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

Zone 7 Water Rate to Rise

Zone 7 Water Agency will raise its water rate to the Valley's water retailers by 3 percent in each of the next two years.

The board of directors approved the action on a 4-3 vote at their meeting Oct. 15. There will be a second reading in November, in time to impose the first rate boost after Jan. 1, 2015.

The rate hike will increase the typical household's water bill by \$1.21 per month in 2015, and by another \$1.25 per month in 2016, if the water retailers make a direct pass-through

of the new rates to consumers.

The 3 percent raise is close to the consumer price index (CPI) inflation rate. The water retailers lobbied for that increase, compared to two other board options -- 5 percent plus a 2 percent drought surcharge or a staff-recommended 7 percent, which would have added to reserves to better prepare for further emergency spending during continuation of the current drought, if that occurs.

The "5+2" option was dismissed by all directors

and people who spoke at the public hearing.

The water retailers include Livermore, Pleasanton, DSRSD, and the private California Water Service.

The retailers said that they could live with the 3 percent increase, because they understood that like every other agency, Zone 7 has rising costs, too.

Directors Sandy Figuers, Jim McGrail, Sarah Palmer and Angela Ramirez-Homes voted for the 3 percent increase.

Board president John Greci, Bill Stevens and Dick

Quigley were opposed. They favored the 7 percent increase saying that higher rate would do more to build up reserve funds that have been depleted during the drought.

For example, Zone 7 showed \$6 million in its drought emergency fund in 2013-14. It was all spent this year, putting the fund at the historic minimum of \$2.5 million. The 7 percent hike would have restored the fund to its \$7 million historic maximum.

The 3 percent rate will create a cash flow problem for the Capital Improve-

ment Plan (CIP) in 2016-17, which means directors will have to cut back on projects they are planning, or use credit financing for some of the projects, which is a route several water retailers have urged in the past. The board will be discussing the CIP at a later meeting.

Those who voted for 3 percent said that existing reserves are there to be used, including the rate stabilization fund. The board used some of stabilization fund in the past to avoid rate increases during the state's

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Measures W and X Deal with Council Pay

Livermore voters are being asked to vote on two measures on the November 2014 ballot involving benefits and pay for the Livermore mayor and city councilmembers.

Measure W would restrict future increases in compensation for the mayor and councilmembers. If approved, increases would be based on the lesser of either the change in the Consumer Price Index or 5 percent of the existing compensation.

Currently, councilmembers receive \$1070 per month; the mayor \$1490 per month. The initiative, placed on the ballot by a unanimous vote of the council, prevents future councils from catching up from prior election cycles in which no raises were given.

Measure X would prohibit the city from paying for health and welfare benefits for the council and city councilmembers.

In arguing in favor of the measure, all five members of the council, note that during recent difficult economic times, the city asked for concessions from its bargaining units. "Believing the council should lead by example, the council voted to reduce its own total compensation over 65 percent by eliminating medical and dental benefits."

Potential savings to the city will be over \$125,000 per year.

To prevent future councils from reinstating the benefits, Councilmember Bob Woerner suggested placing the initiative on the ballot. The vote was unanimous to do so.

There were no arguments entered against either measure.

Meeting Set To Discuss Water Issues

The Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branch of the American Association of University Women and the Livermore-Amador Valley League of Women Voters are co-sponsoring a public meeting to discuss water issues in the Valley at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Nov. 6.

The meeting is meant to better inform the public about local water policies and issues and will be held at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton.

The Living Arroyos program will be part of the discussion

A panel of water experts, including Sarah Palmer, Zone 7 Board of Directors; Daniel Smith, City of Pleasanton; and a staff member from Zone 7, will present Valley water policies and answer questions from the audience. The panel will be moderated by AAUW member Dot Bishop.

California is in the midst of a serious drought which has led to concerns about the

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G&M Farms in Livermore offers a variety of activities to celebrate the harvest and Halloween. Visitors will find a maze, corn-box, and pumpkin patch. The farm is located at 487 E. Airway Blvd.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Fire Chief To Retire

Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LPFD) Fire Chief Jim Miguel will retire effective November 7, 2014.

Miguel has overseen the department for the past four years.

"Jim has been an exceptional leader of our Fire Department," said Nelson Fialho, City Manager of Pleasanton, a sentiment that was echoed by Marc Roberts, City Manager of Livermore. Roberts stated, "We are so grateful for the many contributions that Jim has made to both of our cities through the LPFD, and to the fire services overall. We extend our best wishes for a happy retirement to Jim."

Chief Miguel's retirement caps a 31-year career in fire services including eight years at his previous post, as Fire Chief for the City of Modesto Fire Department.

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Save Mount Diablo Is Big Donor Against 'Measure T'

Newly released campaign records show that Save Mount Diablo has been the biggest contributor to the effort to defeat Measure T, the "Let Dublin Decide" Initiative.

The "Save Dublin, No on Measure T Committee" raised \$34,025 in cash donations during the quarter that ended Sept. 30. The new money raises the campaign's cash total for the year to date to \$37,100.

Measure T's backers, "Let Dublin Decide, Dublin Community Partnership LP" reported no new donations in the past quarter. All of their donations came during the first six months of the year during which they raised \$142,500.

Measure T would change the city's current open space policy in Doolan Canyon by moving the urban growth boundary. Currently, Doolan Canyon is outside the urban growth boundary and the boundary could not be moved without a vote of the people. Measure T would move the urban growth boundary to include Doolan Canyon. It directs the city to begin the process of annexing and preparing a plan for the area. A committee would be established to create the plan. Development would be subject to the usual city process, including approval by a City Council majority.

The donor of all of the money favoring Measure T was Pacific Union, the Dan-

ville-based developer that has proposed building 1600 homes for a senior community in Doolan Canyon.

The firm also made donations of non-cash items. One was the June 17 donation of the legal services of Perkins Cole LLP in Seattle, valued at \$3658. The other, on June 30, was for "strategic services" from TBWB Strategies in San Francisco valued at \$12,500.

Dublin records show that Pacific Union also donated \$500 to Councilmember Kevin Hart's campaign for mayor on March 20.

Pacific Union gave Pleasanton Councilmember Kathy Narum \$100 on Feb. 12, and \$500 to Dublin school board member Sean

Kenney on April 16.

Pacific Union donated \$1000 on April 16 to the campaign for Measure B, the Dublin school parcel tax, which won with 79 percent.

Save Mount Diablo gave the "Save Dublin" campaign \$12,000 in cash, which brought its total for the year to \$12,500. SMD also donated \$5198 in staff time for work on the campaign. It raises the group's non-monetary contribution to \$12,968 for the year.

Another major cash donor to the "Save Dublin" campaign was Tri-Valley Conservancy, which contributed \$12,500.

Other major contributors are Dublin Councilmember Abe Gupta at \$2500, Castro

Valley environmentalist Diana Hanna, and the Greenbelt Alliance, each at \$2000; the East Bay chapter of the California Native Plant Society and Friends of the Vineyards each gave \$1000.

DUBLIN COUNCIL, MAYOR RACES

Dublin Councilmember David Haubert led the field of three mayoral candidates who reported campaign donations in the period from July 1 to Sept. 30. The fourth candidate, Shawn Costello, did not form a campaign committee.

Haubert received \$21,788 during the period, including \$295 in unitemized donations under \$100. It brings his total cash contributions for the year to \$33,335. His

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Dublin Post Office Named In Honor of Jim Kohnen

U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell (CA-15) and the United States Postal Service (USPS) hosted a ceremony to name the Dublin Post Office in honor of Dr. James 'Jim' Kohnen.

Swalwell introduced H.R. 1671 to name the Dublin Post Office for the late Dr. Kohnen, a 30-year Army veteran and Tri-Valley public servant, in April 2013. His bill was signed into law by President Obama in August 2014.

"Jim was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word," said Swalwell. "Our Dublin community misses him

deeply, and this post office serves as a reminder of his legacy of public service. The presence of so many community members and fellow public servants at today's dedication is a reflection of his selfless character, and I know Jim would have been humbled and honored by the event. It was my pleasure to have sponsored the legislation that made this post office naming a reality."

The community event featured a color guard, the unveiling of the plaque naming the post office, and remarks by community members including Jim's wife,

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Pat Kohnen, wife of the late Jim Kohnen, addressed those in attendance at the renaming of the post office for her husband. At left is seated Congressman Eric Swalwell.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

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itemized donor list in the quarter contained 71 names, including some businesses. Some 30 donors gave \$500, which is Dublin's limit per donor in any election.

Donors to Haubert included developers Sid Corrie, James Tong of Charter Properties, which represents the Lin family, and John DiManto.

Councilmember Kevin Hart received \$9194 in cash donations, including itemized donations from 44 donors, bringing his total since Jan. 1 to \$14,104. Hart listed 10 donors at \$500. Among his contributors were James Tong, the Dublin Land Co., Sheriff Greg Ahern, and the firefighters union local.

Former Vice-mayor Kasie Hildenbrand reported receiving \$1554 in monetary contributions, including \$754 in unitemized donations below \$100. Since July 1, Hildenbrand loaned herself \$750, which joins a \$1000 loan earlier in the reporting year. She reported six itemized donations, none of them over \$150.

In the Dublin City Council race, Gupta raised the most money in the recent period. He reported \$14,309, making his total \$15,819 for the year to date. He also loaned himself \$5000.

Gupta reports \$21,316 total contributions, including his loan and \$497 in non-monetary contributions. Some \$1981 was in unitemized donations.

Gupta noted 18 donors at \$500. Among contributors were school board trustee Amy Miller, former BART director Earlene DeMarcus and the firefighters union local.

Vice-mayor Don Biddle collected \$3405 during the period, including \$705 in small contributions, bringing his total this year to \$3555. Among his donors were Mayor Tim Sbranti at \$150, former BART director Earlene DeMarcus at \$100, former Dublin school superintendent Heinz Gewing at \$100, and developer Christopher Davenport at \$500.

Sue Wakamoto-Lee collected \$50 in donations and loaned herself \$4200.

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PLEASANTON SCHOOL DONATIONS

Incumbent Pleasanton school trustee Joan Laursen leads in the school board campaign donations with \$8905 collected from 36 donors during the past quarter. Some \$1855 were from donors who gave less than \$100. The law does not require donations under \$100 to be itemized. Laursen's total cash donations for the year to date are \$9505.

Among Laursen's donors were Assemblymember Joan Buchanan at \$500, Swalwell for Congress at \$100, City Council candidate Olivia Sanwong at \$100, Cook-Kallio for Mayor at \$250, school trustee Chris Grant at \$100, Unity PAC of the Alameda County Central Labor Council at \$1,000, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), \$500.

Incumbent Jeff Bowser received \$3765 in cash donations from 13 itemized donors, and another \$839 from donors who gave less than \$100 each. All of his cash came during the past quarter. Bowser also loaned himself \$3555.

Bowser's donors include the Alameda County Central Labor Council at \$1000, Assembly member Joan Buchanan and the IBEW, each giving \$500, Cheryl Cook-Kallio at \$250, Pleasanton school trustee Chris Grant, and local teachers union president Janice Clark, each at \$100.

Paige Wright received \$2650 from 17 donors, and \$615 unitemized donations. Among her contributors were school trustee Valerie Arkin at \$100, and Red Bear real estate investor Mike Madden at \$500.

Mark Miller reported \$1657 in itemized contributions from nine contributors. Unitemized donations totaled \$450. Trustee Valerie Arkin donated \$100.

PLEASANTON COUNCIL AND MAYOR

Incumbent Kathy Narum leads Pleasanton council

candidates in money collected through Sept. 30.

Narum reported receiving \$16,447, which includes a \$3000 loan from herself. She received \$200 from fellow candidate Arne Olson; \$100 each from Frank Brandes, Ayn Wieskamp and Sharrell Michelotti. The Lincoln Club of Northern California PAC gave her \$500; \$50 came from Councilmember Jerry Pentin.

George Bowen received \$12,176 in donations, including loans totaling \$1064 from himself. His top donor at \$5000 is gravel company owner Jamieson Company, LLC. He was given \$100 each from Kay Ayala, Frank Brandes, and Karla Brown; \$500 from photographer Allen Roberts and from real estate investor John Moore.

Olivia Sanwong listed \$9946 in cash and loans. Her top donations came from union PACs, including \$2500 from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 595 PAC and \$1000 from the Alameda County Central Labor Council. She received \$100 from Becky Dennis and Erlene Demarcus.

Arne Olson reported a total of \$5,930 in cash, including a loan of \$1017. His top donor, California Real Estate PAC gave him \$1000; \$150 came from Ponderosa Homes and Hodnefield Properties Inc. Giving \$100 each were Peter MacDonald, Sharrell Michelotti, Mayor Jerry Thorne, James Tong of Charter Properties, which represents the Lin family developers, Bob Shapiro, Jan Batcheller, and Susan

Houghton.

In the race for mayor, incumbent Jerry Thorne has collected \$5575 in cash this year. The following were among his contributors: \$2000 from physicist Charles Muner Jr., \$1000 from the Lincoln Club of Northern California, \$300 John Pringle, president of E&S Ring, \$200 each from Frank Berloger and Ted Fairfield, \$150 from Ted Kaye and Steve Dunn of Legacy Partners Commercial, \$100 each from Peter MacDonald and Supervisor Nate Miley, Charter Properties' James Tong, who represents the Lin family developers, Ayn Wieskamp, and Arne Olson.

His opponent Matt Morrison reported a total of \$9145. Of the total, \$5000 comes from Jamieson Company LLC, a gravel company. He received \$100 each from Matt Sullivan, Councilmember Karla Brown, Margo Tarver and former mayor Bob Pearson.

LIVERMORE SCHOOL BOARD

Three candidates filed campaign donation reports. Chris Wenzel, who is seeking the two year seat on the Livermore Board of Education, declared \$2600 in cash and loans, with loans to himself totaling \$2500.

For the four year seat, Belia Martinez reported \$2850 in cash, including \$1500 from Grow Elect, and \$250 each from Sally and Bill Dunlop, \$200 from Mony Nop and \$100 from Aaron Ortiz.

Craig Bueno listed \$5700 cash donations including \$700 from United Associa-

tion Local 342 PAC, \$500 from Cathleen Tennyson, and \$200 from Bill and Sally Dunlop and \$200 from Jay Frost.

LIVERMORE CITY COUNCIL RACE

Challenger Chung Bothwell has collected the most cash at \$4630, including a \$1750 loan to herself. Donors include Barbara Mitchell \$250, Deacon David Rezendes \$100; Genevieve Floresca and Romeo Floresca, \$250 each; John Stein \$200, and assembly candidate Catharine Baker \$100.

Steven Spedowski's total reached \$3699 including a \$1100 loan to himself. There donations of \$250 each from Jeff Kaskey, Loreta Kaskey, Gary Spedowski, Heidi Spedowski and Chris Low.

Livermore City Councilmember, vice mayor Bob Woerner reported \$2085 in donations, including a \$1700 loan to himself for the period ending Sept. 30. His top donor is consultant Thomas Thomson at \$249.

Chris Pareja has received \$1470, including a \$750 loan from himself. Susan Morse donated \$200, and

Judy Galletti, Evelyn Cozacos and Gerald Cathen gave \$100 each.

FRIENDS OF LIVERMORE

Friends of Livermore Committee reported a \$5000 from Jeff Kaskey.

ASSEMBLY RACE

In the 16th District Assembly Race, Democrat Tim Sbranti listed \$669,200 in donations. Most of his money comes from unions including the following: Service Employees International Union (SEIU), \$55,500; American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), \$36,200; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), \$35,350; International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), \$23,200; and United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW), \$17,400.

Republican Catharine Baker has raised \$389,900. Top donors include Wells Fargo, \$9,077; Hoge Fenton Jones & Appel, \$9,050; Charles T. Munger, \$8,200; Friends of Frank Bigelow for Assembly 2014, \$8,200; and Judy Wright, \$8,100.

