacing the entire roof structure. While the project was underway, it became apparent additional related work was needed to several exterior walls, interior floor surfacing and the pool deck drain, which were all added to the project. The interior locker room floor surfacing will be accomplished at a later date through a different contract.

## ETHNIC

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said she also would like to know how many students are lost to the publicly funded charter school, and how many people school their children at home.

Johnson said he will research the points. He would put the results in the "Friday Update," which goes to the board.



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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**FILE NO. 509922**  
The following person(s) doing business as: Studio Dance Art Fit Livermore, 151 E. Airway Blvd, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Victoria Christine Carroll, 60 Meritage Common Unit 200, Livermore, CA 94551  
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Signature of Registrants: Victoria Carroll  
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**FILE NO. 509763**  
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Signature of Registrant: Victoria Carroll  
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**FILE NO. 509512**  
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Signature of Registrants: Carol Hukari, General Partner  
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**FILE NO. 510566**  
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# Students Tell Parents in Idling Cars About Exhaust Health Effects

By Ron McNicoll

Parents waiting to pick up students in the afternoon one day at Pleasanton Middle School opened their windows to talk to leadership class students. The students told them about how bad car idling exhaust is for health, especially for kids' lungs.

On the afternoon of Oct. 7, the waiting parents were

handed a flier and given battery-powered hand-held fans to encourage the drivers to turn off the engine, which also turns off the air conditioning.

The students acted in conjunction with Pleasanton city staff member Lisa Adamos, who represents the city at a group called Idle-free Tri-Valley (found

on the internet at [idlefree-tri-valley.org](http://idlefree-tri-valley.org)).

Some parents sit with the engine running for up to 30 to 45 minutes, said Adamos. Idle-free Tri-Valley and the students recommend that if a driver knows that the car will idle for more than 30 seconds, the engine should be turned off.

"Coming from the students, the message was effective. It was not another adult telling you what to do, but the kids who attend the school. They are saying, 'Here is an option about what you can do,'" said Adamos.

One option would be to use the battery-powered fan to offset the heat in the car's interior. Another option would be to simply leave the car, and wait in the shade of nearby trees, said Mary Frazier, a registered nurse who worked at Children's Hospital Oakland for many years.

Frazier was on hand in Pleasanton to answer questions from news media about the health effects of such concentrated car-idling. Children's lungs are still growing, and are more sensitive to pollution, explained Frazier.

Pollution from car-idling makes asthma worse. Asthma is a very serious condition. Some people can die from the condition, said

Frazier. Besides that, the particulate matter in pollution can work its way into the bloodstream and produce other poor health effects. Pollutants include particulate matter, carbon monoxide and formaldehyde.

PMS is next door to Hearst Elementary School, so the anti-idling education benefitted both schools, since both are along the same street, Case Avenue.

Information programs concerning idling took place at other Bay Area schools, including Fairlands Elementary in Pleasanton three years ago. The presentation involved only informational indoor meetings with parents. The PMS action was the first time students talked to drivers, and offered them the battery powered fans. The fans were provided through a grant from Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD).

The air protection district trained the students to walk safely along the sidewalk where cars were idling, and told them how to make their presentation, said

BAAQMD public information officer Tom Flannigan.

The district also works with school PTA groups to encourage car pooling. "If we can get fewer cars, we

can lower emissions. Many people (at the PMS action) said they did not know about the problem. If you don't have an illness, you are not aware of it," said Flannigan.



8th grader Lauren Twamugabo provides information

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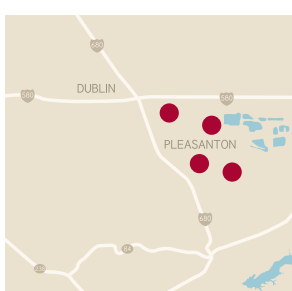
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# THE INDEPENDENT • SECTION A



Paco Peña

## 'Flamencura' Reflects the Dancing, Singing and Musicians of Spain

World-renowned guitarist Paco Peña returns to Livermore this month with his company of dancers, singers and musicians to celebrate the splendor of Spain in his newest show "Flamencura." Through improvisation and virtuoso flamenco technique, he explores the alchemy between artist and audience. Paco Peña brings "Flamencura" to the Bankhead Theater for a single performance on Thursday, October 29th at 7:30 p.m.

For more than 40 years, Paco Peña has been credited with transforming the image of flamenco, bringing fresh life to this archetypal form of music and dance, while preserving its revered traditions. A native of the Andalusian city of Cordoba, Peña began his guitar studies at the age of six and was already performing in public by the age of 12. He landed in London in the late 1960s where his virtuoso musical performances ignited new interest in this centuries-old Spanish art form. Although he was named Best Flamenco Guitarist for five consecutive years by

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## Classic Musical, 'South Pacific,' to Be Performed at Firehouse



### Brandy Collazo as performs the role of Nellie Forbush (left); Joshua Hollister (AEA) Emile de Becque (right);

Photo - Gary Cyr

Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre will perform South Pacific at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton in November.

The musical is composed by Richard Rodgers with lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II and book by Oscar Hammerstein II and Joshua Logan.

The show will run from November 7, 2015 through November 22, 2015: Fridays at 8 pm and Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 2 pm. There will be an addi-

tional matinee performance on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 2 pm. All performances will take place at Firehouse Arts Center, located at 4444 Railroad Avenue located in Pleasanton. Tickets are \$17-\$38 each, and are available at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or online at [www.pcrtproductions.org](http://www.pcrtproductions.org) or [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org)

The classic musical is set against the dramatic



background of an idyllic South Pacific island during WWII. Rodgers and Hammerstein's South Pacific intertwines the themes of romance, duty, and prejudice to create a story that is all at once hilarious, heartbreaking,

and thought-provoking. Based on the anecdotes of a real-life U.S. Navy commander who was stationed on an island, the musical follows two intercultural love stories: Nellie, a spunky nurse from Arkansas, falls in love with Emile, a French plantation owner on the island who has two children from his late Polynesian wife. At the same time, U.S. Lieutenant Cable falls for a beautiful island native named Liat. Both Americans find themselves struggling to reconcile their own cultural prejudices with their

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## Art Event Features Plein Air Artist with an Adventurous Spirit

The Bankhead Theater will host a free Closing Reception for its current art exhibit, Rain Dance, on Sunday, November 1, 2015 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

The event is open to the public. It will feature a presentation by Danielle Eubank, an expedition artist whose goal is to paint all of the Earth's oceans. Danielle is currently painting the second-to-last ocean on her list, the Arctic Ocean, and will speak on her latest expedition there. In addition, she will touch on two previous expeditions. During the closing reception, Danielle will also show sketchbooks and examples of her paintings from these expeditions.

The Rain Dance exhibit has been on display inside in the Bankhead Theater lobby at 2400 First Street in Livermore since September 2, 2015 and features six artists' interpretation of

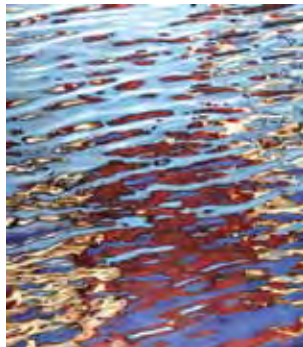
water. The art works range from abstract to representational and are executed in a variety of media. Works by artists Jason Conn, Danielle Eubank, Kerry McGehee, Linda Ryan, Julie Hayward Trout, and Bernard Weston are mounted throughout the lobby area.

A number of the exhibit's pieces straddle the line between abstraction and representation. Bernard Weston's large Venetian plasterworks invoke a tranquility and mesmerizing beauty. Artist Linda Ryan's acrylic pours are recognizably water-related — yet have a distinctive abstract quality. Several pieces from photographer Kerry McGehee's Droplet Series are also included.

Rain Dance will remain on display through the closing reception on November 1st in the Bankhead Theater lobby, which is open to the public seven days a



**Phoenicia Reflection II (top) by Danielle Eubank and Dreams of the Reef (bottom) at Dawn by Linda Ryan**



week from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. For more information about Rain Dance, call 925-447-ARTS or visit <http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org>

## International Art Show Extended



“Expressions of Nature,” an exhibit featuring the dramatic paintings of international artists David Lew and Ira, has been extended until Nov. 17.

The display on view at 1983 Second Street, the Livermore office of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Drysdale Properties.

An artists' reception will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, 6-8 p.m. Wine and light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Ira creates abstract and representational pieces in acrylic. Originally from India, her paintings are influenced by the vibrant colors and culture of her native land.

She studied art in the United States and describes herself as “an instinctive artist.”

“I am constantly exploring and experimenting with new styles and subjects,” she said.

Her most recent show was at the Blackhawk Gallery in Danville.

Lew trained in traditional and contemporary Chinese art with master painter Cheng Shifa in Shanghai, China. He later worked as a staff painter at the International Gallery in central Hong Kong while attending Hong Kong University's art school, and studied German literature at Hamburg University before moving to the United States.