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"Ayn is a great EBRPD director. She is a strong supporter of establishing a Niles Canyon Trail and opening new staging areas throughout the District." — **Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Alameda County Board of Supervisors.**

Oakland Tribune/Contra Costa Times editorial "...Wieskamp brings decades of experience in local government Well-informed and articulate, she understands the challenges the district faces."

The **Independent editorial** "Her experience and knowledge would be very difficult to replace... Wieskamp uses the parks herself and recognizes their value to both quality of life and ambiance of the area."

Sierra Club, Alameda County Democratic Committee, League of Conservation Voters

California Assembly Member Joan Buchanan

Dublin City Council Members: Mayor Tim Sbranti, Don Biddle, Abe Gupta

Livermore City Council Members: Mayor John Marchand, Doug Horner, Lauren Turner, Bob Woerner

Pleasanton City Council Members: Mayor Jerry Thorne, Cheryl Cook-Kallio, Kathy Narum, Jerry Pentin, Karla Brown

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ment. Miguel also served a concurrent role in Modesto as the Acting Deputy City Manager and Director of Finance. He began his career as a firefighter for the City of Modesto and worked through the ranks of Fire Engineer, Captain, Battalion Chief and Operations Division Chief. Miguel possesses a Masters degree in Executive Fire Service Leadership from Grand Canyon Uni-

versity and is a graduate of the Executive Fire Officer program at the National Fire Academy.

As Chief of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, he successfully led the 911 dispatch consolidation with Alameda County Fire, expanded first responder services to the Livermore Veterans Administration facility, and navigated the

department's budgetary constraints during the recession. This included the re-opening of Fire Station 10 on Airway Blvd. in Livermore (following its closure), and dealing with the necessary staffing reductions throughout the department.

An executive search is underway to fill the position of Fire Chief for the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

WATER

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implications of continued drought conditions. The panel will be able to provide ideas about recycling and reuse of the limited water supply. In addition, two days prior to the meeting in the General Election, voters will have decided on State Proposition 1, a Water Bond to provide funding for water quality, supply, treatment, and storage projects. During the meeting it will be possible to discuss the panel's perspective on

the results of the vote. The public is encouraged to attend and participate in the question and answer period.

Zone 7 was created by popular vote of Livermore-Amador Valley residents in 1957. Continuing extreme drought conditions have prompted Zone 7's Board of Directors to set forth water demand reduction measures needed to achieve an overall 25 percent cutback in treated and untreated water deliveries for 2014.

Zone 7's "Living Arroyos" program is a public-private partnership to restore the urban streams and streamside habitats of the Livermore-Amador Valley, while continuing to protect drinking water supplies and prevent flooding. Partnering with Zone 7 are the City of Livermore and the Urban Creeks Council.

For further information about the meeting, contact 455-8246.

Scholarship Applications Due Soon

The Community of Character Collaborative invites all High School seniors in Pleasanton to apply for the annual Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarship. Long time school board member Juanita Haugen inspired the Pleasanton Community of Character initiative. In her honor, annual \$1,000 scholarships will recognize

students who have a strong record of civic engagement and have demonstrated exceptional character by role modeling the traits of Compassion, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Integrity and Self-Discipline.

An award will be presented to a student in each of Pleasanton's three high schools. Applications are

being taken for Foothill and Amador Valley students, Village will be presented at a later date.

Applications and guidelines are available online at www.CommunityofCharacter.org.

The deadline to apply is November 7, 2014. Selections will be made in mid-November.

Film, Discussion on Bullying

A free film screening of "Bully" and a conversation that takes a stand against bullying will be held on Wed., Oct. 29 in Livermore.

Mayor John Marchand will host the event. "Nationwide statistics show societal increases in bullying whether at school, in the workplace, or via social media," according to Mayor Marchand. "It is important to nurture an environment in our schools and communities where bullying is just not acceptable."

The general community and middle/high school students and their families are encouraged to view the 45-minute version of the documentary film "Bully" at the Vine Cinema and then participate in a community conversation.

This free event, co-sponsored by the City of Livermore, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and the Livermore Area Youth Advisory Com-

mission, is part of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Campaign to End Bullying. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the film begins at 7:00 pm. The community conversation will end no later than 9:00 pm.

For more information, call the City Manager's Office at 925-960-4040 or visit www.cityoflivermore.net. The Vine Cinema is located downtown at 1722 First Street.

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Election Workers Needed

Poll Workers and Bilingual Poll Workers are needed for the Tuesday, November 4, 2014 General Election to work at the polls in Alameda County. Workers earn between \$110 and \$190.

Bilingual Poll Workers must be fluent in English and one of the following languages: Chinese, Spanish, Filipino/Tagalog, Vietnamese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, or Korean. Lawful permanent residents (Green Card Holders) may now serve as Bilingual Poll Workers in designated polling places. Otherwise those working must be a registered voter in the State of California.

Bilingual poll workers need to pass a fluency assessment and must attend a mandatory training class to be eligible to work on Election Day.

For more information and to fill out an application, contact the Registrar of Voters office rov_pollworker_info@acgov.org or (510) 272-6971, or visit the website www.acgov.org/rov/workers.htm

Baker Endorsed

Assembly candidate Catharine Baker has been endorsed by former Senate Majority Leader and education reform leader Gloria Romero (D).

"Catharine Baker is the kind of leader we need more of in Sacramento," said Senator Romero. "She can work across party lines to get things done for the good of our state and our families. Catharine is the only candidate in this race who can work with everyone - Republicans, Democrats, Independents - to improve our schools for the good of our teachers and our children."

Senator Romero was a Democratic State Senator and served as Majority Leader from 2001 until 2008. She was the first woman to hold that leadership position. More recently, Romero headed up the California chapter of Democrats for Education Reform.

Albright Takes New Job

Parney Albright, former director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, has been named the president and chief executive officer of HRL Laboratories, LLC.

He takes over the job formerly occupied by William Jeffrey on Nov. 3. HRL, a commercial research and

development center, focuses on advanced microelectronics, information and systems sciences, materials, sensors and photonics, among other disciplines. It specializes in integrated circuits, antennas, networking, smart materials and lasers. Formerly a research arm of Hughes Aircraft, HRL produced the first working model of a laser in 1960, by Theodore Maiman.

Albright came to the Lab in November 2009 as the principal associate director of Global Security, which supports the Lab's biosecurity, counterterrorism, defense, energy, intelligence and non-proliferation missions. He served as Lab director from 2011-13, steering the institution through budget cuts brought on by the recession, sequestration and government shutdown. Last January he took an assignment with the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Election Deadlines

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. The polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M.

The period for requesting Vote by Mail Ballots for this election ends on Tuesday, October 28, 2014. Applications for Vote by Mail Ballots must be received by our office no later than 5:00 P.M. on October 28, 2014. Voters may vote in person at the Registrar of Voters office Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. or on Election Day, November 4, 2014 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., at the Alameda County Court House, 1225 Fallon Street, Room G-1, in Oakland.

Voters who are ill or will be away on Election Day may also designate, in writing, another person to pick up their ballot before the election. Voters with questions concerning Vote by Mail voting should call the Registrar of Voters, Vote by Mail Section at (510) 272-6973.

Correction

An article in last week's Independent was incorrect in stating that the parcel tax was \$50. Measure G requires property owners in Livermore to pay \$138.00 per parcel per year. In addition to that, each parcel is assessed at an additional 0.0497% rate.

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EDITORIALS

Lasting Legacy

David Mertes, who died October 9, 2014, made a difference.

He served as Chancellor of the California Community College system from 1988 to 1996. He was previously Chancellor of the Los Rios Community College District, Superintendent/President of Santa Barbara City College and President of the College of San Mateo.

After his retirement, David Mertes was engaged in the civic life of the Tri-Valley region and beyond. Among other activities he was a founding member and 11 year director of the Las Positas College Foundation, Chairman of the ValleyCare Health System and maintained oversight of the International Service Projects of the Livermore Rotary Club. In that capacity, he made many service trips to some of the neediest areas of the world providing medical equipment and training.

His actions are a lasting legacy.

Tom & Rose's Great Adventure

We are truly impressed by the spirit, fitness and generosity of Tom and Rose O'Brien Ramos, who rode their bicycles across the US to Tom's West Point class reunion. Along the way, these two Livermore residents – both over 65 -- raised thousands of dollars for Cause USA, a charity that helps wounded military veterans. They are an inspiration to us all.

The Independent recommends:

Dublin Measure T: **No**

Measure BB: **Yes**

Measures W and X: **Yes**

Livermore City Council:

Bob Woerner and Steven Spedowski

Pleasanton Mayor: **Matt Morrison**

Pleasanton City Council:

Olivia Sanwong and George Bowen

Dublin Mayor: **Kasie Hildenbrand**

Dublin City Council: **Don Biddle and Abe Gupta**

Livermore School Board 4 Year Term:

Ann White, Craig Bueno and Belia Martinez

Livermore School Board 2 Year Term: **Chris Wenzel**

Pleasanton School Board: **Paige Wright**

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District:

Bob Coomber and David Furst

East Bay Regional Park District: **Ayn Wieskamp**

15th Congressional District: **Eric Swalwell**

16th Assembly District: **Tim Sbranti**

MAILBOX

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Saving the Eastside Rajinder Ghatoaura Pleasanton

We, the residents of Pleasanton have another fight. For years we had to fight to Project our West side and then the South side and together we won. The overzealous developers tried very hard, sued the city and the Pleasanton's residents' associations a few times but we succeeded in saving our West side and the South side from over developing.

Now we have the same battle on the East side. The developers have the current Mayor and some of the candidates for the two council seats in their back pockets. The city has met its obligations for housing that the State required not just for now but for a few more years.

The reason to overdevelop Pleasanton and look like some cities where you just see just housing and housing and nothing else does not exist. But the current Mayor Thorne has accepted money from developers. Most candidates for the council seats are backed by developers except Bowen. It is time to take the city back and have responsible planning and keep Pleasanton the way it is.

Matt Morrison stands out as someone who will work to protect the East side and work for the residents of Pleasanton. The same goes for George Bowen. He will work to protect the interests of the residents of Pleasanton. Eastsiders and the rest of residents of Pleasanton, your vote is important and vote to stop over development. Vote for Matt Morrison as Mayor of Pleasanton and vote only for George Bowen for the council seat.

Misleading Flyer Paul Weiss Livermore

Chung Bothwell, who is running for Livermore City Council, has inserted a flier in The Independent that almost certainly could be misinterpreted. I found it puzzling that in the flier's headline, Chung cites integrity as her first qualification. At the bottom, she has printed The Independent's logo in large type. Underneath, she includes a statement in quotes from the September 18th issue of The Independent, where all the Livermore City Council candidates were interviewed. The statement is not one that The Independent made about her. The positive statement regarding her qualifications is actually one that she made about herself. However, because Chung's flier does not make clear who is praising Chung, one could mistakenly assume that the statement is evidence that The Independent is supporting her candidacy. After my inquiry, I know it is not.

I feel that primary support should go to those who have clearly worked on the city council and planning commission as Steven Spedowski (even if you have trouble pronouncing it) and Bob Woerner have done! Their record of integrity means that we can trust them to follow through with what they say, that is, give continuing support to Livermore's urban growth boundary and our vibrant, culturally rich downtown.

Vote for Anne White Barbara Hickman Livermore

My vote in the Livermore School Board election is for Anne White. Her experience, insight, and familiarity with the District from her past years of service will be needed, with at least two newcomers to the board. Her knowledge will lead the District through the new regulations and details of LCFF and LCAP funding and the goals of Common Core.

One of the major concerns of the Board, the District, and the parents is to keep our children safe. As a police department volunteer (I patrol the schools), I know that the Livermore police are active in our schools and have reviewed school procedures and facilities for keeping our children safe at school. Staff members receive on-going training to recognize issues before they become problems. Safety is as high a priority for Anne as it is for parents.

Join me in voting for Anne White for Livermore School Board!

Not Pareja Tom Reitter, Livermore City Council, 1989-2007

When I saw Doug Mann's recent letter to the editor (10-9-2014) comparing council candidate Chris Pareja favorably with me, I was surprised and unhappy. I had never even heard of him before; I have never met or spoken with him. My concern is that the letter was meant to imply that I support his election.

I do NOT. I've looked on-line and talked to some people about him. He ran for Congress in the June 2012 primary. His website for that campaign said his "hometown" was Hayward. Yet now his website for the city council election says that he and his wife have "chosen to spend the most years in Livermore" since they married 19 years ago. Usually you expect a politician to be vague about political issues (and he is, from what I've seen on-line), but being vague about where you live is rather extreme.

Among the two local issues about which his position is vague are the importance of the urban growth boundary and the rescue of the Bankhead Theater. At a June city council meeting, he opposed the urban growth boundary. More recently he suggested to a newspaper possibly "re-visiting" the urban growth boundary. As for the Bankhead, at the last minute he raised issues at a council meeting about the plan to save the Bankhead that was hammered out over many months among a num-

ber of private and public partners. Translation: he doesn't understand the necessity of the urban growth boundary for protecting Livermore's character and he doesn't care if the Bankhead survives.

In the 2012 election for the House against two Democrats, he denied any party preference, then immediately registered as a Republican afterwards. He hosts an internet TV show called "The Right Side." He claims he covers the political spectrum on the show, but my review of the guests (of the shows available online) indicates a heavy bias towards the right.

I lived continuously in Livermore for 14 years before I first ran for city council in 1987. I had been involved in local issues and elections prior to that. People who attend nearly all city council meetings don't recall Pareja attending prior to about April of this year.

His first bids for public office were for the House of Representatives. In 2010 he ran as a write-in candidate; in 2012, he ran as an "independent." My prediction is that if he is elected to the less glamorous position of a Livermore city council member, he will run again for Congress in 2016 from a safe seat on the council.

I recommend that Livermore voters choose Steven Spedowski and Bob Woerner in this election. They support the urban growth boundary and the Bankhead Theater. We know where they live and where their hearts are.

Bothwell for Council Jennie Lynn Dunn Livermore

Have you made your decision to vote for Chung Bothwell, yet? If not, there is still time to visit her website (www.bothwell4livermore.com) and learn everything about her background and her views for Livermore. Chung Bothwell will be a breath of fresh air for our City and our City Council! She is knowledgeable about local issues and dedicated to the residents of Livermore. She has no special interest groups – she is running independently to help (serve) the people who want to live and work in our fine City.

Being a Livermore resident herself for over 30 years – also working and volunteering for more than 30 years in Livermore – she has decided it is time for her to try and implement some ideas for positive changes. . . . to give back to her community and hopefully improve (strengthen) the financial stability of Livermore. She is not afraid to bring to light the financial burdens which Livermore does not seem to address to the general public – even though it will be we, the taxpayers, who will be saddled with trying to keep our City solvent!

Chung's education and experience is in law and finance. Chung Bothwell is qualified, educated, and dedicated. Her goal is to become an elected City Council member - which will afford her the opportunity to voice the desires of our residents, and to help expose and resolve the important issues facing our City.

Chung has a passion for everything she gets involved in – from her faith, to her work, to her volunteering with the youth of our city, to her family and friends. . . every aspect of her life is met with integrity and a contagious energy. Do yourself a favor . . . do not just vote for the person you have heard about in the past, or have seen a name all over the city streets . . . do your homework . . . read or ask about Chung Bothwell – a new face in the "political arena", but not a new face in Livermore!! She is worth your time and attention. Good things come in small packages! Help Livermore become (and stay) a strong, stable, and viable City. Vote for Chung Bothwell on November 4th, or sooner with your absentee ballot! Thank you.

Election Recommendations Anne Fox Pleasanton

Please join me in voting for Paige Wright and Mark Miller for Pleasanton school board. PUSD is now run by

powerful labor unions, and principals and vice principals have been removed or driven out of PUSD by smear campaigns.

The incumbents rubber stamp all staff recommendations including shortening the summer break without listening to the community's input. The District Office administrators also leased school space to a fake university that enrolled foreigners in classes that did not exist, issued them bogus grades and transcripts for payment, printed fraudulent student visa documents and locked workers in offices to avoid detection. In the latest court filings, one employee of the fake university testified "I did try to open [the door] and leave, but I couldn't open [it]." It is time to elect school board members that are independent thinkers, who ask probing questions and will no longer tolerate one administrative misstep after another.

I'm also casting my vote for Matt Morrison as mayor of Pleasanton. The city of Pleasanton recently concocted a draft municipal code chapter to undo the hillside and ridgeline building restrictions adopted by voters with Measure PP. Furthermore, to undermine the voter-approved city and county Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), Pleasanton is marching toward zoning changes to build thousands of housing units on Pleasanton's east side rather than put it up for a vote of the people. This must be stopped.

And, if I were a Dublin resident, I'd be casting a No vote for Measure T, the developer sponsored initiative aimed to undo the Urban Growth Boundary limit line in east Dublin. The developers are trying to trick the voters to make Measure T look like an environmental measure, but it isn't. It gives permission for developers to build sprawl development subdivisions including 1,990 housing units in Doolan and Collier canyons, rural land with pristine hills between Dublin and Livermore. Dublin voters should retain the current Urban Growth Boundary by casting a No vote.

Woerner and Spedowski Lee Younker, Chair Friends of Livermore Committee

The Friends of Livermore have had an enduring vision for the city: Protect the Urban Growth Boundary, Preserve Open Space, Prevent Sprawl, and Support a Vibrant Downtown. Through the diligence and hard work of many, that vision has been largely realized. Livermore is a distinctly unique city and a special place to live.

We are most fortunate this election cycle to have two candidates for City Council who share this vision, recognize the factors connecting this vision to the high quality of life in Livermore, and have the experience and capabilities to ensure that these factors continue into the future. They support the preservation of valley open space with unwavering support for the urban growth boundary, the continued vitalization of the downtown, the improvement of traffic and parking conditions, new measures to address the impact of the drought, and overall responsible management of city spending.

Bob Woerner served on the City Planning Commission before taking a seat on the City Council in 2011. Steven Spedowski served on the City Beautification Committee before serving on the City Planning Commission including a term as Chair. Both are long time Livermore residents with a commitment to preserving the quality of life in our city.

The Friends of Livermore endorse Bob Woerner and Steven Spedowski for the Livermore City Council. These candidates have the vision, experience, capabilities, and ideas to continue to move Livermore in the right direction.

Re-Elect Thorne Mayor Dave Melander Pleasanton

Jerry Thorne, as Mayor of our Pleasanton City Council, has proven himself to be an effective, responsible leader and an independent thinker.

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Campaigns and Reality

By Janet Armantrout COMMENTARY

Campaigns often skirt reality. In some cases, they go over the edge.

In the Livermore council race, a Chung Bothwell flyer delivered with our newspaper contains a quote that seems to imply that she is supported by the newspaper. The quote is taken from a story based on the interview with the candidate. Bothwell is actually quoting herself. But by putting the statement under The Independent's masthead and not attributing the quote to herself, the quote creates the impression that The Independent is endorsing her. The reality is that The Independent has endorsed Bob Woerner and Steven Spedowski. Both bring experience, as well as a history of supporting policies that have contributed to the quality of life in Livermore, such as the urban growth boundary.

Another council candidate, Chris Pareja, was described by a letter writer as being like former council member Tom Reitter. My response to the letter: "I know Tom Reitter. Chris Pareja is no Tom Reitter."

Pareja is making a third try at elective office. He ran as a write-in independent candidate in 2010 against Congressman Pete Stark and again in 2012 for the same office, this time as a Republican. Both times he is listed as a Hayward businessman. In his Congressional campaign literature, he says that he lives in Hayward. He also says that he has lived in Richmond, San Leandro, Castro Valley, Fremont, and Pleasanton. In his Livermore council campaign, he states that he and his wife have chosen to spend most years of their married life in Livermore.

While he appears to come across as a moderate, he is featured on the Conservative Forum of Silicon Valley's public access TV show called "The RightSide." The website notes that this show was conceived of and is hosted by Chris Pareja. More information can be found at www.theconservativeforum.com/the-right-side.htm

UNUSUAL TWIST

In most campaigns, donations from developers have been an issue. In a twist in Pleasanton, the big money donations are coming from an anti-development source

- Jamieson Company, LLC, a gravel company. Council candidate George Bowen and mayoral candidate Matt Morrison each have been given \$5000. The two received the funds because they are opposed to planning development on the eastside of the city. The gravel company has expressed concerns about safety if more residents were to move to the area where mining operations are still conducted.

A concentrated effort to defeat Measure BB, the transportation tax, places much of the focus on BART to Livermore. Arguments against the measure point out that there is no guarantee that the \$400 million identified for a BART extension to Livermore will actually be spent for that purpose because of all the requirements that must be met.

It's safe to say that without the \$400 million in Measure BB, Livermore is guaranteed not to see a BART extension for many years to come, if ever.

Not much attention is paid to the other benefits of the measure, which include funds for highways and local road maintenance. With the growing popularity of electric cars and hybrids, the money collected from the gas tax will shrink. Measure BB funds will help fill the gap created.

In determining how to vote for a candidate or on an issue, it is important to look beyond the slick brochures and words that candidates and special interest groups want you to hear. Reality is often different.

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He is a man of integrity, known for his "grass roots" efforts, who listens and works with us. His strong and experienced voice has helped bring more consensus and cooperation to the City Council resulting in decisions and actions that serve well Pleasanton's people, businesses, and government.

Jerry is a trusted businessman, environmental engineer, family man, and community leader.

Jerry Thorne is well recognized for representing our Pleasanton City Council on numerous regional, state and national commissions and boards. In Pleasanton he led the fight for lighted, multi-use sports fields, for a teen center, for a youth club, and for civic- arts facilities to be built on the Bernal Property. He has recognized the fast growing aging population in Pleasanton and is committed to continuing strong services to our Senior Center, and to promoting programs that provide assistance to seniors including improved transportation.

Jerry Thorne will continue to be an outstanding Mayor of Pleasanton. We need his strong, and thoughtful leadership. Let's get Jerry elected again.

Wieskamp for EBRPD Becky Dennis Pleasanton

Our Valley has the great fortune to be represented by Ayn Weiskamp on the East Bay Regional Park District's board of directors. As a Pleasanton Councilmember, I had the pleasure of observing Ayn's excellent work representing her constituents on a number of public agency boards before she won election to the EBRPD. She is an accomplished advocate for the recreational needs of her constituents, and an experienced leader and consensus-builder. As our EBRPD representative she has secured and enhanced thousands of acres of the open space we all enjoy. On Ayn's watch, community desires for new trails have become a reality. Let's keep the great recreational amenities coming! Vote Ayn

Wieskamp for EBRPD.

Morrison for Mayor, Bowen for City Council. Karla Brown Pleasanton city Council 2012-2016

This election will be key in determining Pleasanton's future. I was elected to the Pleasanton's City Council in 2012 with one major goal, to represent the citizens of Pleasanton, and I need their help. Recently 1800+ residential apartment units have been approved as a part of a state mandate and legal settlement. In response, Pleasanton citizens have mailed hundreds of letters, emails and a long petition asking their elected representatives to "pause" before continuing any more development planning, but their requests have been ignored.

Long standing controlled and slow growth policies are what placed Pleasanton near the top of "America's 50 BEST Cities to Live," yet overbuilding and over developing are sure to damage our standings. On March 4, 2014 the majority of the Council and Mayor voted to continue plans for up to 2200 MORE houses, plus a \$90 million dollar 4-lane extension of El Charro Road, all in East Pleasanton. I voted no. Part of this land is currently zoned for industrial uses, but most is used by our Zone 7 Water Board, and it should stay that way.

None of this development or plans are required to meet state or legal obligations.

Now additional landowners see a pro-growth council and are coming forward with projects to develop throughout Pleasanton. Some business buildings in Hacienda are planned for removal as residential housing has begun to replace office buildings and jobs in our Business Park.

Both candidates understand our severe Stage 3 drought emergency, they know our overcrowded Pleasanton schools represent a risk to quality education, and are tired of wasted delays from commute and cross town traffic. These 3 issues must be addressed

before adding more houses to our great city.

Our voter imposed 29,000 units housing cap has been overturned by the courts and we must rely on our elected officials for growth control measures. They must be leaders ready to represent the will of the people, be creative in their solutions and be ready to fight if needed. Please join me in voting for Matt Morrison for Mayor, and George Bowen for Council in Pleasanton.

Yes on Measure BB John Shirley, Former Mayor of Livermore

I have been discussing Measure BB with some acquaintances, and am concerned with what I have heard. I have heard comments from several folks, "we have been paying into BART for forty years and "we still don't have BART to Livermore;" "All that money and no BART;" "Will we have BART even if BB passes? I don't think so."

If we vote "yes" for Measure BB, we will get all the money we have spent on BART to Livermore back when the \$400,000,000 bond money becomes available. There are sound plans to finance the rest of the cost for BART to Livermore, but if BB fails, it will be many years before another opportunity for us to get BART to Livermore will occur as good as the one we have now with the passage of Measure BB.

Almost half of money we now are taxed, 1/2% on our sale tax plus the 1/2% increase if BB passes, is, and will be used, to maintain BART, bus services, and senior and youth transit, and funds to maintain local streets and roads. Thirty percent of money is used to improve local streets and roads. Eight percent is used for bicycle and pedestrian paths and safety, nine percent on traffic relief on Alameda County highways, and about four percent for some development projects, as well as one percent is for technologies to maintain transportation systems. Only one percent

is and will continue to be used for administrative staff salaries and benefits, and the remaining administrative cannot exceed four percent. Measure BB asks for an increase of 1/2 % of the sale tax fund. It is necessary to fund the tax bonds to fund BART to Livermore and other projects, all in Alameda County. They are asking for an extension for the Alameda County Transportation Commission to collect this 1% until March 2045 to pay for the bonds and all the other expenses mentioned above.

Nobody likes to pay taxes. We are now paying fewer taxes for gas due to much better mileage on almost all the cars on the highways, yet our transportation system must be maintained. We can help do it in Alameda County with a "yes" on BB.

Negative Mailer William Kasten Livermore

I opened my mailbox today to a boatload of campaign pieces. One in particular caught my eye. It was a flashy oversize attack on Catherine Baker, a candidate for 16th Assembly District. It was paid for by the California Democratic Party, which of course prefers Tim Sbranti, who in my home we refer to as "the BART unions" unofficial mascot."

Four of the five individuals quoted managed to work in the word "negative" in describing Baker's campaign and the fifth openly questions Baker's integrity. To rephrase, it is a negative mailer accusing Baker of negativity, i.e., a pot calling the kettle black. The complaints quoted are by Anne Struthers of Alamo, Carol L. Weed of Walnut Creek, Kari Dahlen of Lafayette, and Audrey Gordon and Valerie Sloven of Orinda. They all sound like ordinary citizens having coffee and discussing current events. I wondered, who might these unhappy citizens be? I checked my Google, and was shocked, shocked, to find that each and every one is or has been a prominent democrat party activist and contributor. In

my home we call this type of "concerned citizen" a "party hacktivist." My politics? Unregistered Libertarian.

Vote for Furst Bill and Connie Bish Livermore

We urge you to vote for David Furst to serve on the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board. David served as a LARPD Board member for 8 years starting in 2002. He is experienced and hard working and since leaving the board, has demonstrated his commitment to community service through his positions with the Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation, the LARPD Sycamore Grove Technical Advisory committee, and the Friends of the Vineyard Boards. We are recommending him in the upcoming election because of his enthusiastic, strong support for preserving open space, providing recreation and fitness programs, and trails development. Vote for David Furst on November 4!

White for School Board Lani Longshore Livermore

Anne White brings experience, intelligence and

professionalism to the Livermore school board. She is a strong advocate for our community and our children. Anne always puts students first. Her vision has helped Livermore schools maintain high standards and prepare for a changing future. We continue to need Anne's wisdom, insight and understanding of the programs offered to Livermore students. Please join me and vote for Anne White for Livermore school board.

Wieskamp for EBRPD Beverly Lane, Director, EBRPD, Ward 6 in Contra Costa County

When you vote, be sure to support Ayn Wieskamp who is a current Director for the East Bay Regional Park District in Fremont, Newark, Sunol, Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore. As her fellow EBRPD Board member, I can vouch for her energy and intelligence on the Board. She brings a dedication to public service and a devotion to the Regional Parks which is truly remarkable.

Vote for Ayn Wieskamp for EBRPD Director of Ward 5 on your November 4 ballot.

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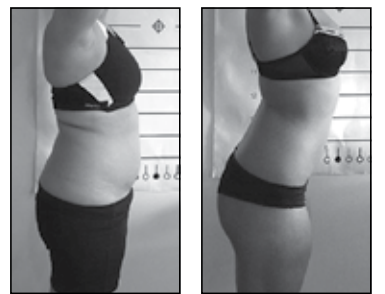
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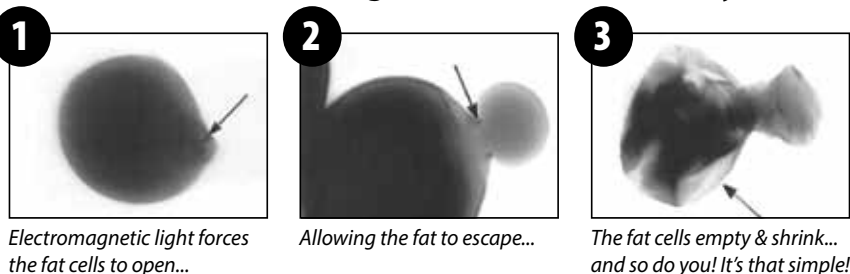


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SPORTS NOTES



The grades 3-5 girls begin their race at Shadow Cliffs. St. Michael runners (in yellow, left to right) are Sasha Piper, Jana Barron, Melanie Reed, Molly Walker, and Ava Piazza.



The West Coast Kaos U12 girls dominated over San Ramon Azuri to easily claim a 1-0 victory. Kaos' defensive line proved too strong and impenetrable for Azuri's offensive. Pictured is Kaos center defender, Madison Sullivan clearing a ball out of the backfield.



Pleasanton Seahawks pose for photo after competition.



Fire Cobras U9 boys Rec. team tied the Raptors Sat. 10/18/14. Jevon Burns scored early in the second half to bring the team to a 2-1 deficit. Blake Sosine tied the game in the final few minutes of the game. David Macintire, Nitti Dungwatanawanich, and Mason Lytle all had solid performance's in Saturday's match.



Livermore Fusion U13 Boys Select defeated Fremont Force 3-1 on Saturday 10/18/14. Caleb Nieto brought the game back level at 1-1 with a beautiful left foot shot to the upper righthand corner of the goal. Edgar Garcia scored on a penalty shot to give Fusion a 2-1 lead. AJ Morais finished the game with a third goal in the 57th minute to seal the deal. Matthew Gomes, Traice Addington and Kyle Johnson all had solid performances.

Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage Orange U14 played a nail-biter at Walnut Creek's Arbolado Park against the Walnut Creek Flash.

Flash took the early lead with a goal in the 7th minute. Rage forwards Lucia Castenada and Isabella Clark answered back with multiple shots on goal. In the 23rd minute, Rage's Samara Ayoob sent a rocket of a corner kick to midfielder Hannah Gossett, who fed the ball into the scum of Rage players including Brooke Delaney, Taylor Metz and Hunter Faria positioned in the Flash box. Ultimately, Allison Defazio scored the Rage goal to tie the game at half time.

Rage forward Gabriella Smith moved Rage ahead with a goal in the 43rd minute. Rage midfielders Ashley Lopez and Jessica Stubbs kept the ball moving past the halfway line. In her second of back-to-back free kicks, Rage defender Julianna Pereira fired off a shot from 40 feet that found its way to the back of the net for Rage's third goal. Rage defenders Sarah McKeever, Emma Monsen and Ariyana Walling, plus goalie Cierra Lofthouse-Wolf, shut down multiple answering Flash shots. Seconds before the final whistle blew, Flash took a free kick that resulted in the team's second goal. The final score was 3-2 in Rage Orange's favor.