His work has been shown at various galleries in Hong Kong, including at the City Hall.

He specializes in landscapes, featuring variations in size, shape, surface and technique. He describes his process as building up layers of pigment and breaking them back down. “The landscapes I create are both visual and metaphorical,” he said.

For information, contact

## An Evening of Chamber Music to Benefit Art Programs and Students in the Schools

The Rotary Club of Livermore plans a very special classical musical event at the Bankhead Theater at 7:30PM on Wednesday October 28.

“An Evening of Chamber Music” featuring musicians Nan Davies, Muriel Haupt, and Clark Streeter will benefit the Livermore Rotary Club's music scholarship fund. The Silverwood Trio, composed of Davies on flute, Haupt on 'cello, and Streeter playing the piano, will take place at a “mystery location” within the Bankhead Theater.

This trio of local professional musicians will share music of Haydn, Ibert, Gaubert, and Piazzolla in an eclectic performance of classical, Impressionist, and Nuevo Tango styles.

Ticket holders will begin the evening with an informal wine and dessert reception followed by a backstage tour of the theater. Then, the newly formed “SilverWood” trio will perform a variety of classical pieces, selections by Haydn, Ibert, Gaubert and Piazzolla. Each arrangement has been especially prepared and rehearsed for this Rotary Music Scholarship Benefit.

Rotarian Michael Ferrucci, a music education advocate points out that currently our school's budgets cannot facilitate music education as it has in years past. Public music education, particularly in the elementary schools has been severely curtailed and with few exceptions is essentially non-existent today. The Livermore Rotary Club Music Scholarship is for some, the only financial aid available to Livermore's under privileged students. Ferrucci stresses the urgent need for the community's support and asks concerned citizens share the details of this special benefit concert via social media (“Like It”) with their friends and fam-



**Pictured are Muriel Haupt, Nan Davies and Clark Streeter, who will perform as the Silverwood Trio. Photo - Walter Davies, edited by Alan Frank.**

ily. Ferrucci adds, “We are very grateful for the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's cooperation and support, and without a doubt, some of these extraordinary young musicians will someday grace the stage at the Bankhead.”

While this is the first benefit concert featuring classical musicians by the Rotary Club the talent of the performers will be exceptional. The members of the Silverwood Trio are all longtime area residents.

Nan Davies is a professional flutist and has been a music educator in the Tri-Valley for decades and is a longtime member of the Livermore Symphony.

Clark Streeter, a Rotarian himself has been playing the piano since he was able to reach the keys! Clark has a wide repertoire to offer and will certainly be at home and comfortable with the selection of chamber music rehearsed for this premier performance of SilverWood.

Muriel Haupt is a concert cellist that is always in demand. Winner of the prestigious William F. Zeck award for outstanding achievement in music, Muriel is also a member of

the eight voice cello choir called “Cello Heaven”.

All proceeds will benefit the Livermore Rotary Music Scholarship Fund.

The concert begins with an informal reception from 7:30 to 8:00 PM. The performance itself, to be located in an intimate setting within the Bankhead Theater, will start at 8:00. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the Bankhead box office, 2400 First street; online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or by phone, (925) 373-6100.

Franz Joseph Haydn's piece on the program, Trio No. 28 for flute, piano, and cello, features a number of subtle little twists and turns.

Jacques Ibert's Two Interludes is a lovely example of French impressionism mixed with Spanish rhythms and harmonies.

Phillipe Gaubert's the Trois Aquarelles, written in 1926, are harmonically French impressionism.

One of Astor Piazzolla's most popular works today is Oblivion, a chamber work adaptable for many instrumental combinations. It is written in the style of a milonga, a song form that predates the tango.

Cher Wollard at 925-784-4679 or [cherw@cherw.com](mailto:cherw@cherw.com).

## 2nd Annual Zombie Pub Crawl Sells Out

The Plague starts October 29th at the Bothwell's Downtown Art Studios, 62 So. L Street and the old Meat Market next door, and spreads throughout downtown Livermore in "The 2nd Annual Night of the Livermore Dead: a Zombie Pub Crawl."

This event sold out 2 weeks early, with 300 zombies purchasing tickets, most through a single event posting on Facebook and friends inviting each other.

On this night, Bothwell's studio artists, guests and makeup artists, led by the studio's own in-house professional makeup artist Val Daft, will turn normal Livermore residents into horrific zombies and set them loose downtown amongst normal citizens.

To keep the downtown safe (and the zombies off the street), several barkeeps and restaurants will offer specials and freebies – Zombie Happy Hour, \$4 Monster Pizza slices, bloody beer, the New York Zombie Sausage, hair and skin care goodie bags, \$3 Gourmet Zombie Cupcakes and more, to appease the horrific appetites of the newly reanimated.

At the end of the evening, zombies will gather (some crawling on the grass) for a special "Thriller" flashmob at the Shea Homes Pavillion in front of the Bankhead Theater. The Vine Cinema then treats them to a special \$5 screening of "Night of the Living Dead" at 10pm. Liver-



Bothwell Arts Center's Full-Time Manager zombified by artist Beverly Castillo

more Dance Center provided a special training video for the "Thriller" dance.

"You don't have to be a zombie to come downtown and enjoy the spectacle," says Linda Ryan, the Crawl's originator and co-manager of the Bothwell. "However, all specials are for ticketed (21 years old and over only!) zombies only." Ryan credits makeup artist Val Daft with the original idea of making citizens zombies and turning them loose downtown.

The event benefits the Bothwell's Downtown Art Studios and the Bothwell Arts Center, both projects of Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center.

## SPLENDOR OF SPAIN

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Guitar magazine, awards have never been what motivate Peña. In 2014, Paco Peña was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to music at the Latin-UK Awards (LUKAS.)

Peña's shows can seem deceptively simple, often starting with just evocative lighting and a solo performer on stage. A single musical line, simple dance beat, and quiet vocalizations come together with increasingly dramatic intensity, enveloping musicians, dancers and audience in both the precise artistry and the physical abandon that is at the heart of true flamenco. Peña has been particularly acclaimed for his impeccable sense of pacing and his ability to communicate with each dancer and musician through his playing style.

Paco Peña's "Flamencura" is the first of several upcoming dance perfor-



Flamenco dancing part of show.

mances at the Bankhead Theater that will offer local audiences an international perspective on the art form. In December, spirited Irish dancing will beckon in the holiday season with "Christmas with the Celts" on December 1st, followed a week later by a south-of-the-border-style celebration, "Navidad en Mexico" with Ballet Folklórico Mexicano de Carlos Moreno. In February, the exceptional dancers of the Moscow Festival Ballet bring Russian classical ballet traditions to the stage with their production of the rarely performed Tchaikovsky version of "Romeo and Juliet."

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets to all events can be purchased at the box office, online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), by calling 373-6800 or via the new LVPAC mobile app.

# BANKHEAD THEATER

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**Creatures of Impulse (COI) opens its 6th season at the Firehouse Arts Center with Nightmare: A live improvised horror show. Three unique shows will take place Tuesday (free preview show), Thursday, and Friday, October 27, 29, and 30 at 7:30 p.m. Two special Halloween performances on Saturday, October 31, at 2:00 and 9:00 p.m. Costumes encouraged for the Halloween shows. The evening performance on Saturday is recommended for ages 14 and over. General admission tickets: \$5 students, \$10 adults. Doors open 7:10 p.m. Tickets at the door, online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Photo - Renee Marie Photography**

## Halloween Brew Crawl in Pleasanton

Get ready for a ghoulish good time during the fifth annual Halloween Brew Crawl on Saturday, October 24 from 5 -8 p.m. Downtown merchants and local breweries will come together for a fun night of beer tasting at 31 pouring locations. Guests will have a choice of more than 50 craft beers to sample plus tasty bites of food. To add to the festive spirit of this

event, guests are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes.

Tickets are available online at [PleasantonDowntown.net](http://PleasantonDowntown.net) as well as at Redcoats Pub – 336 St. Mary Street and Studio Seven Arts – 400 Main Street for cash or check only. Tickets are \$40. They can be redeemed on Saturday, October 24 from 4:30-7

p.m. at the starting location, Firehouse Arts Center at 4444 Railroad Avenue. If not sold out, tickets will be available at the starting location for \$45 cash only.

The PDA will also be selling a limited number of designated driver tickets for \$10 on the night of the Brew Crawl. Pleasanton Downtown Association (925) 484-2199, [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net).

## Meet the Ghosts of Dublin

Ghosts of Dublin will take place from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on October 30 at the Dublin Heritage Park and Museums.

Brace yourself for a shocking glimpse into Dublin's past, as author-historian Rita Szollos shares pictures and stories of local people and places.

Though her "ghosts" aren't likely to haunt nightmares, it's guaranteed you'll never look at Dublin the same way again.

Fortify yourself with a cup of hot cider. Then follow the lighted path to the Kolb House to peek inside the family parlor on a dark and spooky fall evening.

Or, if you dare, venture into the cemetery for a flashlight tour.

Admission is \$5 residents and \$6 nonresidents.

The Dublin Heritage Park and Museums is located at 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. For information, call 925-452-2100.

## Walk Will Reveal the Secrets of Pleasanton's Pioneer Cemetery

What secrets to the past lie buried in Pleasanton's Pioneer Cemetery? Join world Walk to Wellness on the morning of October 31 to find out.

Meet Walk Star (guest leader) Dolores Bengtson at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Boulevard, for the 2-hour opportunity to learn local history in a vivid way. Former head of the city's parks and recreation department, Bengtson has researched the names carved into headstones that date back to the 1800s.

"I've had a good time looking for 'fun facts suitable for Halloween!'" said Bengtson, reporting on what she had dug up – figuratively speaking – in researching the tombstones. "So far, I've found a murder mystery, some white collar crime, and a strong lady who took a gun to some outlaws. Quite an interesting bunch of early residents."

There will be an optional stop at a coffee shop on the return trip.

World Walk to Wellness was founded by W. Ron Sutton, CEO of AC-CUSPLIT, makers of certified accurate pedometers and stopwatches. "This is the fifth year that we have offered group walks every Saturday morning," said Sutton. "We remind people weekly about easy, fun activities telling them where to meet to walk 'n' talk together for an hour or so."

Currently, most walks are in Pleasanton, but the group also offers options of adventures outside of town a few times a year. To learn about future destina-



**Pictured is a scene from the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery (above) and Dolores Bengtson (lower right)**

Photos Courtesy of Michelle Suski

tions, sign up for the free, weekly e-newsletter by contacting [Walks@WorldWalkToWellness.org](mailto:Walks@WorldWalkToWellness.org).

Starting in November, the walks will begin at 9:00 a.m., until Daylight Savings Time returns.

Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and to dress in layers for the changing temperatures. Walkers may also choose to bring along cameras, water bottles, and hats.

The research-based goal for maintaining wellness is 10,000 steps per day.



Saturday walk 'n' talk sessions provide a good start.



# HALLOWEEN

Park It column by Ned MacKay

East Bay woods and fields will turn spooky in the coming week, with Halloween programs planned at several regional parks.

For starters, the last two runs of the Halloween Train at Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont are scheduled from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24 and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25.

This is a mildly scary train ride through the farm, with some Halloween surprises along the way. It's designed for families with children age 12 and under.

Ardenwood is located at 34600 Ardenwood Boulevard. Train tickets cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. For information, call 866-417-7277.

Kids will also like a couple of programs at nearby Coyote Hills Regional Park. One is a Halloween twilight hike from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30. Led by naturalists Dino Labiste and Kristina Parkison, the group will hike Coyote's hills in search of hobgoblins, ghosts and witches, while learning about the ancient origins and modern traditions of Halloween, then return for treats and a campfire story.

The twilight hike is designed for kids age five and older, and parent participation is required. Costumes welcome. Meet at the visitor center. There's a fee of \$4 and registration is required. Call 888-327-2757, select option 2 and refer to program 10413.

The other program, Science Wizards of Halloween hosted by Dino Labiste, will demonstrate the science behind various magic tricks, so you can dazzle your friends with your wizardry. The program is for ages nine and older, and parent participation is required.

Dino will offer the science wizards program twice on Saturday, Oct. 31: from 10 a.m. to noon and again from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. It's free and no registration is required.

Coyote Hills is located at 8000 Patterson Ranch Road off Paseo Padre Parkway in Fremont. There's a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle.

There's also a Halloween night hike at Sunol Regional Wilderness in southern Alameda County. It's from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, led by naturalist Katie Colbert. This one is a leisurely three-mile walk through a moonless evening with some uphill at the start. Costumes are welcome, but no masks, please. You have to be able to see where you are going.

The hike is free. However, registration is required. Call 888-327-2757, select option 2, and refer to program 10509.

While we're at Sunol, don't forget the Cowboy Hoote-nanny, a free, toe-tapping, square dancing event from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Sunol is located at the end of Geary Road off Calaveras Road about five miles south of I-680 and the town of Sunol.

What would Halloween be without that globular orange fruit? Pumpkins will be the stars of a program from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24 at Tilden Nature Area near Berkeley, hosted by naturalist James Wilson. Learn all about the gourds and their uses.

Meet at Tilden's Environmental Education Center, which is at the north end of Tilden's Central Park Drive. Incidentally, works by members of the Golden Gate Weavers Guild are on display through Nov. 1 in the center lobby. The weavers use silk, cotton, wool and even recycled plastic bags to create their art works. The center is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays.

# SOUTH PACIFIC

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amorous feelings, all the while under the dark cloud of a war that is coming ever closer to their island paradise. Featuring such Broadway musical classics including "Younger Than Springtime," "Some Enchanted Evening" and "There is Nothin' Like a Dame."

The original Broadway production enjoyed immense critical and box-office success, became the second-longest running Broadway musical to that point (behind Rodgers and Hammerstein's earlier Oklahoma!), and has remained popular ever since. The production won ten Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Score and Best Libretto, and it is the only musical production to win Tony Awards in all four acting categories. Its original cast album was the bestselling record of the 1940s, and other recordings of the show have also been popular. The show has enjoyed many successful revivals and tours, spawning a 1958 film and television adaptations. The 2008 Broadway revival was a critical success, ran for 996 performances and won seven Tonys, including Best Musical Revival.

Co-Founder of PCRT and professional Director,

Actor, and Choreographer, Joy Sherratt, will direct and choreograph this Broadway classic at the intimate Firehouse Arts Center. Sherratt explains that while South Pacific is a tale of love set in an island paradise during World War II and that Rogers and Hammerstein deliver one of the most lush scores and sweeping love ballads of all of their musicals in South Pacific, "What draws me as a director to this musical is that the story being told is layered with a real moral conflict that audiences can relate to today. To fall in love completely challenges and changes the way one thinks and this struggle is what breaks hearts and binds true love. The Firehouse Arts Center is the perfect intimate space to tell this tale and audiences will be swept away as Pacific Coast Repertory Theater goes on a journey to the South Pacific."

She will be supported in bringing this vision to the Firehouse stage by professional musician and musical director, Rachel Robinson, Musical Director, along with Scenic Designer Pat Brandon and Lighting Designer Mike Oesch.

Starring in the leading roles of "Emile de Becque" and "Nellie Forbush" are

professional actors Joshua Hollister (AEA) and Brandy Collazo. Hollister has studied at the Manhattan School of Music and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, where he received a Bachelor of Music with honors in Opera Performance, and has performed a wide range of opera and musical theatre roles throughout North America and Europe. Collazo was last seen on the PCRT stage as Kathy Selden in Singin' in the Rain. Having performed leading roles throughout the greater Bay Area, her other credits include Shellie Award winning roles as "Peter" in Peter Pan and "Millie Dillmount" in

Thoroughly Modern Millie. A very talented group of professional and regional actors complete cast and ensemble.

South Pacific is Directed and Choreographed by Joy Sherratt, Musical Direction by Rachel Robinson, Scenic Designs by Pat Brandon, Lighting Design by Mike Oesch and Costumes by Margaret daSilva.

During the run of the show, theater lovers can also enjoy a special opportunity to interact with the actors: A Free Inside the Show discussion with the actors and director will take place after the Sunday matinee performance on November 8, 2015.

## Teen Poet of the Month

Arumi Godinez has been selected as the Teen Poet of the Month for September. The program, hosted by Livermore Poet Laureate Kevin Gunn, takes entries each month on a theme.

The theme for September was "Go with the flow, fitting in"

Arumi is 16 years old and a junior at Livermore High School. She enjoys reading, running, and eating gourmet food. When she grows up she would like to be a civil engineer, which is why she is in the Green Engineering Academy.

Go with the flow,  
That's what everyone says.  
They don't know how hard it is  
For an extremely unique person.  
The struggle to become ordinary  
Is unknown by many.  
They say follow us.  
We are the only right path.  
They say, "Don't worry."  
What they don't know is:  
They have been brainwashed.  
There is no "right path."  
For us unique people,  
There exists an incredible amount of paths.  
With an endless choice of paths,  
We can break our society chains  
And leave our mark like a wrecking ball.

Theme for October is "The Dark side of Halloween." Poems should be 30 lines or less. Deadline to submit entries is Oct. 31. Send poems to [Livermorepoetry@gmail.com](mailto:Livermorepoetry@gmail.com)

Reference October Teen Poetry in the subject line and theme. Poem should have a title.

Those submitting entries are asked to provide their name, grade, school and interests.