Orange fought a very good Shamrock team. Shamrock shut out O.Pride for the 1st 26 minutes. The action ran up and down the field until a relay starting with full back Emma Tszto passing to the fielder to Kristin Kye

who dribbled it from the back field to midfield and timed a perfect leading lob pass to Jenna Brown who outran the defenders to send a perfect arc over the head of the goalie for the game's first score. At the 30th minute, Summer Reeves sent a throw in over the heads of the defenders to Jamison Grey who raced down the open side lane to the 17 yard line where she crossed to Jenna Brown who left kicked the ball to a wide open seam.

The half started with a score at the 39th minute. Jielin Eeo outran a Shamrock defender to score with her left foot. At the 50th minute mark, Kristin Kye timed a perfect pass to Jielin who fired the ball at the goal only to hit the goal post and a lucky bounce back to Jielin, who was able to pump it into the back of the net. At the 66th minute, Jamison Grey with a lot of fancy footwork, wove in and out of traffic to work past defenders and the goalie for an easy shot into the goal. The persistent defense of the Fabulous Foursome fullbacks Ally Greth, Lexis Freeland, Emma Tszto and Goalie Erika Shinn shut down the Shamrock offense. Midfielders Kristin Kye, Carol Field, Jielin Eeo, Summer Reeves controlled the midfield to keep the Shamrocks off balance.

O.Pride continued their perfect record of seven wins and no losses.

Pleasanton Ballistic

Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club results:

U16: Pleasanton Cagliari F.C. 3, Fremont Central Park 1; Team Cagliari



The Nor Cal Firecrackers '04 travel ball team based out of Livermore proved they were the real deal over the weekend at the ASA Halloween Bash tournament up in Sacramento. The Firecrackers played in 6 games, with the most dramatic being the semi-final game against a tough Sutter-Butte Thunder. With only minutes left in the game and down by 1 run, the Firecrackers put together a string of base hits along with a beautifully hit ball down the 3rd base line, the Firecrackers would win 5-3 and go on to play in the championship game. Pictured are (top) Asst. coach Freddie Dimas, Asst. coach Brian Rapp, head coach Steve Johnston; (middle) Raegan Chioino, Emily Aleman, Taylor Rapp, Delaney Johnston, Selma Leal, Anahi Morales; (bottom) Naomi Lin, Marissa Herrera, Lexy Dimas, Brianna Swihart and Makayla Winchell



Pleasanton Orange Pride player Jielin Eeo is shown firing and scoring. Photo - Kurt Emmett Rosenthal



Fusion U6 Fire Dragon Heroes and Thunderbolts played a great game. Fire Dragon Heroes players, Jon Owlett, Griffin White and Jayden Phillips put on some good hustle and assists on moving the ball towards the goal. Thunderbolts' Cohen Knuth was super on defense, Noah Estes scored a goal and Colton Salamida did a great job moving the ball to scoring position.



The Fusion U9 Girls Maroon Team captured two big wins in league play this weekend. On Saturday, the girls knocked off Pleasanton Rage 05G White, 4-2. The game was dominated by Fusion playing with determination and teamwork. On Sunday, the girls took on Newark Elite Soccer Storm in what proved to be a close matchup. The Fusion girls scored an early goal in the first half due to an outstanding cross from Olivia Draghi with Veronica Fenner tapping in the goal for a 1-0 lead. The girls then played great team defense and spoiled Newark's attack while creating many more chances of their own. When the final whistle blew, Fusion came out with its third league win in as many games. Veronica Fenner dribbles away from a defender as Olivia Draghi supports the attack.

defeated Fremont 3-1 staying undefeated with their record now 7-0. Goals were scored by Danny Lopez, David Tovar and a penalty kick by Jason Casto. Also, a great offensive effort by Justin West. Defensive standouts were Matt Gumerson, Gene Carns, Luis Vizueti, Yavuz Ozkabak, Jonathan Battaglia and Josh King.

West Coast Soccer

West Coast Wolves U13 took on Fusion on Saturday, October 18th. Fusion scored first, but very soon after Matteo Crivello took a shot to even the score 1-1. The battle continued but the score remained 1-1 at the half. With about 5 minutes left in the game, Fusion scored to make the game 2-1. This was not long lived as a Fusion player fouled a Wolf in the box to give them a penalty kick. Shelby Gutierrez stepped up to take the kick and placed it perfectly into the bottom corner of the netting the game up 2-2. The Wolves' defense was tough and continued to shut down the Fusion offense at every turn. With literally seconds left in the game, a call against West Coast was made for a foul very close to the goalie box giving Fusion one last chance to score. As the West Coast boys set up in front of the Wolves goal box for what would be a make or break shot for either team, the Fusion player got ready to take his shot. The ball was well placed, however goalkeeper Zachary Hollingshaus punched the ball up and over the goal. The whistle blew and the game ended in a 2-2 tie.

West Coast Krew remains in first place for their competitive fall league with an amazing game against Mustang Forza that ended 6-3 in favor for West Coast. Taryn Richey, of Tracy, scored the first goal of the game on a break-away with an assist from Ella Ferrick, of Livermore. Mustang Forza would answer with a goal. The first half would end 1-1. Ellia Revino, of Tracy, delivered an assist to Ferrick for the

second goal of the game. Taryn Richey, determined to find her teammates with scoring opportunities, would assist on the next two goals of the game to Caiya Sims and Ellia Revino, both of Tracy. Mia Mirante, of Tracy, took the ball down the field, found her teammate Caiya Sims in the middle, and made the assist. With the help of Priscilla Gonzales, of Tracy, Caiya Sims completed a hat trick bringing the score to 6-1. Krew played a magnificent game with great passing that allowed them to dominate. Their last league game of the weekend ended 6-3 in favor for West Coast.

West Coast Soccer Club Team Fury continued their winning ways this past Saturday posting a dominating 3-0 victory over MFLA Barcelona. Fury, haven't lost a game since August 9th and have won 11-of-12 with the only blemish a 1-1 draw with Walnut Creek last weekend. Fury sits atop the Region 3-4 U-12 Premier Division Nor Cal standings.

Fury got on the board first as striker Leela Amin blasted a 12-yard shot between the pipes for a 1-0 lead; Kaleigh Castillo was credited with the assist. In the second half, West Coast registered 2 more; the first from Courtney Kessler off an assist from Celina Garcia. Castillo finalized the scoring with a one-timer that came off a pass from Trinity Sandridge.

West Coast Kaos U12 girls scored another victory in league play over San Ramon Azuri. From the whistle, Kaos controlled the ball and the flow of the game. With several offensive attacks by the Kaos offense, the first goal and only score of the game came in the second half. Midfielder, Katie Zeck, fired a shot that deflected off the goalie to West Coast's Taylor Sprout who tapped the ball into the right corner of Azuri's goal.

West Coast's defensive line of Madison Sullivan, Angelyca Chapman, Bridget Yocham, and Kelsie Brumm created an impenetrable wall to keep Azuri scoring opportunities to



West Coast Soccer Fury U12 team continue to roll as the top ranked team unbeaten in the last 12 games.



West Coast Soccer Club U10 Krew made a clean sweep of their league games. On October 18th, Krew played against Dublin United Pride. Goalkeeper Emily Eccelstone, of Tracy, got the shut out with a recorded 2 saves. With a flurry of excitement in the first half, Priscilla Gonzalez, of Tracy, found Caiya Sims in the middle, and delivered the assist to Sims for the first goal of the game. As Macy Roberts, of Livermore, made her run down the field, Caiya Sims, of Tracy, made the pass and Roberts was able to bury the ball in the back of the net. During the second half, Krew's defense held Dublin scoreless. Krew played a magnificent game that ended 2-0 in favor for West Coast for their first league game of weekend.



The Fusion U7 Cheetah Girls played extremely well last Saturday against the Kicking Cougars. Cheetah Girls Jade, Jordynn, Ella, Raya, and Caroline scored goals. Great shot on goal by Angelina that scored with extra speed from Ella. Excellent defensive play by Reina, Ysella, and Zoe.



The Livermore Fusion U12 Girls Gold Team clinched two wins the weekend of October 11 and 12, 2014. The first game with the Pleasanton Rage 02 White team was won by a score of 1-0. Fusion players came together after a 2nd half score to seal the win. The girls were outfitted with Pink Ribbon headbands as a sign of support to the Breast Cancer Awareness month of October. In the second game, Fusion defeated Lamorinda SC 02 W, 3 to 0. Fusion team excelled in defense, as well as passing skills on offense. Pictured are (back, from left) Katie, Mina, Alejandra, Shea, Kylie, Melanie, Gracie, Alei; (front) Kylee, Brooke, Jess, Grace, and Nina; not pictured Coach Isaac Robledo



The West Coast Wildfire U15 tackled two local powerhouses this weekend two bring home victories in league play. The Wildfire easily defeated San Leandro's Northstars 2-0 and outplayed Danville's Mustang Martin for a 1-0 win. Pictured is West Coast Sierra Blazin clearing a ball out of the backfield.

a minimum. The 1-0 win over Azuri adds to Kaos' winning season in Norcal league play.

WCS Wrath U14 continued their winning ways with a 7th straight league win to clinch the championship with 2 games in hand. The girls came out to play and started the first half strongly. The Reign defense worked with Savannah pushing forward, and Kaila and Alyssa making surging runs. The pressure paid off when Wrath was awarded a corner and Alyssa delivered the ball into the box for Tyler to tap in for a 1-0 lead. Wrath used the turf to their advantage and started to put together some neat passing plays. Passing out from defense and pushing pressure on the Reign defense with some overlapping runs. Kate pushed forward from midfield and had a couple of good chances. Camryn tucked in as the defensive midfielder, holding back any Reign attacks. Just before the end of the first half, Kaila made it 2-0. In the second half, Coach Kendra made some changes as Kylie and Sydney led the front line; Kylie came close to netting a goal. Abby and Janessa came on, and Steffanie moved into the defensive

midfield role. The continued pressure led to a third goal with a spectacular shot from Alyssa. Brienne was forced to make a couple of good saves in both halves but never looked like conceding. The Wrath defenders Regan, Kaylie, Lindsey, Steffanie and Fran all worked hard to keep the clean sheet, with all the defenders adding pressure to the attack with some nice runs and passes. Steffanie and Regan kept calm in central defense and made some key clearances. The game finished with a 3-0 win to Wrath.

West Coast Wildfire U15G faced two tough matches this weekend to bring home victories in both Norcal Premier League (NPL) and California Regional League (CRL) play.

Friday night under the lights, the Wildfire battled the San Leandro Northstars in a CRL league game. West Coast Forward, Paola Samaniego, scored first on a breakaway midway through the first half. In the second half, West Coast came out with a well organized defense and dominated much of the play throughout

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Pleasanton Ballistic U10 Fiorentina and Verona played Oct. 18. Zidane Sellami and Derek Wang scored a goal each. Joshua Young, Senyi Yang and Zidane Sellami did an excellent job pushing the ball up. Fiorentina's defense was very strong. This was an exciting game. Top Offensive Players: Joshua Young, Dylan Gray, Senyi Yang; Top Defensive Players: William Zhai, Kadin Sellami, Jake Loeffler. Pictured is Khilan Serapeneni going for the ball. Photo - Zao Yang



West Coast Wrath U14 girls clinched the Gold Region 3/4 League after a convincing 3-0 win over FCA Reign. Allyssa George makes her way down the line and sends a beautiful cross to Tyler Enderlein, to score a goal for Wrath. The team coached by Kendra Perry includes Tyler Rene Enderlein, Janessa Sanchez, Kylie Karter, Camryn Hunsinger, Regan Mah, Steffanie Angelo, Sydney Myers, Kate Wallace, Allyssa George, Abby Hoobing, Savannah Seals, Brianne Radliff, Lindsey Phillips, Kaylie Lawsen, Kaila Vasconez, and Francesca Hyde.



West Coast player Autumn Smithers (Sr) holds off Davis captain to help move Wild past Davis Legacy 3-2 in Champions League game of the week.



The West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy Level 4 Team, at the Teddy Bear Classic gymnastics competition, October 18th, in Redwood City.



Livermore Junior Football League cheer supporting breast cancer awareness.



Royal Jones of the Eagles on the return in Livermore Junior Football League action.



Kyle Sands and Ryan King of the Vikings close in on Yanik Anderson of the Ravens during Livermore Junior Football League action.

the full size field at Robertson Park in Livermore. Wildfire's possession led to another goal by Samaniego to give West Coast a 2-0 shutout victory over the Northstars.

Early Saturday morning, the Wildfire played their second game of the weekend this time against Mustang Blaze in Danville. Wildfire came out strong with precision passes to control the ball and maneuver into scoring position. Midfielders and the defensive line put up a solid wall that prevented Mustang from penetrating the backfield. At the half, the score remained 0-0. In the first five minutes of the second half, Wildfire capitalized on a Mustang handball foul just outside the 18 yard box. Wildfire's Meghan Giamona shot a free kick that ricocheted off a Mustang player and into the waiting feet of West Coast defender Kylie Martinez. Martinez nailed a perfect shot into the top left corner of the goal just out of reach of the goalie's reach. Wildfire moved ahead 1-0. Wildfire created several additional scoring opportunities but could not find the goal. With a minute left to go in the match, Mustang came on strong with a desperate offensive attack. A shot was fired at West Coast goalie, Nicole Pastrikas, who deflected the ball into a sea of Mustang and Wildfire players playing pinball. As the ball rolled in front of the goal, West Coast Defender, Chloe Brickwedel scrambled to get a toe on the ball and prevented a Mustang opportunity. The match ended on the next play with Wildfire winning 1-0.

Wild: Davis Legacy 98 was looking to increase its first place lead in the U17 Girls Champions League division when they traveled to West Coast Wild on Saturday afternoon at Robertson Park in Livermore. West Coast got off to a great start as they put one past Davis at the four minute mark. Kasidee Wiley crossed a ball that was helped on by Melissa Ellis to Miciah Madison who turned and fired one past the Davis GK. Davis would get one back at the 30min mark. West Coast Wild scored a second goal just three minutes into the second half by Madison assisted by Sydni Lunt. Davis did not give up and hit a long range shot past West Coast GK to level the score at two apiece. Wild put on some heavy pressure and the Davis back line finally cracked at the 83rd minute

mark as Demi Gonis received a cross from Kasidee Wiley and smashed a shot off the crossbar, Demi ended up with the rebound and hit home the game winner.

Livermore Jr. Football

Livermore Junior Football League results:
Junior Division: Texans 26, Falcons 6: The Texans went into last Saturday's game with a sheer determination to bring home a victory and end their season with a perfect record. Just seconds into the first quarter, the Texans came on top 6-0 when Jacob Solhoff ran for a Texan touchdown. Later in the quarter, the Texans scored again when quarterback Hollis Sturgill passed to Domenic Hurtado for the touchdown. Hollis then threw to Domenic for the two point conversion, making the score Texans 14, Falcons 0 at the end of the first quarter. Joel Indrebo contributed to the touchdown as well, with great runs for first downs. On defense, Arik Vivians played an incredible game with several tackles. The Falcons scored a touchdown in the second quarter. Later in the first half, Jacob Solhoff, with assistance from the offense ran for the Texans' third touchdown. Arik Vivians and Dylan Jones both made incredible tackles. Starting the second half, the Texans kicked off to the Falcons and a determined Texan player, Jake Bearden, recovered the ball for the Texans. Later, Jacob Solhoff ran for Texans' fourth touchdown, to make it 26 Texans, 6 Falcons. The Texans' defensive team executed consistently the entire game. Vincent Torres made an unbelievable tackle right when the Texans needed it. Deegan Rabino made tackles time and time again and Dylan Jones blocked a pass. On offense, Joey Williams got the Texans first down. Playing for the Texans were Hollis Sturgill, Joel Indrebo, Jacob Solhoff, Jake Bearden, Dylan Jones, Anthony Riccardi, Deegan Rabino, Joey Williams, Alex Stoneham, Riley Christophersen, Julius Lorenzo, Domenic Hurtado, Eli Worley, Ben Castillo, Arik Vivians, Nickolas Gomez, Draven Naeg, and Vincent Torres. Credit goes to the Falcon players for playing their very best.