## Old Fashioned Carnival Set In Downtown Livermore

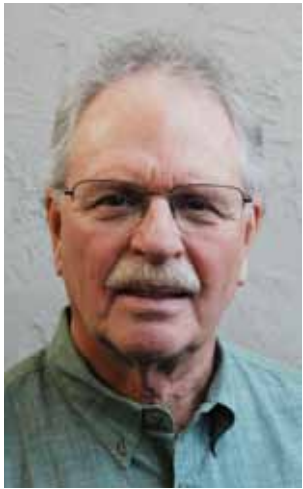
Livermore Downtown Inc. will host an old fashioned carnival on Saturday, October 24 from 1 to 5 p.m. in downtown Livermore.

Featured will be costume contests, games, entertainment and more. The event is for families with children in the 5th grade and under.

Carnival fun passes may be purchased at ticket booths located on J Street, K Street or in front of the Bankhead Theater for \$5 each.

Enter the Halloween costume contest in front of the Bankhead Theater from 3 to 5 p.m. The contest, which requires that costumes be 70% handmade, celebrates uniqueness and creativity.

For information, go to [www.livermoredowntown.com](http://www.livermoredowntown.com)



Robert McNally (left) and Bruce Snider will be featured poets.



## Poets Featured at Ravenswood

Poetry at Ravenswood will be presented Sunday, Nov. 1 from 2 to 4 p.m.

The City of Livermore and Poet Laureate Kevin Gunn host the latest in a continuing series

Featured poets are Bruce Snider and Robert McNally. Featured readings begin at 2 p.m. Open Mic follows, after a short break.

McNally is the author or coauthor of nine books of nonfiction, with a tenth in the works, and the author of four poetry chapbooks and the full-length collection *Simply to Know Its Name*, which won the Gray-son Books Poetry Prize in 2014. His poems have appeared in numerous anthologies and journals, and five times have been nominated for the Pushcart Prize. A member of the National Association of Science Writers and the Western Writers of America, McNally has also written news, features and essays about the wild, particularly in the *American West*.

Snider is author of two collections of poetry: *Paradise, Indiana*; winner of the Lena-Miles Wever Todd Poetry Prize, and *The Year We Stud-ied Women*, winner of the Felix Pollak

Prize in Poetry. His poems have appeared in *Poetry*, *American Poetry Review*, *Kenyon Review*, *VQR*, *Threepenny Review* and *Best American Poetry 2012*. A former Wallace Stegner fellow and Jones Lecturer at Stanford University, he was the Jenny McKean Moore writer-in-Washington at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and is currently an assistant professor at the University of San Francisco.

Admission is \$5. Light refreshments will be served. Ravenswood Historic Site is located at 2657 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

For information, contact Kevin Gunn at [livermore-poetry@gmail.com](mailto:livermore-poetry@gmail.com) or 925-216-1891.

## Whistlestop Writers Open Mic at Swirl on the Square

Whistlestop Writers will host an open mic for writers of all genres on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Swirl on the Square, 21 South Livermore Avenue, in downtown Livermore.

All are invited to take part in this evening of food, wine, and writing. Cynthia Patton, the event's host, says, "Support local writers in a welcoming environment."

The Whistlestop Writers Open Mic will continue on the fourth Wednesday of each month. For more information go to <http://facebook.com/WhistlestopWriters> or call 925-890-6045.

## Celebrate Hometown Heroes!

There are twenty-three million veterans residing in the United States – and countless more in our hearts and memories. The City of Dublin will host a Hometown Heroes Celebration at the Dublin Senior Center on Saturday, November 7, to honor all veterans.

The event kicks off at 2:30 p.m. with presentations by local Military and City Officials, followed by a concert of patriotic music. Don't miss your chance to pay tribute to the dedication, bravery, and heroism of our veterans.

Veterans' photos and biographies are now being accepted for the Wall of Heroes display.

This is a free event. Light refreshments will be served after the concert.

The Dublin Senior Center is located at 7600 Amador Valley Boulevard in Dublin. Please call (925) 556-4511, or email [seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov](mailto:seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov), for more information.

## Secrets spill out in "Three Viewings," opening Friday



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Performing the role of Mac will be Joyce Parry Moore (left), while Patrick Moore takes on the role of Emil.

Under the high-tech space odysseys, giant explosions, heart-stopping car chases, what are do we really want? Isn't it a good story?

That's what led Encore Players to present the popular comedy "Three Viewings" this coming

weekend at Livermore's Bothwell Arts Center. You might call this play "story-time for grownups."

Three people at a funeral parlor in a small Midwest city have chosen us to hear their stories. Not God, or a psychiatrist, or some other secret-keeper;

but us, sitting in the dark in the same place as the characters. It's kind of an honor, though not a solemn one. There's plenty to laugh about, plenty to shake our heads over, and plenty to remind us of our

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## Former Nun, CIA Agent Featured Speaker

Martha Leiker, author, former nun and CIA agent will speak about her journey from rural Kansas to a missionary nun in Africa to the CIA at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church on Oct. 29.

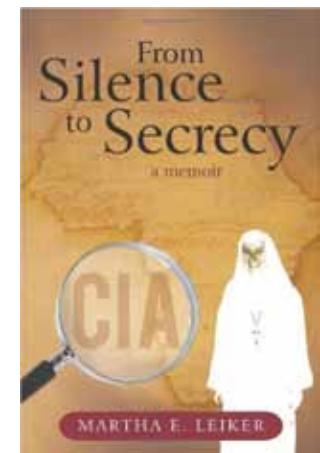
She will talk at WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) 9:30 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m.

Leiker likens her life to that of a chameleon-changing easily from one lifestyle to another. This memoir follows those changes, beginning with her birth in 1940 in rural Kansas; her training as a nun with the

Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa in Pennsylvania; her work in Africa as a missionary for eight years; her twenty years of service with the CIA; and her current position with the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) in Colorado.

St. Charles Borromeo Church, Borromeo Hall is located at 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore.

Donations accepted. For information, email Donna Leach, [dleach45@gmail.com](mailto:dleach45@gmail.com)



## ENCORE

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own follies and triumphs.

“Three Viewings” is an actors’ piece,” says Patrick Moore, who plays Emil the funeral director, in the first monologue. (Joyce Parry Moore and Marsha Howard play the other two characters.) “It has humor, it has substance. It’s such a well-written play; it has what we call ‘sparse clarity.’ Every word is needed to tell the story.”

As the story unfolds through the three narratives by Emil, Mac and Virginia, we see how interconnected these folks’ lives are on the surface, and how deeply separate they ultimately remain. The title doesn’t refer only to end-of-life rituals, says Moore. It also suggests that the characters are offering us is a long look at their lives, and, perhaps, some insight into our own.

The play’s New York debut was in 1995. It since has been popular with regional and community theaters wanting a challenge for their company and an entertaining evening for their audiences.

## Holiday Parade Entries Sought

The City of Pleasanton is gearing up Hometown Holiday for 2015 and is seeking applications from interested parties. Approximately 2,500 participants line up each December dressed as reindeer, snowmen, angels, holiday packages, and more to play a role in Pleasanton’s biggest event of the season, the Annual Hometown Holiday Celebration.

The centerpiece of this free event on Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. is a festive community-based parade down Main Street, followed by musical entertainment, and the lighting of a holiday tree in front of the Museum on Main.

Parade entry applications are now available online and are due by Friday, November 20, 2015. The hometown holiday parade is open to all individuals, groups and organizations in the community interested in participating. There is no fee to register an entry in the parade and all entries must be of a theme that is consistent with the winter holidays. Groups can participate on a float, in individual autos, as walking groups, or with animal entries. All float entries must be safe for passengers and spectators and are limited to a height that does not exceed 14 feet. Please visit [www.hometownholiday.com](http://www.hometownholiday.com) for additional information, and to submit an entry online.

For more information, contact Michelle Dunaway, Recreation Supervisor at (925) 931-5352 or [HometownHoliday@CityofPleasantonCA.gov](mailto:HometownHoliday@CityofPleasantonCA.gov).

The line load for “Three Viewings” actors is spectacular. After the show they are pretty sure they’ll hear, How did you ever learn all those lines? But as any actor knows, that’s just the starting point. The goal is to present three unique, amusing and surprising characters as they share the tales and details of their unknown journeys.

“Three Viewings,” directed by Joan Boer, will be presented at 8 pm Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23 and 24 and 2 pm Sunday, Oct. 25 at the Bothwell Arts Center, Eighth and H streets, Livermore. The 90-minute production runs without intermission.

Tickets are available at the Bankhead Theater Box Office, 2400 First St., Livermore, during business hours; online at [livermoreperformingarts/boxoffice](http://livermoreperformingarts/boxoffice), or at 373-6800. Tickets at the door will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. The audience is invited to join the Encore Players for a wine reception after the performance.

## Yesterday into Today

By Sarah Bobson

### KEPLER’S BOOKSTORE: PART 1

x“In the 60s and early 70s, Kepler’s was ground zero for the culture of that time.”