Lions 31, Raiders 26
Intermediate Division: Vikings 0, Ravens 13: Eli Nuddelman handed off to Yanik Anderson for the Ravens' 1st touchdown. Brandon Harvey caught an interception. Diesel Sorgdrager Dreher caught a pass thrown by QB Eli Nuddelman. Ravens led 6-0 at the half. The Ravens and the Vikings battled in the 3rd quarter going scoreless. Joey Orluck stopped a huge play on 4th down. QB Eli Nuddelman handed off to Yanik Anderson for the Ravens' second touchdown. QB Eli Nuddelman ran for the extra point. Jason Sanders intercepted the ball to round out the 4th quarter. This team really showed their heart and jelled as a unit that led them to a victory. The following players both defensively and offensively in some capacity united for this win, and they all share it equally: Hunter Barbero, Michael Ayler, Brendan Patterson, Adan Tellez, Shane Gomez, Tyler Stewart, Diesel Sorgdrager Dreher, Logan Tucker, Derek Thompson, Jason Sanders, Justin Torres, Corey Stimpson, Eli Nuddelman, Yanik Anderson, Dalton Silva, Ben Nuddelman, Joey Orluck, Alex Alamillo, Max Tuffer and Bryce Grey. In a very physical football game the Vikings came up short against a fired up Ravens team. With injuries impacting the offensive line, Taité Lewis stepped into the center position and played outstanding. Taité and the rest of the line did their best to open holes, but the Ravens were able to fill them when it mattered most. Shane Waechter and Dylan Cole were able to find some hard fought yards here and there, but not enough to put points on the board. Defensively, the Vikings were led by Shaun Smith and Jon Wolfson. Both played with heart and hustle, and did a good job of containing the Ravens.

Eagles 14, 49ers 0: On Saturday, October 18th, the 49ers lost a tough defensive battle with the Eagles. It was only the second loss for the regular-season champs. There were many key defensive stars in this game. In the 1st quarter, Baker O'Dwyer recovered a fumble on the Eagles first play from scrimmage. Later in that period, Paul Buxton made a key tackle for negative yardage that forced the Eagles to punt. In the 2nd quarter there were many key tackles to prevent 1st downs. These tackles were made by Joshua Amick, Alec Phillips, Matt Polaski, Chase Cardone, and Mickian Pickerill. Later, Joe Schweig made an excellent play when he sacked the Eagles QB and forced a fumble. The second half continued as a tight defensive game as both offenses struggled to gain yardage. The Eagles finally broke the scoreless tie in the 4th quarter. The 49ers kept playing hard as Cameron Salazar sacked the Eagles QB and forced a fumble that was recovered by Paul Buxton. The 49ers look to rebound next week in the playoffs. The 49ers end the regular season in 1st place in the Intermediate Division with a record of 5-2.

Advanced: Bears 16, Broncos 12: The Broncos started on defense and Miles Rasmussen, Jeffrey Fairbanks and #34 Dalton Johnston had a great quarterback sack. Cayden Ho intercepted the ball. First quarter ended with a score of 8-0 Bears. Second quarter saw several turnovers on downs by both teams. Nice runs were made by Dylan Silva, Jacob Garcia and Logan Church. Nolan Smith ran the ball in for a Broncos touchdown. Score at halftime 16-6 Bears. Third quarter brought no scores from either side. The Broncos' offense had the ball most of the quarter and pushed hard but the Bears' defense held them off. The Broncos' defense prevented any scoring on the Bears side. Fourth quarter started at the one yard line with the Broncos with the ball. The Broncos scored a touchdown making the score 16-12.

Jets 22, Colts 34: The Colts were clearly on a mission to win their final regular season game and secure first place as they faced the Jets Saturday afternoon. Opening the game on offense, the Colts efficiently scored their first touchdown of the day in only three plays. Gavin Napier, with his first of five touchdowns, and the offensive line set the tone for an exciting battle. After the Colts' defense successfully held the Jets and forced a punt, Gavin Napier burst down the field for a TD on the return. Forceful defensive stops by Blake Teixeira, Rylan Myhre, Zach Fumero, Morgan Labrucherie, Jason Heand Cole Gibson's 4th down tackle gave the Colts' offense another shot at a score before the end of the 1st. They did not disappoint, blocking for Gavin Napier who drove through and scored a third TD. The Jets threatened in the final minute of the quarter, heading to the end zone on the kick return, but Blake Teixeira broke the run with a hard tackle. With the score 18-0 for the Colts, their defense kept the intensity up making key stops and halting the Jets' momentum in the 2nd quarter. On offense, the Colts exploded again with runs from Joey Doughty and Josiah Knight making two consecutive 1st downs to set up another touchdown. Cole Gibson added to the score with a long pass to Josh Martin in the end zone for a successful 2-point conversion. The Colts' defense continued to guard the lead with an interception by Luke Moylan late in the 2nd quarter. The third quarter was entirely about the Colts' defense proving their endurance and holding the Jets scoreless. Riley Hargraves had an impressive attempt at an interception and Jackson Brown made a sack to limit any gains by the Jets. However, the Jets finally broke through for their first TD to start the fourth quarter. The Jets scored a second TD making the score 26-14. The Jets attempted an onside kick but the Colts had other plans, securing the ball and setting

up another scoring drive. Once again, Gavin Napier pounded through a wall of Jets for an unbelievable run into the end zone. Josh Martin caught a pass from Cole Gibson, diving in for another 2 point conversion. A sack by Morgan Labrucherie and two powerful tackles by Jackson Brown forced the Jets drive into a final throw to salvage one last TD. Final score: 34-22 Colts.

Senior Division: Packers 8, Giants 6; Chiefs 30, Steelers 0

West Coast Gymnastics

West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy's girls' compulsory team competed in the Teddy Bear Classic, October 18th, in Redwood City.

Level 3 individual results: Younger Division - Natalie Barbosa 6th on Beam, 7th on Bars, 9th All Around. Julianna Costa 6th on Bars, 7th All Around. Kaylynn Pruden 10th All Around.

Middle Division - Sydney Stimson 3rd on Beam, 3rd on Bars, 6th on Vault, 5th on Floor, 3rd All Around.

Level 4 individual results: Child Division - Keira Howard 1st on Beam, 5th on Floor, 7th All Around. Anne-Sophie Laliberte 5th on Vault, 7th on Floor, 8th All Around.

Younger Division - Nitika Chand 7th on Floor, 9th All Around. Aryanna Iniguez 3rd on Bars, 8th All Around.

Middle Division - McKenzie Meyn 1st on Floor, 3rd on Beam, 4th on Vault, 2nd All Around.

Older Division - Isabel McGaughy 2nd on Beam, 8th All Around. Mia Reeve 13th All Around. Aria Spaulding 3rd on Floor, 3rd on Beam, 5th on Bars, 3rd All Around. Zoe White 3rd on Vault, 7th on Bars, 5th All Around.

Cross Country

The St. Michael CYO cross country team competed in their penultimate meet of the season on Oct. 10 at Shadow Cliffs Park. Leading the

way for St. Michael were the grades 3-5 girls who had the best team score. The top girls were Sasha Piper (1st), Jana Barron (4th), and Melanie Reed (5th). Also running well were Molly Walker, Molly LaPerle, Ava Piazza, and Kate Walker. The grades 6-8 girls also took top honors with Veronica Valenton (1st), Viviana Valenton (8th), and Sophia Piper (11th) scoring for the team. The grades 3-5 boys were third behind Dillon Maheshwari (3rd), Justin Peterson (4th), and Kevin Grant (9th), while the grades 6-8 boys were also third with Devon Maheshwari (5th), Chase Vogler (13th), and Julian Galicia-Thomas (16th) as top runners. In the grades K-2 race, Mikaela Beeler and Nicolai Barron continued to dominate the boys and girls races, while Gavin Reed, Enzo Piazza, Daniel Enrique, and Ally Grant also ran well.

The St. Michael CYO cross country team competed in its third meet of the season on Oct. 3 at Oak Hill Park in Danville. In an unusual relay format of five runners each doing running a half mile, the girls "A" team of Jana Barron, Sasha Piper, Nina Fillari, Viviana Valenton, and Veronica Valenton finished first out of 36 teams.

For the boys, the "A" team of Adrian Gomez, Tallon Chambers, Julian Galicia-Thomas, Dillon Maheshwari, and Devon Maheshwari were second

out of 41 teams. A total of 40 runners competed for the St. Michael team. For more information on St. Michael CYO cross country and track, see the website at <http://www.smistrack.org>

Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks competed at the 2014 Autumn Aquatic Classic C/B/A+ Short Course Meet on October 4-5, 2015. Orinda Aquatics swim team hosted the event at the SODA Aquatic Center in Moraga, CA. There were 795 swimmers competing in 4217 entries at this event.

Swimming for the Pleasanton Seahawks (BT = best times): Paige Bennett (8) 6 New Best times, Emmy Loftus (7), Alexis Mesina (6) 2 BT, Aanika Singh (8) 1BT, Jessica Tsai (7), Maya Wang (7) 2BT, Connor Chen (8) 1BT, Avi Gupta (9) 6 BT, Sahil Mehta (8) 6BT, Alexander Suen (8) 2BT, Adam valentine (8) 1BT, Raghav Vats (7) 2BT, Dominick Wonosaputra (8) 5BT, Zoe Chu (9) 1BT, Camille Demange (10) 5BT, Hailey Fesai (10) 7BT, Adam valentine (8) 1BT, Breuklynn Harris (9) 6BT, Lauren Jhong Barron, Sasha Piper, Nina Fillari, Viviana Valenton, and Veronica Valenton finished first out of 36 teams.

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(9) 3BT, Vivian Sun (10) 2BT, Chandra Tien (10) 3BT, Christina Tsai (9) 3BT, Emily Tsai (10) 7BT, Mica Chen (10) 3BT, Michael Chen (10) 2BT, Bryson Huey (10) 4BT, Peter Hui (10), Alexander LeCoque (9) 2BT, Jordan Lee (9) 3BT, Tom Li (10) 1BT, Bryce Martin (9) 2BT, Karan Saini (10) 1BT, Alexander Smedley (10) 5BT, Eric Tandean (9) 6BT, Ronin Tsang (10) 3BT, Ethan Wang (9) 3BT, Aiden Wong (9) 5BT, Alexis Barrera (11) 5BT, Emily Chen (12) 4BT, Megan Chung (12) 4BT.

Isabelle Dion (11) 6BT, Duhita Gondhalekar (11) 3BT, Grace Kim (12) 5BT, Kaela Lee (12) 4BT, Mackenzie Lee (12) 5BT, Anna Maggi (12) Jocelyn Martin (11) 5BT, Rachana Mukkamala (12) 6BT, Emily Nie (12) 8BT, Vasuki (11) 7BT, Stephanie Shao (12) 4BT, Nicole Stiles (11) 4BT, Claire Suen (12) 4BT, Emma Washam (12) Gwyneth Wong (11) 6BT, Sophia Xing (12) 8BT, Josh Atre (11) 4BT, Mattias Bengtsson (11) 3BT, Michael Delucia (12) 2BT, Timothy Ding (12) 2BT, Ryan Fortani (11) 5 BT, Kacper Kardasz (12) 3BT, Jaewoo Kim (11) 6BT, Andrew Li (12) 2BT, Ashly Mehta (12) 6BT, Lleyton Plattel (12) 1BT, Alex Ren (12) 4BT, Jalen Shen (12) 6BT, Jovanni Shen (11) 6BT, Justin Tsai (12) 6BT.

Madhav Vats (12) 6BT, Andrew Wang (11) 6BT, Richard Wu (12) 4BT, Elisabeth Balicanta (13) Kyra Black (13) 7BT, Emily Claridge (13) 5BT, Caroline Eckel (13) 1BT, Morgan Gallagher (13) 4BT, Cloe' Gosselin (13) 1BT, Daniella Hawkins (13) 2BT, Isabella Hernandez (13) 1BT, Ashley Johnson (14) 2BT, Nawoo Kim (13) 4BT, Marissa Lawrence (13) 1BT, Victoria Luo (13) 2BT, Alison Martin (14), Amanda Mobley (14) 1BT, Christy Neufeld (14) 1BT, Grace Nimmo (13) 1BT, Katherine Risher (13) 2BT, Isabelle Smedley (13) 7BT, Paulina Umansky (13) 1BT.

Mattias Blanco (13) 5BT, Calvin Chui (13) 4BT, Darron Dal (13) 3BT, Calvin David (13) 5BT, Andre Dion (14) 4 BT, Tristan Guerrero (13) 6BT, Kyle Kenny (13) 3BT, Aaron Lee (13) 6BT, Aaron Lin (13) 2BT, Alexander Luo (13) 2BT, Robert Mitu (13) 5BT, Nicholas Skinner (13) 4BT, Alex Suehiro (14) 4 BT, Moritz Tamm (14) 3BT, Robert Torres (13) 3BT, Hudson Tsang (13) 5BT, Bryce Wong (13) 6BT, Nicholas Wonosaputra (13) 1BT, Eric Wu (13) 2BT, Erik Holmes (15) 3BT and Rishab Nair (15) 3 new Best Times.

Race to the Flagpole

The Livermore-Granada Boosters will host the 5th Annual "Race to the Flagpole" on Veterans Day weekend, Saturday, November 8, 2014. The event offers several distances including a 5K run/walk, 10K run, half marathon and one-mile fun run. All events start at Independence Park and go through Livermore's scenic Sycamore Grove Park. The half marathon goes through Holdener Park in the rolling wine country and continues through Sycamore Grove. These events are open to all ages and abilities. They encourage awareness and appreciation for fitness, as well as community pride. This year the opening ceremonies will include the VFW Color Guard.

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

Race-day registration begins at 6:45 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.

Every race participant receives a commemorative T-shirt, medal, and post race refreshments. The awards ceremony honors the top finishers in each race, school participation, and a tribute to our veterans. All schools in Livermore may compete for the top participation award. The school with the most participants receives a \$250 cash donation.

For more information, for sponsorship opportunities, or to register, visit www.racetotheflagpole.org, or contact Mike Nagel, Race Director, at 925-667-6535 or flagpolerace@yahoo.com.

Spring Lacrosse

Spring 2015 Registration is now open for Livermore Phantom Lacrosse. Early bird registration includes a \$50 discount as well as access to fall and winter tune-up clinics. See www.phantomlacrosse.org for more info.

PGSL - Spring 2015 Registration

2015 Registration is now open for all divisions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League. All girls living in Pleasanton, Dublin or Sunol are eligible to play. Visit the PGSL website for registration information (www.pleasantonsoftball.org). Register by December 1, 2014 to avoid a late fee. For more information, contact PGSL Registrar-Kris Jernstedt. Evaluations for grades 3-8 will be scheduled for early December. Dates, times and location TBD.

Lacrosse Clinic

Livermore Phantom Lacrosse will be holding a new player clinic on November 2 at Robertson Park from 3-5:30 p.m. For \$40 a child will receive two hours of dedicated instruction plus a stick and ball (value \$30+) to keep. Register at www.phantomlacrosse.org.

LGSA Softball

LGSA: Livermore Girls Softball Association welcomes all Livermore girls aged 5-18, no experience necessary. Online registration is open now at LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org, or register in person on Tuesday, November 18 from 6-9 p.m. at Joe Mitchell K-8 School. Sign up by November 18 to receive an early bird discount. Visit the website or email info@LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org for more information.

By Carol Graham

When the invitation came over the phone, Ani Smith nearly refused.

Ani explained, "Arthur called one day and said, 'I'm putting a group together, and we're going to try out for America's Got Talent. Are you interested?'" The call came from Arthur Davis, a renowned choreographer and acrobatic gymnast who holds two World Championship titles.

"At first I was like, 'Oh man, I don't know. That sounds really crazy and I don't know if it'll fit with my schedule.' After thinking about it I was like, 'Wait, what am I thinking? I have to do this; this is the best opportunity I've ever had.'"

For years, Ani has had her eye so firmly fixed on the 2016 World Championships that she nearly missed the opportunity of a lifetime. With only a week to decide, she fortunately determined she'd be able to join Davis's 17-person dream team, AcroArmy, and continue training for Worlds.

"I definitely want to go to the 2016 World Championships and medal," says Ani, then laughs and corrects herself. "Well, I want to get the gold medal. That's been my goal since I was eight. I think this is my time. I'm really, really ready to work for it."

Ani, 16, an acrobatic gymnast, performs at the sports' highest level, senior elite. For acrobatic gymnastics (previously called sport acrobatics and nicknamed "acro"), partnerships or groups of gymnasts perform routines consisting of acrobatic moves, dance and tumbling, set to music. Gymnasts' different sizes and abilities are balanced to complement each other in order to carry out the complex moves; bases mainly perform supporting and pitching (throwing) roles, while tops (like Ani) are known for balancing, flexible poses and flying.

Ani, who is a six-time

National Champion and has medaled internationally, trains at the West Coast Training Center in her hometown of Livermore.

"Acro is a discipline under the umbrella of USA Gymnastics. It is not an Olympic sport, sadly," she says. "It's trying, but it's small and a lot of people don't know it's an actual sport. Hopefully as it becomes more popular it will get into the Olympics because people love it when they watch it - they love how it combines such amazing strength with dance. There's a whole artistic side to it that is very beautiful."

By performing with the AcroArmy on America's Got Talent, Ani helped draw attention to the sport she loves.

"It was big news in the acro world that a group was putting the sport out there. It was really important for our sport to have that. Arthur is in LA, but choreographs routines for athletes across the nation. He knows everybody who is up-and-coming and at their peak, so he brought 17 of us together to try out for America's Got Talent," reports Ani of the team whose members ranged in age from 11 to 27. "We had never performed together as a group until the audition. It was a struggle to come together and create something that takes years to create with our own partners. It was a huge accomplishment for us."

Season 9 of the popular talent show ran from May 27- September 17, 2014, with AcroArmy steadily advancing through the Quarter Finals, the Semi Finals, the Top Twelve and into the Finals before taking third place.

"It felt surreal," says Ani. "When you're on TV, putting yourself out there for America to see, you have to give it your all and leave your heart on the stage. I learned to go out there and do what I love to do, and to believe in myself."

Those are lessons Ani will carry with her to Worlds

and, beyond that, to future goals.

"I really want to perform in Cirque du Soleil. It's such an awesome performance, and to be part of that would be so exciting," she says. "I want to try new things, like the aerial silk acrobatics and the trapeze. Those would be fun."

Talking to the petite athlete with the sparkling Audrey Hepburn eyes, it's hard to reconcile the well-spoken teen with the fearless competitor.

Does anything scare Ani? "Spiders," she says. "Spiders are creepy. But I have two snakes: a Rosy Boa named Stella, and a Ball Python named Athena."

In fact, Ani is such an animal lover that she spends many hours each week at the East County Animal Shelter, volunteering with the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue.

"That's one of the most important things for me, so I always make sure I have time for it," says Ani. "I've always had a passion for animals. I haven't been able to have dogs and cats, so I needed to do something to fulfill my need for animals. I looked into a lot of rescues and decided to volunteer in the county shelter because that's where they need the most help."

After college and, doubtlessly, Cirque du Soleil, Ani wants to open an animal rescue or sanctuary.

"My mom and I are going to do that together," says Ani, with an assured focus that leaves little question that it will happen. "I'm so grateful for my mom, I don't even know how to put it into words. She's my rock, and she's never once doubted me. Things have been really hard for her, too, because she goes through everything I do. I love her so much. I can't even describe how much she means to me."

For information on acrobatic gymnastics, visit westcoastac.com or usagym.org. See Ani perform with AcroArmy on YouTube and Facebook.



Ani Smith at America's Got Talent.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Michael Rodrigues and Ani Smith demonstrate the balance and strength needed to compete in "acro."

SHORT NOTES

Rabbi Talk

Rabbi Larry Milder will be speaking at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 26 at Lynwood United Methodist Church. His presentation will be about the Hebrew prophets, with an emphasis on 1st Isaiah, which has often been interpreted differently by Jews and Christian.

People of all faiths are invited to attend and join an opportunity to demonstrate openness to interfaith dialogue within the community. Rabbi Milder has been active in civic affairs, interfaith coalitions, and youth work. He is an active member of the Livermore-Pleasanton Interfaith Clergy Association. He received a Ph.D. from Brandeis

University, is a recipient of a fellowship from the Center for Modern Jewish Studies (a research institute devoted to the social scientific study of American Jewry), an assistant professor at the University of Maine, a lecturer at the Bangor Theological Seminary, and a faculty member of the American Hebrew Academy in Greensboro, NC, where he served as the Academy's Reform Rabbi.

Lynwood UMC is located at 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton, across the street from the aquatic center. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Miley Reports

A new episode of "Supervisor's Report with Nate Miley," Alameda County Supervisor, District 4 is airing on TV30. Topics such as the Boomerang Housing Program, Community Choice Aggregation, and an update on the East County Hall of Justice in Dublin, are discussed.

Check the schedule for air times on TV30 at www.tv30.org. In addition, the show may be viewed via Video on Demand anytime on the station's website.

Supervisor Miley's Fourth District includes the City of Pleasanton, as well as the unincorporated Castlewood and Happy Valley area.

Nominations Due

Nominations are being accepted through October 31 for the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame, which honors outstanding women from the community each year at a luncheon and awards ceremony that raises funds for noteworthy causes including a Youth Scholarship Fund.

The 22nd Annual Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame luncheon and awards ceremony will be held Saturday, March 21, 2015, at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral on Lincoln Avenue in Oakland. The event will be hosted by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women.

Nominations are now being accepted for outstanding women in 12 categories: Business and Professions; Community Service; Culture and Art; Education; Environment; Health; Justice; Non-Traditional Careers; Science, Technology, Engineering; Sports and Athletics; Philanthropy and Youth.

The 2015 Women's Hall of Fame inductees will be announced in December and will be honored at the March 21, 2015 event. Visit our website at <http://www.acgov.org/cao/halloffame/> to submit an online nomination or to obtain more information, or call (510) 272-6984.

Bobcat Tracking

Bobcat Tracking will be the program offered by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sat., Oct. 25. Meet Rangers Doug Sousa and Patti Cole at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

Bobcats are frequently seen in Sycamore Grove Park. This program will be a search to discover if they have a favorite area. Come look for bobcat tracks and other signs of their activity. Also, you can investigate various species' track differences, including bobcat vs. cougar, and bobcat vs. coyote. This will include a hike of about 1.5 miles on mostly gravel/dirt trails.

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.



More than one hundred people joined Axis Community Health to celebrate the start of construction on its new health center. Board Chair James Paxson and CEO Sue Compton wielded the hammers to breakthrough a wall and get renovation started. Opening in mid-2015, the facility will provide medical and mental health services for thousands of Tri-Valley residents. From left, Charlotte Salomon, Axis Campaign Chair; Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley; Valerie Jonas, Axis CDO; Marianne Balin, Kaiser Permanente Community Benefits; James Paxson, Axis Board Chair; Sue Compton, Axis CEO; Congressman Eric Swalwell; Dee Brook; Livermore Mayor John Marchand; Josh Thurman of Supervisor Scott Haggerty's Office. For more information about the project, contact the Axis Development Office at 925-201-6068. Photo - Chrissy Gray/Bella Luna Studios

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OBITUARIES

David H. Mertes, Jr.

Born Nov. 22, 1929
Died Oct. 9, 2014
Resident of Livermore

David H. Mertes Jr., PhD, whose distinguished educational career culminated with eight years as the chancellor of the California Community College System, died Oct. 9, 2014. He was 83.

After retiring, he poured himself into volunteer leadership, serving 17 years on the ValleyCare Health System Board of Directors including nine years as chairman, as well as helping found and lead the Las Positas College Foundation for 11 years. He is a past-president of Rotary Club of Livermore and brought Rotary together with ValleyCare on several medical projects.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Oct. 25 at 11:30 a.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center followed by a reception. Doors will open at 11 a.m.

Dr. Mertes focused his retirement activities around the Rotary and international projects, his service on the ValleyCare board and his leadership of the Las Positas foundation.

He joined ValleyCare in a time of turmoil in 1995 as fellow director the Rev. Bill Nebo put it. The planned merger with John Muir had been rejected by the hospital membership and new directors with very different viewpoints had been elected.

Bill recalled, "It was a very, very tumultuous time—should we merge, shall we not? Dave was one of those wonderful civilizing forces that kept discussion focused and not personal.

"He was positive, but never naive. His opinion formed by data and he was incredibly diplomatic. He could say hard things that people needed to hear without tearing them down."

John Gordon, like Nebo and David a former president of the Livermore Rotary, worked with David on the board of directors and other projects. "He had such class. He was the smartest person in the room, but he made everyone feel so welcome and included," John said.

That's an observation that Bill shared as well. Whether you were the president of the Rotary club or a server at the Doubletree where the club met, David treated everyone well.

His leadership on the hospital board helped it form a unified vision for the future that resulted in the new facilities at the original Livermore campus plus the expansion of beds on the Pleasanton site.

His commitment to local medical care extended to a variety of countries around the globe through his leadership of the Rotary international projects. The local Livermore club partnered with other Rotary clubs locally and around the world, the Rotary International Foundation and Assist International to deliver desperately needed medical equipment.

One early project was with Livermore's Russian sister city of Snezhinsk. That is the Russian research city for nuclear weapons like Livermore or Los Alamos. Mayor Cathie Brown asked David to spearhead of medical part of that plan. He led the effort to bring a women's center to the Russian city, arranging for equipment and transportation as well as funding to transform an old warehouse into a women's medical center.

The mayor remembers him as "so tenacious" in pursuing those objectives to help pregnant women and the babies they would deliver.

Dr. Mertes spearheaded medical projects that often involved multiple Rotary clubs from a variety of countries that provided medical equipment. Among

the countries that benefitted were Hungary, Nepal, Azerbaijan, Romania, Turkey and Kosovo. In collaboration with the Rotary Club of Istanbul-Topkapi in Turkey, he wrote a grant that was used to establish an intensive care unit and pediatric emergency Unit in the tertiary hospital in Prishtina, Kosovo. The project complemented a \$3 million project that David led in collaboration with the American International Health Alliance to enable ValleyCare to train doctors and nurses in Kosovo.

He was born Nov. 22, 1929 in Pittsburg to David Hugh Mertes, Sr. and Lydia Mertes. After growing up in Contra Costa County, he attended San Francisco State University and earned a Bachelor's of Arts in education in 1952. After graduating he was drafted into the U.S. Marine Corps and served two years before being honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant.

He joined the faculty of San Joaquin Delta College where he met Barbara Fracisco who also was a faculty member. Barbara's nephew, Pat, said that David described it as "love at first sight." They were married in 1962 and both pursued their careers in the community college system.

Dr. Mertes then attended the University of California, Berkeley and earned a Masters of Arts in zoology in 1959 and his Doctor of Philosophy with original research in zoology in 1966.

Dr. Mertes advanced into academic leadership, serving as president of the College of San Mateo, president/superintendent of the Santa Barbara Community College and chancellor of the four-college Los Rios Community College District. He served eight years as chancellor of the state system. During his chancellorship, he worked with Governors George Deukmejian and Peter Wilson as well as Assembly Speaker Willie Brown to represent the community college systems interests as the Legislature put together the annual budget.

In 1987, Dr. Mertes was honored by the Association of California Community College Educators with the Harry Buttmer Distinguished Administrator Award—the highest honor a community college administrator can receive. When he retired in 1996, the association also established the Mertes Award for excellence in community college research. The award is designed to recognize authors of substantial research projects that contributed to the understanding of the effectiveness of community colleges and higher education. He was the first recipient in 1997.

Susan Bray, executive director of the association said of Dr. Mertes, "When he spoke, you listened intently because there was sure to be something important imparted...he had that unique quality not many have. He could inspire, educate & inform, humor and befriend someone in a single sentence. He was a true leader in California and in the national higher education scene...."

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Barbara; his brother, Dr. Stanley Mertes and his wife, Nancy of Rescue, CA; Barbara's siblings and their spouses, Charles P. Fracisco and Phyllis of Pleasanton, Jeanne Packard and Darrell of Pleasanton, Martha Kopp and Laurence of Walnut Creek and Thomas Fracisco and Betty of Mission Viejo; and 14 nieces and nephews.

The family prefers contributions in his memory to the ValleyCare Foundation, 1111 E. Stanley Boulevard, Livermore, 94550 or to the Las Positas College Foundation, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore, 94551.

Robert L. "Bob" Hotovec

May 4, 1940 - Oct. 13, 2014
Resident of Livermore

Robert L. "Bob" Hotovec lost a hard-fought battle against cancer in the early afternoon of October 13, 2014 at his home in Livermore, CA. He was born in



Peoria, IL to the late Dorothy and Frank Hotovec. He attended Woodruff High School in Peoria and joined the US Navy shortly after his graduation. He was always the shortest boy in school and so got to stand up front in all the pictures. This was a life-long position for him.

Bob completed college in California after his discharge from the US Navy. He was a Navy corpsman and throughout his life was always active in the medical field. Post discharge from the Navy, he was employed for a number of years at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory where he was awarded the prestigious Atomic Energy Commission scholarship. After San Jose State College where he graduated in 1971, he worked as a Medical Technologist at Valley Memorial Hospital in Livermore, where he used his chemistry skills in the laboratory. He continued to use those skills in support of various medical facilities while employed by Boehringer-Mannheim. While employed at Boehringer-Mannheim Corporation, he received the President's Award given to only one employee at bi-yearly intervals.

He was always everyone's favorite employee, relative and friend. He was truly a remarkable individual whose loyalty knew no bounds. He became a life-long Californian as he sought refuge from the cold mid-western climes. He settled in Livermore over 50 years ago and loved the Livermore Rodeo and Country-Western Dancing. He met his wife Judith at just such a dance when Nora Wilt, a local dance instructor, introduced them.

As a 24 year member of the local Elk's Lodge #2117, he participated in the local lodge events and loved to go RV camping while staying at many of the lodge sites throughout the Western States. He always felt that there were places to see in the United States so why go anywhere else. At various times he enjoyed fishing, scuba diving and hiking, when time permitted. His skills as a home-repair expert and handyman were appreciated by everyone who ever needed help with a project.

Bob is survived by his wife of 25 years Judith Hotovec of Livermore, daughter Robyn Hall (spouse Douglas), daughter April Ragan (spouse Bryan) and son David Hotovec. He was a proud "Grandpa Bob" to seven wonderful grandchildren: Drew, Conor, Ava, Grayson, Aine, Kaylin, and Helena. He is also survived by his two younger sisters Rosey Brockamp of Florida, and Susan Hotovec-Kahler of Colorado. Bob always loved dogs and Renny, his 7 year old "granddog," misses him terribly.

Memorial services were held at Callaghan's Mortuary in Livermore on October 22, 2014 followed by a reception at the Livermore Elks' Lodge #2117. As he had expressed, he was cremated and placed upon the fireplace mantel where he could watch over all of us. We believe that according to the law of the conservation of energy, not a bit of him is gone; he is just less orderly.

A special thanks to Dr. Bhutani and Dr. Banda of Kaiser Permanente, as well the entire staff of the Antioch Infusion Center and the nurses and staff of Hope Hospice of Dublin, CA.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary, 925.447.2942, callaghan-mortuary.com

Jerry L. Lemm

Dec. 6, 1933 - Oct. 17, 2014
Resident of Pleasanton

A celebration of life for Jerry L. Lemm, a long-time commercial real estate broker in Pleasanton, will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 24 at St. Augustine's Catholic Church.

Mr. Lemm died Oct. 17, 2014 at the age of 80.

The mass will be preceded by a vigil at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton.

Jerry was known for his wide smile and his upbeat attitude.

"Jerry was always very positive and tried to compliment people. The glass was always half full," said fellow commercial real estate broker Brad Hirst.