In 1998, shortly after arriving from the East Coast, I discovered Kepler’s in Menlo Park. I had never heard of it before, but I felt drawn to the large bookstore, with its plate glass windows looking out onto bustling El Camino, next door to an eatery called Cafe Borrone, a favorite watering hole for the Stanford community. Little did I realize that first visit of the rich history of the store and the iconic role it began playing in the 60s. In fact, it wasn’t until I attended a special event there several years ago celebrating the reopening of the store after it nearly went under that I also realized just how much the store meant and still means to people.

Like many other independent bookstores, Kepler’s wasn’t able to compete with discount megastores such as Borders and Crown. However, the real financial stress was caused by customer migration to the Internet and services like Amazon. It is interesting, though, that many of those bookstore leviathans have since sunk of their own weight while nimble smaller fish like Kepler’s are still swimming around, albeit in troubled waters. Kepler’s has faced financial difficulties over the years. It closed its doors briefly in 2005. Since then, in an effort to survive, the store has held fundraisers and made pleas for contributions. It wasn’t until 2012, though, when Praveen Madan, owner of The Booksmith in San Francisco, and a group of other young people who believe in keeping the dream of Kepler’s alive stepped in, bought the business’ assets, and took over its management, that the doors reopened in grand fashion.

On hand at the re-opening ceremonies were author Michael Doyle, who talked about his book, *Radical Chapters*, the story of Kepler’s and its founder, Roy Kepler. In the audience, a number of grey hairs, many looking like older versions of their younger hippie selves, stood during the Q&A and said, chokingly at times, how important Kepler’s had been in their lives. Also on hand was Clark Kepler, Roy’s son. A handsome man, 57-years-old now, with a distinguished mantel of white hair, Clark had run the store for 30 years, from the time his father’s health began to fail up until the new management took over. Clark told a few loving anecdotes about his father. Later, during a private interview, he related to me, with great wit and charm, many more wonderful stories about the store’s long legacy.

In 1955, Roy Kepler opened the doors to a store located next to the Guild Theatre. In 1989, it moved to its present location at Menlo Center on El Camino Real to what is literally the heart of Menlo Park. The store became a community hub that not only attracted best-selling writers, local authors, and national leaders, but also carried a vast inventory of books, newspapers and magazines, many of which were hard to find elsewhere.

To prepare for the interview, I read Doyle’s book. I learned that to talk about Kepler’s the bookstore is to talk about Roy Kepler the man. Both are intimately entwined not only with each other but with the times.

Clark and I began by talking about how owning the bookstore grew out of Roy’s pacifist beliefs and practices. Beginning in the 50s, Roy held pacifist meetings in his home. In the 60s, he attended be-ins, as they were called, with music and hippies protesting for peace. He was a leader in the Bay Area anti-war movement, Secretary of the War Resisters League/West, and part of the founding staff at KPFA Radio in Berkeley. He started the Institute for Nonviolence as well as the Peninsula Committee for Nuclear Disarmament with legendary folksinger Joan Baez. He took part in the Ban-the-Bomb protests at Lawrence Livermore Labs with Albert Baez, Joan Baez’s father, and Nobel Prize-winning chemist Linus Pauling. Roy, who was arrested for trespassing, served 10 days at Santa Rita.

I asked Clark if he was aware of his father’s involvements. Clark says he was aware of what was going on in the 60s and was proud of what his father, who his mother called a great man, was doing. “When there were protests, we went to a few different marches.” Clark also remembers going with his father to Canada to talk with draft dodgers. In 1967, when Clark was nine years old, Roy took him and his three sisters to a protest at the Oakland Induction Center. Clark remembers, “Dad was organizing the process, and at one point there were thousands of people around him. He was standing in the doorway, and the police came in their bus and were taking people to the bus. I remember hearing one of the cops say, ‘There’s Mr. Kepler.’ It was awe-inspiring for a kid to see all of that happening. When I think back, though, I also remember wondering at the time, ‘Why did Dad bring us?’ We had to get up at 4 a.m. and drive to Oakland. But then I realized that he made a choice to bring us. Years later I asked him, ‘In retrospect, what do you think you accomplished?’ And he said, ‘Of all the things I’ve done, I’m really proud of my role in ending the draft. I never wanted you to have to make that choice.’”

The next year, in January of 1968, Clark remembers that his father picked up Martin Luther King Jr. at the San Francisco Airport and took him to the Santa Rita Jail (in Dublin) where they met with Joan Baez and her mother, who were serving 45-day sentences. Clark doesn’t remember a lot about the event. “I was so young that before this I had never heard of King.” All Clark remembers is that he didn’t go with his father that day, although he could have. “My father asked me, ‘Do you want to go home with Mom or do you want to ride in the car with me?’ I made the choice to go with my mom and get home sooner.” Such was the choice of a young child, but a missed opportunity nevertheless to meet one of the most important public figures of the 20th century.

In Part II, read about Clark’s early experiences helping out at Kepler’s, the famous people who hung out there, and the violence and life-threatening experiences Roy Kepler and the bookstore encountered during the turbulent 60s.

## ART &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

**Pleasanton Art League's 6th Annual Fall Members' Juried Exhibition** at the Harrington Gallery. Installation runs through Saturday, October 24. Art media of all types will be represented, including watercolor, acrylic, printmaking, photography, oils, collage, and 3-D. This popular show will feature a variety of fresh new works by approximately 75 member artists, most from Tri-Valley area. Awards selected by special guest juror Dan Petersen, noted national artist, teacher, arts adjudicator, and author. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Donations always appreciated.

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

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

**Special Fall Exhibits:** On view through December 5. The Harrington Gallery and Firehouse Arts Center present works by two distinct artists in the public exhibition areas. Prolific Los Gatos artist Ed Lucey will be exhibited in the hallways galleries. Lucey's paintings in oil are of the Central California farmlands. Opening October 16: Oakland artist Jon Steven Walters has created two paintings specifically for the Grand Atrium exhibit space. Walter's technique juxtaposes mixed layers of media, colors and shapes to transform figures into skewed affirmations harnessed in layers of translucent paint. The work is somewhat reminiscent of the Bay Area Figurative Movement of the 1950s-60s. View during Firehouse Arts Center open hours. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated. For more information, contact Gallery Director: JFinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov, or call the gallery: 925-931-4849.

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

**Artists at Work**, a new monthly event, the second Thursday of each month features a new artist and artists at work at the Livermore Downtown Art

Studios, 62 So. L St., Livermore.

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

## WINE &amp; SPIRITS

**Friends Night Out at Wente Vineyards**, an evening of wine, fun and a showing of the Halloween classic Beetlejuice! Music and light appetizers; vendors: European Wax, PartyLite Candles, 31 Bags, and more. Wines by the glass or bottle will be available for purchase. Wente Vineyards Wood Fire Kitchen will be open with food available for purchase. Oct. 23, 6 to 9 p.m. movie starts at 8 p.m. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. 925.456.2305

**Wood Family Vineyards**, End of harvest celebration, noon to 4:30 p.m. Sat., Oct. 24. Taste wines and enjoy live music performed by "Patty and Abigail." "Smokin Hot Meats n Treats" will be here and have some of the best food available for purchase. \$10 per person and keep your logo crystal wine glass. Complimentary for club members and futures pick ups who choose to leave their glass.

[woodfamilyvineyards.com](http://woodfamilyvineyards.com), 7702 Cedar Mountain Drive, Livermore.

**Las Positas Vineyards**, Livermore, Sat., Oct. 24, tasting and picnicking under the Heritage Oak Tree. Come for a special tasting & buy a bottle and stay for a picnic. \$10 for reserve tasting from 11:30am-4pm, for more information, email [curt@laspositasvineyards.com](mailto:curt@laspositasvineyards.com). Sun., Oct. 25, "Sunday Funday, newest wine & cheese pairing flight. Tasting 11:30am-4:30pm. For more information, email [curt@laspositasvineyards.com](mailto:curt@laspositasvineyards.com)

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

**Murrieta's Well**, Masquerade, Sat., Oct. 31, 6:30 p.m. 9 p.m. four course meal paired with two of our estate wines, then dance the night away upstairs. \$75 Club / \$90 non-club. Meet new winemaker Robbie Meyer at a wine-maker dinner. 4-course meal paired with small lot wines. Sat., Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m. \$110 Club / \$120 non-club. [www.murrietaswell.com](http://www.murrietaswell.com)

**Rodrigue Molyneux Estate Winery and Vineyard** invites all to have a Howling Good Halloween on Saturday, October 31. For the mathematician tasters, guess the amount of Candy Corn in the wine bottle to enter a raffle for a bottle



**Frightmare, a free home haunt, will be open Oct. 30th and 31st 7-11 p.m. at 697 Sonoma Ave., Livermore. Canned foods will be accepted for donation to Open Heart Kitchen. The haunt is recommended for ages 12 and up. There will be a special lights on tour for those too young or not brave enough to come in when during the regular hours. The lights on tour will be held on Halloween 2-4pm. For more go to [facebook.com/thefrightmare](http://facebook.com/thefrightmare)**

of wine for the price of a bag of Candy Corn. Secret Witches Brew made with our Il Segreto. Those who come in costume get 10 percent off a select varietal. Saturday and Sunday of Halloween weekend 12:30 to 5 PM. Winery, 3053 Marina Ave. Livermore. [www.rmwinery.com](http://www.rmwinery.com)

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

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

**An Evening of Chamber Music**, 7:30 p.m. Wed., Oct. 28, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. The Silverwood Trio featuring professional Tri-Valley musicians Nan Davies, Muriel Haupt, and Clark Streeter will perform

works by Haydn, Ibert, Piazzolla, and Gaubert. Supports the Rotary Club's music scholarship program. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Paco Pena, Flamenco guitarist**. Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Peter Fletcher**, classical guitarist, will perform at 2pm on Sunday, November 8, 2015, at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. There is no charge for this event. This concert is part of a nationwide tour to promote Fletcher's new CD - Christmas Music for Guitar. [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

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

**From Broadway to Hollywood:** Live. Nov. 13, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Richard Cionco**, pianist, Del Valle Fine Arts. 8 p.m. Nov. 14. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Big Bad Voodoo Daddy**. Nov. 21, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Pacific Chamber Symphony**, Nov. 22, 2 p.m. Beethoven and Prokofiev program. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**A Flock of Seagulls**. Nov. 27, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Holiday Youth Music Festival**, 2 p.m., Nov. 28, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 931-4850.

**'Those Were The Days'** Featuring William Florian, 2 p.m., Nov. 29, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 931-4850.

## ON THE STAGE

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

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

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

**Nightmare: a Creatures of Impulse Production.** A totally improvised, live horror show! The Bay Area's award-winning teen improv troupe celebrates the kick-off of their 6th

Season at the Firehouse Arts Center with the fall classic. Audience suggestions drive the characters and stories for this un-scripted theatrical horror fest. Every show different! Thursday, October 29 and Friday, October 30 at 7:30 p.m. Special Halloween shows Saturday October 31 at 2:00 and 9:00 p.m. (costumes encouraged!). NOTE: 9:00 p.m. show recommended for ages 14+. Free preview show: Tuesday, Oct 27, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. General admission tickets: students \$5, adults \$10. Tickets available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the Box Office at the center. Doors open 7:10 p.m. Free parking.

**Leading Ladies by Ken Ludwig**. Oct. 30-Nov. 15, Role Players Ensemble production. Tickets and Information at [www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com](http://www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com). The Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville.

**Love's Labour's Lost**, Douglas Morrison Theatre presents a new musical based on the play by William Shakespeare, with songs by Michael Friedman, and book adapted by Alex Timbers. Nov. 5-29. 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. (510) 881-6777; [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org)

**South Pacific:** Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre production at the Firehouse Arts Center, Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. Set against the dramatic background of an idyllic South Pacific island during WWII, the story intertwines the themes of romance, duty, and prejudice to create a story that is at once hilarious, heartbreaking, and thought-provoking. Opening Saturday, November 7. Shows run through Sunday, November 22. Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Additional full matinee performance Saturday, November 14, 2:00 p.m. Reserved seat tickets are \$18-\$39. Purchase online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

**The Stunt Dog Experience**, Nov. 11, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

## COMEDY

**Paula Poundstone**, Oct. 30, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

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

## OPERA

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

## ART &amp; ENTERTAINMENT



**Comedian Paula Poundstone returns for a sold out performance at the Bankhead Theater on Friday, October 30. Recognized for her ability to create on-the-spot humor, Poundstone can find the hilarious angle of almost any subject, from the absurdity of the political world to the deviousness of housecats. Although best known for her comic humor, Poundstone also works in support of libraries as national spokesperson for The Association of Library Trustees Advocates Friends & Foundations, and as a representative for Alley Cat Allies. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. For tickets and information about upcoming events, go to [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), call 373-6800 or use the new LVPAC mobile app.**

**Dublin Schools, 1915, 1950 and Today,** special exhibit, Oct. 17 through January 2016. Little Classroom, Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, 660 Donlon Way, Dublin. [www.DublinRecGuide.com](http://www.DublinRecGuide.com).

**7th Annual Downtown Halloween Carnival,** Oct. 24, 1 to 5 p.m. Livermore Downtown, Inc. event. [www.livermore-downtown.com](http://www.livermore-downtown.com)

**Annual Hootenanny Festival,** Sunol Regional Wilderness celebrates pioneer and ranching heritage at the annual Hootenanny Festival, October 24 from 3pm to 7pm. Music, square dancing, games, and historic activities. 1895 Geary Road, Sunol. Festivities are from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 24. There is no admission fee. There is a \$5 cash fee for parking. For information, call 1 (888) 327-2757 or visit [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org). Day of event: call the Green Barn Visitor Center at (510) 544-3249.

**5th Annual Halloween Brew Crawl,** Saturday, October 24 from 5 - 8 p.m. Downtown Pleasanton sample a variety of craft beer and tasty bites

at more than 25 locations on and around Main Street. Presented by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, presale tickets are available now for \$35 online at [PleasantonDowntown.net](http://PleasantonDowntown.net) as well as at Redcoats Pub — 336 St. Mary Street and Studio Seven Arts — 400 Main Street for cash or check only. Friday, October 16, ticket prices will be raised to \$40. Tickets can be redeemed on Saturday, October 24 from 4:30-7 p.m. at the starting location, Firehouse Arts Center at 4444 Railroad Avenue. If the event is not sold out, tickets will be available at the starting location for \$45.

**Alex Filippenko, black holes in space.** Rae Dorough Speaker Series, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 27. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankhead-theater.org](http://www.bankhead-theater.org) or 373-6800.

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

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

**Authors Anne Perry and Victoria Zackheim** on Sunday, November 1, 2015, at 2:00pm at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. They will discuss the ups and downs of novel writing. They will offer tips on getting started, as well as character and plot development. There is no cost to attend this program, and no registration is needed. Copies of books will be available for sale and signing. Event kicks off National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) at the Livermore Public Library. Throughout the month of November, the library will host programs to help and encourage NaNoWriMo participants. For more information on National Novel Writing Month, visit [www.NaNoWriMo.org](http://www.NaNoWriMo.org). visit [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

**Tri-Valley Conservancy Jeans and Jewels** on Safari. Nov. 5, gala fundraiser, Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, Pleasanton. Includes dinner, dancing, cocktail and live auctions. [www.trivalleyconservancy.org/](http://www.trivalleyconservancy.org/)

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

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

**Holiday Craft Boutique,** Sat., Nov. 14, 10 a.m. Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Free admission. Presented by the Dublin Senior Center and Dublin Senior Foundation. Assortment of handmade arts and crafts, gifts and decor.

**Livermore-Granada Boosters 6th Annual "Race to the Flagpole,"** Saturday, November 14, 2015. Includes a 5K run/walk, 10K run, half marathon

and one-mile fun run. All events start at Independence Park and go through Livermore's scenic Sycamore Grove Park. These events are open to all ages and abilities. All race proceeds support the Livermore-Granada Boosters scholarship program. Race-day registration begins at 6:45 a.m. at Independence Park, 2798 Holmes Street in Livermore. The half marathon starts at 8:30am, 10K starts at 9:00am and 5K at 9:15 am. The one-mile fun run begins at 10:45 am. Pre-registration entry fees for the 5K are \$30, the 10K \$35 per runner, and half marathon entry fees are \$45 per runner. Group/family discounts are available for four or more runners. The one-mile fun run entry fee is \$10. On race day, all registration entry fees will be an additional \$10. To register, visit [www.racetotheflagpole.org](http://www.racetotheflagpole.org) or contact Mike Nagel, Race Director, at 925-667-6535 or [flagpolerace@yahoo.com](mailto:flagpolerace@yahoo.com).

## Program of Band Favorites

The San Ramon Symphonic Band presents a selection of Band Favorites, pieces chosen by members of the Band. The music includes Where Never Lark or Eagle Flew, which will take the audience on a high flight by a Canadian pilot, Ashokan Farewell which is the theme music for Ken Burns' Civil War series, medleys of favorite pieces by Count Basie and George Gershwin, the well-known Colonel Bogey March, and more.

The afternoon of music presented is by the all-volunteer San Ramon Symphonic Band under the baton of Bryan Holbrook. Sunday, October 25, 2:00 PM, at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Road (just off Bollinger Canyon Road), San Ramon. Tickets are \$6; children under 12 and students with ID are free. A

Tickets will be available at the door. To obtain tickets in advance, call 925-973-3343 or purchase tickets online at [www.SanRamonPerformingArts.com](http://www.SanRamonPerformingArts.com).