He started his professional career as a pharmacist and then transitioned to commercial real estate in 1972 with Valley Realty. There weren't many commercial real estate centers, but the entire Tri-Valley was in a residential building boom. He worked daily in commercial real estate with his own firm, J.L. Lemm & Associates, until shortly before his death.

John Ferreri, who was managing the Valley Realty offices when Jerry joined the company, shared a second-floor office building with Jerry for many years.

"Every morning we would look forward to seeing Jerry's smiling face. He'd come up the staircase and then stick his head into our office to say Hi," said Ferreri. "He was a terrific guy."

Mark Pleis, a commercial real estate broker, said, "He was friend, first and foremost and that friendship grew over 28 years. I trusted him with my life. He wore many hats for me: father figure, work colleague, creative dealmaker, confidante and much more. He was motivated by integrity, not money."

"We both went to WSU (Washington State University), just in different eras, but always loved talking about being a Cougar."

Jerry invested himself in community activities through the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce. He served as president of the Board of Directors in 1986 during the economic boom in the city. During his board tenure, there were a number of key ballot measures he took an active role in supporting. He also was active in the Dublin chamber.

The big event during his term as president was Pleasanton 2000 and he was a tour guide on the bus tours.

Scott Raty, the chamber executive at that time, said, "He worked with a lot of small property owners and maintained an independent office with a clientele built on a relationships."

"When I think of Jerry in those days, he would walk in with a celebrity-like presence in a sport coat, with a huge smile and a great tan from all of that tennis. He owned the room whether he owned it or not," Raty said.

Frank Capilla, who also served as chamber president in the 1980s, said he and Jerry were founding board members of the Bank of Pleasanton. That bank was merged in Community First and eventually was part of U.S. Bank.

Lemm was born Dec. 6, 1933 in Cashmere, WA to Leander Joseph Lemm and Agnes Irene (Searles) Lee. He grew up in the small community east of the Cascades in Washington apple country. The family home is now an office building for one of the apple processing firms, but family members reported they could still see the dings in the doors where

Jerry had ridden too close on his tricycle as a kid.

After graduating from high school, he attended Washington State University in Pullman and graduated in 1957 with a pharmacy degree. He was a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps at Washington State and entered the U.S. Army in 1957. He served on active duty for two years and then spent another seven years in the reserves before being discharged at the rank of captain.

He worked as a pharmaceutical representative and then joined Bowerman's Pharmacy in San Francisco. In this medical office building, he met a nurse, Marilyn, who became his wife. They were married Jan. 30, 1965.

In the late 1960s, friends said the Lemms should check out a new development in Pleasanton off Foothill Road south of what is now Stoneridge Mall. They liked it and moved to Pleasanton in 1969 when their twin children were 2 years old.

Jerry loved Hawaii, so virtually every year the family vacation was on Maui and in Honolulu. His family said that he had no interest in living out of a suitcase on vacation, but happily settled in and went to the beach to surf in the Hawaiian Islands.

He and Marilyn were members of Castlewood and Jerry loved to play tennis. In his later years, when he could no longer play, he loved to walk and would walk downtown from his office on Sunol Boulevard across from the Richert Lumber Co. to downtown.

Jerry loved to eat out—whether going to dinner with friends or going out to breakfast after church.

He was a familiar figure around town, driving his Lincoln town car with its personalized plates "JL Lemm."

Mr. Lemm is survived by his wife of 49 years, Marilyn, his twin children, Mark (Kathy) of Napa and Michele O'Neill (Rev. Bruce) of Berkeley, his grandson Jeremy and his sister, Louise Fegley of Cashmere, WA.

The family prefers contributions in his memory to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave. suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568.

Anne P. Meadows

Anne P. Meadows, 86 formerly of Livermore, passed away in her sleep October 15, 2014.

Anne was born July 3, 1928 to Shepherd and Maud Patterson. She spent her earlier years in Old Greenwich, Connecticut and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After high school she headed out west where she earned a degree in Psychology and met her future husband. She and Jesse were married for 64 years and spent most of their lives in Los Alamos, New Mexico and Livermore California. She taught elementary school for 22 years. She loved nature and was an avid hiker. Her hobbies included tennis, square dancing, bird-watching, swimming, piano playing and spending time with her family. In retirement she volunteered as a children's book reader at the local library, as an English language tutor for Spanish speaking students and for the Lindsay Wildlife Museum.

Anne is survived by her husband, Jesse; three children (Mark, Karen and Stuart); four grandchildren (Kelsey, Taylor, Kyle and Austin) and two sisters (Jean and Janet). She was preceded in death by her granddaughter Sadie.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made

to: Alzheimer's Association - Research Center at alz.org, National Office, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or The Lindsay Wildlife Museum, https://wildlife-museum.org/cart/donate.

Sierra Foothills Mortuary in Auburn is handling arrangements.

Leonard "Len" Paul Catania

Leonard "Len" Paul Catania, 80, of Livermore, Calif. passed away on Sunday, October 12, 2014, surrounded by his beloved family.

A longtime Tri-Valley resident, Len was born on June 5, 1934 in San Mateo, Calif. to Dorothy and Leo Catania. The family moved

to Alamo in 1942. While a student at Ramon Valley High School in Danville, he met his wife, Phyllis. Upon seeing her for the first time — and true to the resolve and gusto that became his signature — he turned to his friend and said, "I'm going to marry that girl."

Len joined the United States Navy in 1953 and served in the Construction Battalion (SeaBees), first at the Alameda Air Station, then Kwajalein and the Philippines. He and Phyllis married in 1955 in Reno, Nevada. After his discharge in 1957, he became a member of Local 36 and worked as a union carpenter for 30 years. While raising their family in the Niles district of Fremont, Len and Phyllis were founding leaders in the Essanay 4-H Club. Len was a devoted 4-H sheep project leader for many years.

His retirement was the longest and most successful imaginable. He collected antiques — everything from jukeboxes to gumball machines — rode English trials motorcycles, played golf, read copiously, and, most notably, designed and built his hotrod trucks. He was a member of the P-Town Pushrods and winner of more than 120 trophies and awards from countless car shows. He was a Sudoku addict, loved jigsaw puzzles and was a student of the history of the American West. An enthusiastic traveler, he was proud that his special pair of cowboy boots touched the soil of 46 states and six countries. Always the craftsman, he designed and built unique bird houses, a doll house and play house for the great grandchildren, invented solutions to automotive dilemmas and excelled at creative home improvement. Whatever the endeavor, he committed to it fully and completed it expertly.

Len is survived by his wife, Phyllis; daughter Leigh Anne Catania and son-in-law Bill Dillian of Plymouth; daughter Cathryn Lyn Catania of Santa Rosa; daughter Gina Marie Catania of San Rafael; and brother Ronald Catania of Somerset. He is also survived by five grandchildren (Jake, Alice, Anne, Winland & Natalie) and four great-grandchildren (Maya, Bodhi, Lila & Leo). Len's loved ones will remember a larger-than-life character who was whip-smart, passionate, endlessly creative, devilishly handsome (and a little bit of a rascal) with an ever-present twinkle in his eye. His absence will be deeply felt.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made in his honor to Autism Speaks and/or St.

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Franc(k)enFest Slated

by Laura Ness

What wine would Frankenstein drink? Why, Franc, of course. In honor of the approaching holiday of ghouls and costumed fools, trick or treaters and marshmallow pumpkin eaters, the fun folks at Swirl decided to concoct a special treat for local wine lovers.

They'd like to invite you and your merry band of pranksters to "Francenfest" at Swirl On the Side, Friday October 25, from 6 to 9 p.m. Some of the Valley's premiere Cabernet Franc producers, Cuda Ridge, Enoteca 5 and Steven Kent will be sampling their tasty, tempting and totally seductive 100% Francs.

Tasting fee is \$5, and all three will be selling their Cab Franc by the glass and bottle that evening. Costumes are optional, but a prize will be awarded for the most Frankenstein-like impersonation, so dust off your monstrosity suits and prepare for some freaky fun. There will also be a raffle for a 3-bottle "Francen Pack."

Meredith McHenry will perform live from 8 - 10 p.m. RSVPs are encouraged.

Cabernet Franc is a variety most typically used for blending and largely passed over by Bordeaux aficionados who desire more tannic monsters in their large-bowled Riedels or Spiegelaus. However, devotees of the grape are beguiled by its winsome perfume and incense-laden aromatics, its

lithe and silky texture and its slightly cooling finish that often carries pleasing hints of mint or menthol. Truly there is nothing more food friendly or captivating than a well-made Cab Franc.

Just recently, I judged the Santa Cruz Mountains Wine Competition, and oddly enough, the wines my entire panel fell head over heels in love with were the three wines in the Cab Franc flight. We were captivated by their suppleness, elegance and transcendent pine forest and raspberry field aromas that wove throughout the fabric of their soft leather and sweet cherry tobacco flavor profile.

Livermore, as it turns out, is pretty perfect for Cabernet Franc. It's well known that Steven Mirassou is as passionate about making the best possible Bordeaux from Livermore as Elon Musk is about building sleekly elegant electric cars and sending people to Mars.

You cannot fathom the devotion this man pays in the making of Lineage. A great blend needs divine componentry, and one of the keys to the Lineage kingdom is for me the Cabernet Franc. The vintages where the Franc factor is highest are almost always the ones that make me swoon.

So, too, Michael Chalkley's unrelenting pursuit of Franc perfection is something to behold, admire and consume with great delight. Although he makes just

enough of the other four Bordeaux varieties to construct the perfect rendition of each — hence the name Enoteca 5 — it's Franc that captured his heart.

Anybody who's been within an inch of Larry Dino knows he's also a card-carrying member of the Francophile Society. Some of his best Cuda Ridge wines have frankly been Franc. Come check out his latest effort.

Many wineries in Livermore make this variety, including 3 Steves, Occasio, Murrieta's Well, Ruby Hill, Wood Family and Bodegas Aguirre, but many were already sold out of it, which tells you something. So, make it your "Francenfest Quest" to not only attend the event on Friday, but to seek out the rest of the winemakers who are as besotted by this grape as the three you will meet at Swirl.

KOHNEN

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Pat.

Pat stated, "My family and I are touched by the dedication of the Dublin Post Office to Jim. He loved his community, and it is wonderful that this post office now bears his name. We are grateful to Congressman Swalwell for honoring Jim with this lovely tribute."

The Dublin Post Office is located at 6937 Village Parkway.

Tutoring Center Celebrating 40 Years

Twin Valley Learning Center (TVLC) is celebrating its 40th year as a non-profit service for students.

The program was founded as a place for helping students with a special reading problem, which at the time was not being served by school districts, said TVLC executive director Mary Perner.

Over the years, the program changed to its current status as a place for tutoring students on a one-on-one basis. Twin Valley focuses on assisting families who may not be able to afford help elsewhere. Perner pointed out that Twin Valley is the only non-profit learning center in the Valley that subsidizes students. However, TVLC also serves students in a higher economic status, and charges them a full fee.

Although much of the tutoring works with students who need to improve their skills to meet grade standards, there are also some advanced placement students who are being helped.

The program currently serves 22 students. Typically 120 students receive assistance during a year. Enrollment increases in the winter at the time parents are having their second conference with teachers during the school year, said Perner.

The program is open to all students in the Valley. However, virtually all of them come from Livermore, because of the location at 1040 Florence Road, which is not far from Holmes Street. There have been students from Pleasanton, but traffic has discouraged patronage from outside Livermore, said Perner.

A high quality faculty is employed, something on which the previous executive director, Neal Cavanaugh has focused, said Perner. Some of the tutors work at LLNL, and one teaches at Las Positas College.

Students' GPAs often rise by one or two points after going through the program, said Perner. Feedback from parents and schools' teachers also confirm good progress, she said.

In honor of the 40th anniversary, TVLC will be sponsoring an open house from noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 1. Carnival activities such as face painting, live music, an art exhibit, a local history-mobile, and a video game party are among the attractions. However, since the event will be held outdoors, rain will cancel it, said Perner.

OBITUARIES

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Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The family is planning a joyous celebration of Len's life. For details please call 925-200-7876 or email catania2@aol.com. Condolences may be submitted to www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Robert Warren Matheson

(1927-2014)

A public farewell to a great man, Robert (Bob) Warren Matheson, 87 years young, peacefully passed away on October 18, 2014 at the Veterans Hospital in Livermore, CA.



Robert was born on April 20, 1927 in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. He joined the United States Navy in 1944 at the age of 17 and retired in 1961. He was assigned to the U.S.S. George Clymer, a troop carrier which operated in 46 different parts of the world. He also served his country as a military policeman in San Diego, CA.

Robert was a top salesperson for Ed Chovanec Ford dealership in San Leandro for several years until he began his own successful business, Lunch Truck Body and Repair in Hayward, CA.

Bob and his family moved to Dublin, CA in 1962 where

he was an active member of the community. He was president of Livermore Valley REACT Emergency Radio and established a Dublin chapter that assisted CHP and local police with emergencies and standard motorists. He volunteered his chapter in assisting such things as ground control for 4th of July Firework Spectacular and 5k and 10k charity runs for several organizations.

Robert attended St. Philip Lutheran Church in Dublin, CA on a regular basis. He was a Green Bay Packers fan, loved the Navy, Cocker Spaniels, helping people, volunteering, Ford's and had a sense of humor that could brighten anyone's day. He was generous to a fault, a hard worker, a loving father and husband and will truly be missed.

Robert is preceded in death by his first wife of 42 years Shirley June, his mother Esther Mary Matheson, his daughter Sally Joe and stepson Charles Gangnuss. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Lydia Matheson of Pleasanton and his children: Linda Mary Matheson; Robert and Nancy Matheson of Pleasanton, CA; Michael and Leah Matheson of Bay Point, CA; Victoria Ann and Dean Barnes of Dublin, CA; and step children: Greg and Elsa Gangnuss of Micro, TX; Christina and Joseph Herman of Pleasanton, CA; William and Alessandra Gangnuss of Walnut Creek,

CA; and Oliver Gangnuss of San Antonio, Tx. Robert is also being remembered by several nieces, nephews, 18 grandchildren and six great grandchildren within the Tri-Valley and United States.

Final Farewell services will be held on Fri., Oct. 24 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East ave, Livermore, California at 1300 hours (1 p.m.) by Pastor Bradley Bladsl. Donations in lieu of flowers to your own favorite charity would be appreciated.

Callaghan Mortuary, (925-447-2942, callaghan-mortuary.com

David John Howe

12/25/49-10/16/14

David grew up in Livermore, he attended Junction Ave School then L.H.S. and graduated in 1967.

David worked as a Laborer then worked for the school district as a janitor.

He was preceded in death by his father Charles C. Howe and mother Margaret F. Howe and a brother Charles C. Howe Jr.

He is survived by a brother Robert B. Howe and a sister Barbara Rowland.

Burial is at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore on 10/21/14.

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FNB Bancorp, South San Francisco, California intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to acquire a bank, Valley Community Bank, Pleasanton, California. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application/notice including the record of performance of banks we own in helping to meet local credit needs.

You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application/notice to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, P. O. Box 7702, San Francisco, CA 94120-7702. The comment period will not end before November 7, 2014 and may be somewhat longer. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Pro-

cedures for processing protested applications/notices may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application, contact Gerald C. Tsai, Director, Applications & Enforcement, at 415-974-3415. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received in writing by the Federal Reserve on or before the last day of the comment period.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 496478

The following person(s) doing business as: Running Frenzy, 6567 Altamont Creek Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Gordon Sing Woo, 6567 Altamont Creek Drive, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrants :s/: Gordon Woo This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 24, 2014. Expires September 24, 2019. The Independent Legal No. 3697. Published October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 495865

The following person(s) doing business as: Overlander Safaris, LLC, 336 Christina Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Overlander Safaris, LLC, 336 Christina Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted by a Limited liability company The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on July 29, 2009. Signature of Registrants :s/: Jennifer W. Perazzo, Manager This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 9, 2014. Expires September 9, 2019.