## Annual Health Fair at Shiva Vishnu Temple

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

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

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

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

The Temple is located at 1232 Arrowhead Ave, Livermore; [www.livermoretemple.org](http://www.livermoretemple.org)

## Tips for Change Benefits Paws in Need

Celebrate Fall with a fresh, seasonal Italian dinner and help save the life of a loveable local pet and also prevent animal overpopulation!

Attend the Paws In Need "Tips for Change" dinner and raffle at Gianni's Italian Bistro, 2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon on Monday, November 2nd, 2015 from 5 to 9pm.

Order off the menu and your delicious dinner will be served by Paws In Need (PIN) volunteers at this great Italian bistro. "Tips for Change" is a fun and unique way for PIN to raise funds by keeping the tips the volunteers earn the night of this event. "Over-tipping" is always welcome.

All tips and donations will benefit PIN's Spay/Neuter and Just Like New programs that rely solely on the public's generosity. Contributions from the community provide financial assistance for veterinary medical needs to prevent unnecessary euthanasia of local pets and animals in the Tri-Valley area.

For reservations, call Gianni's at 925-820-6969 or go to [OpenTable.com](http://OpenTable.com). Contact event coordinator Lisa Williams at 925-216-1621 or [lisawilliams.ca@gmail.com](mailto:lisawilliams.ca@gmail.com) for more information.

## Optometry Group Launches Fundraiser for LVEF

The Livermore Optometry Group has launched "20/20 for Education," an on-line fundraiser to benefit the Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF). For each pair of non-prescription RayBan or Wiley X sunglasses purchased through its on-line store, Livermore Optometry will donate \$20 or 20% of the purchase price - whichever is greater - to LVEF. The fundraiser runs through the end of 2015.

The 20/20 campaign reflects Livermore Optometry's continuing commitment to Livermore schools. "Our doctors and staff are passionate about education and are excited about partnering with LVEF," says Dr. Steven Faith of Livermore Optometry.

"We have been big fans of LVEF since its inception, and have complete confidence that LVEF will use the money that we raise where it is most needed." LVEF Treasurer Sally Esser said, "Livermore Optometry Group has supported our schools for many years. LVEF is

proud to be associated with a business that has such a great reputation in the community."

To shop for sunglasses go to [www.livermoreoptometry.com](http://www.livermoreoptometry.com), click the blue "Online Store" button and follow the "Sunglasses" tab.

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On October 13, 2015, all sophomores in the Livermore school district (LVJUSD) took the PSAT exam during the school day – 5 times more than the number of sophomores who took the test in 2012. Since 2013, the Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation has partnered with LVJUSD to pay for all sophomores to take the PSAT/NMSQT exam - providing students with early access to extensive College Board resources, including Khan Academy customized SAT preparation, and the opportunity to be identified as successful AP exam test takers through AP Potential. This access contributes to establishing a college- and career- bound culture among students and teachers and has contributed to higher SAT scores and a significant increase number of students taking honors and AP courses, especially those in under-represented groups. Most of the 2015 Pedrozzi Scholars were the first sophomore class to benefit from this partnership.

## History of Dublin Schools Featured in New Exhibit at the Heritage Park and Museums

For more than 90 years, all of Dublin's first through eighth grade students shared a one-room schoolhouse. A new exhibit at the Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, running October 17 - January 31, depicts three classrooms from 1915, 1950, and today.

The exhibit showcases the original Murray Schoolhouse (which had no electricity or bathrooms); the classic little red schoolhouse of the 1950s; and today's modern, high-tech classrooms. Discover how life has changed since the early 1900s. Current Dublin Unified School District students will enjoy learning about their own schools' histories and namesakes.

The exhibit also features a wall-length blackboard timeline of Dublin schools, and a huge map of Dublin with interactive "schools," and displays of classrooms from 1915 and 1950. There will also be "artifacts" from recent years, including yearbooks, school shirts and jackets, and textbooks. The exhibit shows how Dublin schools have evolved with the times, growing to a district with 5,500 students at seven elementary schools, two middle schools, and two high schools.

"Dublin Schools: 1915, 1950 and Today" runs from Saturday, October 17, through January 31, 2016, in the Little Classroom at the Murray Schoolhouse. The museum is open on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free.

## BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

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

**Livermore Fraternal Order of Eagles** annual Holiday Craft Show on November 7 at 527 N. Livermore Ave., Livermore, from 9 to 3 p.m. Handmade treasures from vendors, raffle, lunch and homemade baked goodies. Proceeds will go to the local food bank and animal shelter. For more information contact Evy Barr at 925-980-7216.

**Paws In Need 16th Annual Holiday Sale** will be held on Saturday, November 7th. Proceeds from the 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Holiday Sale will benefit Jackie Barnett's Just Like New Fund, a Paws In Need program that provides medical aid to sick and injured pets. Location will be in the lobby of Feline Medical Center, 3160 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. The sale will include animal-themed and holiday gift items such as planters, garden art, wind chimes, ornaments, home and kitchen decor, purses, jewelry, greeting cards, handmade items and much more. In addition to items that pamper pets, several vendors will be on hand selling additional related items. There will also be opportunities to win several gift baskets. For more information, contact Cindy Ferrin at 925-323-8517, or visit the Paws In Need website at [www.Paws-In-Need.org](http://www.Paws-In-Need.org).

**Livermore Lions is partnering with the Tri-Valley Haven in holding their Annual Xmas Boutique** on Sat., Nov. 7 at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Bothwell Arts Center 8th Street in Livermore. Handcrafted gifts are the primary focus. There may be some retail manufactured gifts from many popular companies. There will be food and regular raffles of gifts and prizes. Entry to the Bothwell is free for buyers. Raffle tickets will be sold in support of the fund raising for the Lions and Tri-Valley Haven. Sales of food and drink go toward helping with our community service in the Tri-Valley area. For information on tables, pricing and ac-

cess times to the site for setup or special needs please contact Lion Ben Barrientos at 925 449-9974 or Tri-Valley Haven Stacey Connor 925 449-5845 XT 274 for further details and entry times for vendors. Event opens 9-5 PM for buyers.

**Boutique**, Unique Christmas presents and lots of holiday decorations, based on items from the past created new and original. Free refreshments. Sat., Nov. 21 and Sun., Nov. 22 9am to 5pm. 727 Polaris Way, Livermore (just beyond Holmes at Concannon).

**Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner** is having a planning / volunteer meeting. Those interested in helping out, are invited to attend on Wednesday, November 11th at 7:00PM, in the Bothwell Arts Center at 2466 8th St., Livermore. Volunteer sign-ups will begin at this meeting. For more information, go to [www.LCTD.org](http://www.LCTD.org) or call 455-9782.

**Learn what 4-H has to offer** on November 18th. We will be discussing community service opportunities and having a potluck. Bring a dish to share and get to know other families in 4-H. Del Arroyo 4-H club meets on the third Wednesday of each month at Arroyo Seco Elementary School, 5280 Irene Way, Livermore. The meetings start at 6:00 p.m. and end around 8:00 p.m. For more information call Margaret Miller, Club Leader, at 925-447-6980 or email Margaret at [mmiller1435@gmail.com](mailto:mmiller1435@gmail.com).

**Tri-Valley Republican Women** Federated will honor Veterans and Military members at its monthly dinner meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2015. Also showing will be the movie, "They Came to America III." The meeting will be held at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. Social time 6:30 pm. Dinner and program time 7 pm. For reservations and information, contact Linda Krikorian, [krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com](mailto:krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com) or phone 925-426-1474 by Monday, November 9th.

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

**GNON (Girls Night Out Network)** monthly mixer. This event is open to everyone. Mon., Nov. 9, 5 to 7 p.m. State Farm Insurance, 312 St. Mary St., Suite A. Downtown Pleasanton. Partnering with new non profit in Pleasanton. Wreaths Across Pleasanton. Attendees of GNON will have the opportunity to sponsor a wreath for as little as \$5. Meeting \$10 for members, \$15 nonmembers. Prepayment required. [www.gnon.org/rsvp.html](http://www.gnon.org/rsvp.html) or 487-4748.

**Soroptimist International of San Ramon Valley** is seeking applicants for its Live Your Dream Award given to women who are head of household and in need of financial assistance for their education expenses. Awards range from \$500 to \$3,000 with opportunities for further awards at the District and Regional level. For more information and an application

form go to <http://www.soroptimist-sr.org> and look for Grants.

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

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

**Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society**, meeting at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court in Pleasanton on Monday, November 9, 7:30 pm. Speaker Susan Goss Johnston will talk about "More Adventures in Source Citations." Johnston is a ProGen Alumna and has completed the "Advanced Methodology and Evidence Analysis" course at the Institute of Genealogy and Historic Research, the National Archives lecture and lab Course "Going to the Source." She is also a co-editor (with L-AGS members Kay Speaks and Duncan Tanner) of the recently published 'Source Templates for the Master Genealogist.' Her personal research focuses on families in New England with the mid-Atlantic region and she specializes in military records. No charge. All are welcome. For more information contact Program Chair, email: [Marilyn.Glass.program@L-AGS.org](mailto:Marilyn.Glass.program@L-AGS.org)

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA**, Oct. 25, noon, brunch in San Ramon, RSVP by Oct. 22 to Marsha, 830-8483.

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

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

**Earth friendly demonstration garden**, 3575 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Alameda County Master Gardeners present talks on a variety of topics., 10 to 11 a.m. Nov. 14: roses - selecting, planting and pruning. Gardening advice and guided tours 2nd Saturday of each month. Garden open to public every day during daylight hours. No admission charge.

**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.trivalleystargaz->

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

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

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

**Pleasanton Lions Club** welcomes visitors to come experience a great time while making a difference in our community & beyond. Dinner meetings every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. The Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Ct., Pleasanton. [www.pleasantonlionsclub.org](http://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](http://www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org), e-mail [assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com](mailto:assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com), or call (925) 461-6401.

**Drop in computer tutoring.** Need help with downloading E-Books from the library to your E-Reader, sending E-mail attachments, social networking, blogging, general internet questions, or have other questions. The Pleasanton Library offers assistance on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400 (press 4 for Ref. Desk). Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 for information. The programs are free and open to all. No registration required.

**Operation: SAM "Supporting All Military"** is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued morale support of deployed troops. For information or donations, visit [www.operationssam.org](http://www.operationssam.org), email [operationsam@comcast.net](mailto:operationsam@comcast.net) or call 925-443-7620.

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

**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](http://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.

## RELIGION

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

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

**Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N.** Vasco Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Information 447-8747 or [www.uucil.org](http://www.uucil.org)

**Congregation Beth Emek, Center** for Reform, Jewish Learning, Prayer and Community in the Tri-Valley, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055. Rabbi Dr. Lawrence Milder, [www.bethemek.org](http://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](http://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 447-6282.

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

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

**Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743** East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m.

Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

**Calvary Chapel Livermore**, meetings Sundays at 10 a.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - [www.calvalyrlivermore.org](http://www.calvalyrlivermore.org).

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

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

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

**Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656** Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School 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, youth activities and children's choir at 6:30 p.m. Child care during all events. 447-1848, [www.trinitylivermore.org](http://www.trinitylivermore.org)

**St. Charles Borromeo, 1315** Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Meditation groups following the John Main tradition, every Monday 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For details, contact Claire La 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](http://www.stinnocent.net) or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

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

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678** Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. [www.saintbartsrivermore.com](http://www.saintbartsrivermore.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](http://www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org) 925-862-2580

**Pathway Community Church, 6533** Sierra Lane, Dublin. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. [www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org](http://www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org) (925) 829-4793.

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 486 S. J** Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. worship service. Bible Study/Sunday School 10:20. Bible Basics Class, which explores

the main teachings of the Bible, meets at 7:00 Sunday night. Call 371-6200 or email [pmjrmueller@gmail.com](mailto:pmjrmueller@gmail.com) for more info.

**Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481** East Avenue, Livermore; worship service 10:15 a.m. Sundays. [www.trivalleychurch.org](http://www.trivalleychurch.org).

**Bethel Family Christian Center, 501** North P Street, Livermore. Pastors are Don & Debra Qualls. Weekly ministries: Sunday 10 a.m. - Teaching Sessions; Sunday 10:25 a.m. - Holy Grounds Fellowship; Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Elementary aged children go to Kid's Church following worship, nursery available; Wednesday 7 p.m. - Back to the Point Bible Study; all ages; Friday 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery; in the dining hall; 925-449-4848.

**Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton, 7106** Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. Interpretation for the deaf at 9:00. 925-227-1301. [www.thecrossing.org](http://www.thecrossing.org)

**Valley Bible Church, Livermore,** Meeting at Altamont Creek Elementary School, 6500 Garaventa Ranch Road, Livermore. Services at 10:00 a.m.

**Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021** College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. [www.cedargrove.org](http://www.cedargrove.org) or call 447-2351.

**Chabad of the Tri-Valley, 784** Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. [www.jewishtrivalley.com](http://www.jewishtrivalley.com). Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

**Well Community Outreach Center** ministry provides meals, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, call the office at (925) 479-1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Thursday 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pick up by appointment only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts. This will be on a first come first serve basis between 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

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

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

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: Pleasanton 1st Ward:** Sunday at 1 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.wwww.org](http://www.wwww.org)

[jkpcdublin.org](http://jkpcdublin.org) (925)828-1846.

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

**Unity of Tri-Valley - 7567** Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. 10:00 am Sunday service. All are welcome. Ongoing groups and activities. [www.unityoftrivalley.org](http://www.unityoftrivalley.org) 925.829.2733. Oct. 25th speaker: Allen Klein.

**St. Francis of Assisi, 193** Contractors St., Livermore. Sunday School (all ages) - 8:30 AM. Communion - 9:30 AM. 925-906-9561 [stfrancisanglican.church](http://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](mailto:revharriet1@yahoo.com) or visit us at <http://cslvlivhouse.org>.

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

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

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

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

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

**Tri-Valley Church of Christ**, gives away clothing and other items every Monday 10-12. Donations are also accepted on Mondays between 10-12. 4418 E. Avenue, Livermore.

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

**Mass of Remembrance, Honor** those you have loved, who have died, in a special Mass Of Remembrance on Monday, November 16, at 7:30 PM at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, California. All are invited. Those who wish, may bring a small picture or memento of a loved one.

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# Milestones

## Community



Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association held a dinner recognizing its founder Señor Bob Athenour and Corrine Mavridis, who has served as historian since the beginning and manages the Tulancingo Room at City Hall. Señor Bob believes Pleasanton's Sister Cities are very unique and still flourishing today because of the Youth Exchange Program and adult delegation visits that continue to make a big impact for generations to come. He says that the cultural exchange has surpassed his expectations. As a surprise, four members of the Tulancingo Sister City arrived for this special occasion. Gerardo Hernandez (current President), Arturo Gomez (President Elect) and past presidents Abel Gayoso and Alfredo Perez-Tagle. Pictured are Abel Gayoso, Arturo Gómez, Alfredo Pérez-Tagle, Bob Athenour, Corrine Mavridis, and Gerardo Hernández.



Kids at The Gathering Place treated to Game Truck Experience

## Assistance League Treats Foster Kids to Special Outing

Assistance League of Amador Valley (ALAV) coordinated a fun filled morning for foster kids at The Gathering Place in Pleasanton, courtesy of Stuart Smith, owner of the local Game Truck.

The Gathering Place is a Pleasanton facility where foster children come with their foster parents to interact with their birth parents. These interactions are supervised by The Gathering Place staff. After spending many weeks going through various stages of meetings, the families progress to being able to go on off-site fun adventures.

ALAV has been donating take-home reading books

for the children and coordinating more off-site fun activities for the children to experience with their birth parents. Linda Scherer, chairman for the Foster Kids program with ALAV, came up with the idea of inviting The Game Truck for an on-site experience. Stuart Smith donated his time and his vehicle to make this happen. The children were able to go inside The Game Truck and play video games along with interactive electronic games.

For more information about ALAV and their many local philanthropic programs or for information about The Game Truck contact Assistance League of Amador Valley at 925-461-6401.

Five Cresta Blanca Girl Scout Sister Troops (pictured at left) joined together to help make a difference. Combined efforts from Troops 30321, 33632, 31377, 30524 and 30272 along with their leaders purchased over \$400 worth of necessities for the fire victims and their families. "We made a few calls to see what was needed and pulled our resources together" said troop leader Babette Munoz. The girls met at Walmart to purchase non perishable items, toiletries, underclothes and a few other things. The items will be delivered to victims of the recent fires.



## Floyd Foreman Centenarian

By Angelica Guerino

Floyd Foreman, a resident of Livermore Valley Senior Living, celebrated his 100th birthday on Tuesday October 20, 2015. With twelve residents living under the LVSL roof there are plenty of birthdays and anniversaries to celebrate. Floyd was born on October 20, 1915 in Dos Palos, California. He was the only child born to Ray and Ruth Foreman. He grew up with his terrier Buster by his side working on his family dairy farm where he worked until he was 18 years old. He married in 1936 to Audrey Clay and relocated to San Francisco, where he became a sheet metal worker at various workshops in the San Francisco Bay Area. Floyd and Audrey had two children, Jerry and Robert Foreman. He now has half a dozen grandchildren. He retired in Livermore, California and is now the oldest and one of the most independent residents at Livermore Valley Senior Living. He spends much time with his beloved children soaking up the California sunshine. He enjoys visiting with therapy animals and playing dominoes with caregivers and family friends. He says living to be a centenarian is "rough but rewarding".