The Independent Legal No. 3698. Published October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 495959

The following person(s) doing business as: Venture Sotheby's International Realty, 5880 W. Las Positas Blvd #34, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Explore Ventures, Inc., 5880 W. Las Positas Blvd #34, Pleasanton, CA 94588 This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrants :s/: Dave C. Cunningham, CFO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 11, 2014. Expires September 11, 2019. The Independent Legal No. 3700. Published October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2014.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. HG14739099

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Ginger Susan Faria filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Ginger Susan Faria Proposed Name: Ginger Crystal Faith

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: 12/12/2014 Time: 8:45 AM Dept: 504 b. The address of the court is: **Hayward Hall of Justice** 24405 Amador Street Hayward, CA 94544

3. a. A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county. The Independent Dated: September 3, 2014 /s/: Winifred Y. Smith Judge of the Superior Court

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 496780

The following person(s) doing business as: L.e.a.h. and Company, 6374 Paseo Santa Maria, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Elizabeth Hsu, 6374 Paseo

Santa Maria, Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrants :s/: Elizabeth Hsu This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 2, 2014. Expires October 2, 2019. The Independent Legal No. 3702. Published October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 496961

The following person(s) doing business as: Dog Dynasty, 7132 Johnson Drive, Suite D, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Dog Dynasty, Inc., 7132 Johnson Drive, Suite D, Pleasanton, CA 94588 This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrants :s/: Deborah Hudgens, President

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 496754

The following person(s) doing business as: Service Innovations Company, 849 E. Stanley Blvd #301, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Robert Scott Irby, 849 E. Stanley Blvd #301, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on June 10, 1992. Signature of Registrants :s/: R Scott Irby This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 2, 2014. Expires October 2, 2019. The Independent Legal No. 3704. Published October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 496752

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 Signature of Registrants :s/ R Scott Irby
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Hiring an Agent to Sell Your Home

By Cher Wollard

For many people, finding a great agent to help sell their home is simple: just contact the agent who helped them purchase the property in the first place.

But what if that person is no longer around – has left the business, left the area, or just lost touch? Or what if you were not particularly satisfied with the level of service he or she offered?

1. Get referrals.

Friends, family and especially neighbors who have recently sold or purchased homes can be a good source of referrals. Ask about their experiences and if they would recommend their agent.

Stop by open houses in your neighborhood and meet the agent -- just be aware the agent holding the property open may not be the listing agent.

Professionals in related fields, such as mortgage specialists, attorneys and contractors, often know who the great local agents are.

2. Ask tough questions.

Once you have one or more names, interview the agents as you would job applicants.

How long has she been in the business? Is he a full-time agent or does he just sell real estate on the side? What credentials does he or she have?

Not all agents are Realtors. Realtors are members of the National Association of Realtors, plus their state and local associations. They are required to adhere to higher ethical standards than required by the state and can list your property on the local Multiple Listing Service.

In addition, some Realtors earn advanced accreditation, such as certification from the Graduate Realtors Institute, a broker's license, Certified Residential Specialist or Senior Real Estate Specialist designations.

Agents who do a lot of business may also earn production awards from their companies and/or their MLS boards.

Experience and success can be evidence of skill, but remember that newer, less experienced agents who are enthusiastic and well-trained may also do a good job for you too, especially if they have strong support from their broker. Chances are they will have more time to devote to selling your property.

Make sure there is mutual trust and respect. You will be working closely with this person for several months. It's better if you "click."

3. Understand how the process works.

Your agent should be able to talk you through the process of marketing and selling your home, provide an approximate timeline, and advise you regarding pricing and potential improvements that would allow you to sell your home more quickly or at a higher price.

"A great seller's agent has long experience with recent sales and can walk a tightrope, balancing optimism with realism, diplomacy with brutal honesty," according to advice from the Kiplinger financial report.

Most agents can refer you to professional cleaners, painters, handymen, or whatever is required to make your home shine. Your agent may even provide some of these services as part of his or her listing package.

In our area, sellers usually pay all real estate commissions. You sign an agreement with your agent's broker. That agreement spells out total commission, usually a percentage of the sales price. Your broker then splits the commission with the buyer's broker. Your agent is paid from the portion of the commission that the listing broker keeps.

Commissions are negotiable, but the lowest commission is not necessarily the best deal. A cut-rate agent who cannot afford to market your property or an agent without the negotiation skills to defend her own commission may not get you the best price and terms for your property.

Also, ask what's included. Full-service agents who charge customary rates are more likely to include extras, such as deep cleaning before the home goes on the market or an individualized website to promote your property.

4. Make sure your expectations are in sync.

Phone, text or e-mail? Mornings or evenings? In person or via internet? How do you want to be communicated with and what is your agent's usual mode of communication? Can you contact your agent at any time or does he or she have specific hours set aside to return calls?

Make sure you and your agent are clear about what can be expected.

Discuss necessary preparations before the home goes on the market. What will he do vs. what should you be handling? Does your agent advise having inspections done before the home goes on the market so you know what repairs are needed and how much they will cost?

How long will the listing agreement last? Most agents require a minimum of 3 months and more often 6 months for residential property. After all, they invest a lot of time and money upfront in staging and preparation, signage, flyers, and advertising.

Specialty and upper-end properties, which have fewer potential buyers, may take a year to sell, even when well-priced. Do not be surprised if your agent requires a 1-year contract to sell country property, a duplex or a luxury home.

How will the property be advertised? Will there be open houses? If so, how often?

Most buyers look for homes on the internet. What online strategies will this agent employ?

And, what about pricing? Of course you want to get the best possible price for your property, but a good agent will not recommend a listing price higher than the market will bear.

Occasionally listing agents end up representing the buyer too. In our area, it's about 10 percent of the time. But some agents will try to increase those odds by keeping your listing off the MLS even when it's ready for market, showing it only to buyers they themselves procure.

You are more likely to get the best possible offer if your home is marketed to the thousands of agents who represent buyers in our area. Even if your listing agent brings a buyer, that buyer might have to compete with others for the property.

If your agent does represent both sides of the transaction, he or she may agree to accept a slightly lower commission – usually .5 to 1 percent less. Any such agreement should be spelled out in the listing contract.

5. Top agents have backup.

It may be an assistant, a transaction coordinator, a partner agent, but most Realtors these days rely on others to assist them in marketing and selling your home.

This means some of your communications will be with these other folks. Make sure you understand who they are, what their role is, and when and how you can contact them.

Even when dealing with others, your Realtor has primary responsibility for serving your interests.

Once you find a great Realtor, keep him or her in the loop about any changes in your plans, potential problems that arise with the home or neighborhood, and questions you have about the process.

Cher Wollard is a Realtor with Prudential California Realty, Livermore.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 496964
 The following person(s) doing business as: Healthy Clean, 1673 Peachtree Cmn, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
 Moises R. Irsade, 1673 Peachtree Cmn, Livermore, CA 94551
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 Signature of Registrants :s/ Moises R. Irsade
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 496587-8
 The following person(s) doing business as: (1) Sonia Dhillon DDS (2)A Plus Family Dentistry, 423 N. L Street, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
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 Signature of Registrants :s/ Nirmal Singh, Director :s/ Sonia Dhillon, Owner
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 496980
 The following person(s) doing business as: Hoover Nuclear, 1457 Third Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
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 Signature of Registrants :s/ Todd J. Hoover, Sole Proprietor
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ANIMALS

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The following is a brief description of the storage property to be sold:
 Various items of used household goods and personal effects such as couches, chairs, beds, dishes, kitchenware, and others items typically used in a household.

Names of persons and Lot Numbers of the storage property to be sold:

Names	Lot #	Amount due
Lynn Brodie	903MZ0594	\$1,047.43
Cecil Buckley	903R8101	
Sangeeta Chadha	903L6302	\$16,464.49
Ernestine Chiesa	903R8609	\$6,428.39
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Larry Miller	903L7009	\$6,770.76
Barbara Ohnick	903H041	\$6,441.32
Glen Rice	903H104	\$1,574.09
Glen Rice	903H077	\$2,018.83
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Kimberly Rowland	903L5232	\$14,923.08
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Tri-Valley World Wide Moving & Storage
 By: **Joe Magill, General Manager** Tel. No. 800-473-9197
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Robert Lee has created a graveyard scene, complete with zombies. Lee says that he spent five months researching grave markers in order to get all the details right, using plywood and joint compound to achieve the look of stones and cement. He says, "It was a blast to make the display." It is put out each day through Halloween at 4165 Pomona Way in Livermore.

WATER

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economic downturn.

Ramirez-Holmes said the board needs to set policies concerning the reserves in its funds, which will help rate-setting, and also give a sharper focus to deal with the CIP.

Among backers of the 3 percent in the audience were Pleasanton Councilmembers Kathy Narum and Karla Brown,

Narum said that Pleasanton has asked residents to make sacrifices on water conservation. "In exchange for that cooperation, I believe we owe it to them to be cautious in setting rates," she said.

Brown asked for a "fair rate and a clear nexus" that backs up the rate. "Come to our meetings. Be there to listen to our constituents," said Brown.

NURSERIES SAY EASE UP

A small group of Valley nursery owners, and

their spokesperson, Jackie Williams Courtright, asked directors to make more water available in the January-March period next year. Getting by on whatever rain may fall may not be enough for homeowners and others to install drought resistant plants, said Williams-Courtright, who owns a nursery in Livermore.

Retailers have set the ban policies, based on the Zone 7 estimate of water that will be available.

Installing even drought-resistant plants takes bigger quantities of water than needed once they are established. People are willing to spend hundreds of dollars on new plants. They need the support of a reliable water supply to help establish the plants, said Williams-Courtright.

The experience so far in the drought has been that some trees have died, because there is not enough

deep water to nourish their roots, she said.

UNTREATED WATER RATES UP

Directors voted 5-2 to set \$130 per acre foot (AF) as the price for untreated water for 2015. The amount is a direct pass-through reflecting the cost of water from the state, plus administrative cost. The Zone 7 administrative cost represents 10 percent of the charge.

There are only about one-half dozen entities that buy untreated water. They use about 100 AF per year.

McGrail, who owns a winery in rural Livermore, and Ramirez-Holmes voted against the measure. Ramirez-Holmes said she had no objection to the rate itself, but thought that Zone 7 should have notified rural landowners that the item would be on the agenda Oct. 15. McGrail agreed.

Zone 7 staff said that property owners have been notified about the new rate,

No Court Decision Yet In Retiree Lawsuit

There has been no decision to date on the question of whether retirees from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory qualify as a "class" for the purpose of continuing a lawsuit against the University of California.

Alameda County Superior Court judge George Hernandez had said he might rule on the matter at a hearing last week, but no such judgment had been announced by the time the Independent went to press.

The lawsuit, filed in 2010, is intended to return the retirees to UC health care programs. Those pro-

grams were available to them from the time of the Laboratory's founding in 1952 until 2008, when a for-profit consortium took over for the University as manager of the national defense laboratory.

The retirees considered that change to be a violation of promises made during their careers at the Laboratory. Court rulings have

confirmed that the retirees have standing to sue, but UC is contesting their efforts and the final outcome is unclear.

In addition to seeking to convert the suit to a class action, the retirees and the University have entered into mediation, a process which is not binding but which can sometimes lead to agreement and save disputing parties time and money.



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CONNECTION FEE GOES UP

Directors voted unanimously without discussion to increase the connection fee from \$24,030 to \$24,830 in the Alameda County portion of the Zone 7 area, and from \$22,240 to \$22,980 in Dougherty Valley, which is in Contra Costa County. Builders and cities are notified annually about possible increases in the connection fee. No one spoke at the meeting concerning the increase.

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THE INDEPENDENT • SECTION A

New Show Features Works by Mosaic Artists

“Interplay: Texture and Luminosity” will feature 17 mosaic artists from the Bay Area and beyond, working in a wide variety of mosaic styles and media. This major exhibition will be presented at the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center.

The installation is co-curated by Pleasanton mosaic artist and instructor Glynnis Kay and Harrington Gallery Director Julie Finegan. The exhibit will be open from Friday, November 7 through Saturday, December 13.

Mosaic is defined as “a picture or pattern produced by arranging together small colored pieces of hard

material . . . and dates back to 2500 B.C. or earlier.” Many different mosaic styles and types will be represented at Interplay, from the traditional, Byzantine approach, to contemporary styles and applications using a combination of interesting materials, including stone, glass, tile, and smalti.

The Harrington Gallery is located inside the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 12:00-5:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and one hour before most performances and during intermissions.

Admission for this exhibit is free, and donations are gratefully accepted.

Exhibiting artists include Laurel True, the founder of the internationally acclaimed Institute of Mosaic Art located in Berkeley, California. Several of the exhibit participants are instructors at the Institute.

The IMA is the largest and oldest mosaic school in the United States. Founded by True in 2005, the Institute was purchased in 2013 by mother/daughter team Ilse and Sophia Cordoni, and relocated to Berkeley from its original Fruitvale site.



Pictured are Wilma Wyss – Pillow (lower left); Glynnis Kay – Napkin Sketch (upper right); and Michael Kruzich – Bacchus (lower right).

Other exhibitors are Michael Kruzich and Wilma Wyss

Kruzich’s work reflects a traditional, Byzantine approach. Michael was trained at the prestigious Mosaic Art School in Ravenna, Italy by Maestra Luciana Notturmi, and his work has exhibited nationally and internationally, winning awards at the annual “Mosaic Arts International” exhibits in 2010 and 2011 as well as appearing in several recent art and mosaic publications. He says that his pieces are “often characterized by movement, dramatic and subtle color/ light contrasts and a high level of detail. I work with natural stone, and Italian glass, primarily using ancient techniques developed in Italy before and during the Byzantine period.”

A common theme in Wyss’s 3-dimensional

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Wiley Ray as Roy Orbison.

Show Re-creates Roy Orbison Concerts

Roy Orbison Returns, a full scripted musical theater re-creation of Roy Orbison's concerts will perform at the Bankhead Theater at 8 p.m. on Nov. 7.

Wiley Ray portrays Orbison.

Included in the ninety-minute shows are songs representative of thirty-plus years of musical history from his earliest Teen Kings rockabilly days through Doo-Wop and on through the sixties into the MTV era.

One night, back in 2004, country western singer Wiley Ray was enticed into performing "Pretty Woman" at a karaoke bar. When he finished, he was treated to stunned silence and then thunderous applause.

This event blossomed into Wiley Ray and the Big O Band, a regionally-touring musical group paying tribute to one of the greatest singer/songwriters of all time. Wiley was already something of an expert on All Things Roy and a fan from the earliest days, so it was no stretch to go "Roy" all the way.

Ray, however, wanted to reach more people and keep Roy Orbison's music alive. The concert includes many of his most popular songs including Only the Lonely, Claudette, Crying Over You and Pretty Woman.

Wiley Ray's back-up musicians bring together a group of talented professionals. Dwight Harrington; Guitar, Lead Guitar, Vocals; Ron Labrie ; Keyboards, Vocals; Tommy Souza, Drums; James Stone, Bass, Guitar, Percussion; Jacqueline Marie, and Vocalists Marushka Shatynski and Amaris Laurette Taylor.

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

Sounds of Mariachi Music to Fill Bankhead Theater Stage

The first mariachi group to be nominated for a Grammy Award, Los Angeles-based Mariachi Sol de Mexico will return to Livermore in October. Under band leader Jose Hernandez, Sol de Mexico has established a new standard for mariachi.

Tickets for their single performance at the Bankhead Theater on Thursday evening, October 30, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. are \$42 and \$60 for adults and just \$16 for students.

A fifth-generation mariachi, Jose Hernandez' great-great-grandfather played music in the region of Western Mexico known as La Sierra del Tigre. Subsequent generations have all followed in his footsteps, including Hernandez and his five brothers. Jose Hernandez founded Mariachi Sol de Mexico in 1981 to share his passion and appreciation for the music of his heritage with listeners around the world. Over the years, he has expanded the boundaries of the classic style, incorporating a diverse set of musical influences, from well-known Mexican songwriters such as Augustin Lara and Jose Alfredo Jimenez, to American composers such as Leonard Bernstein and Glenn Miller. Hernandez was also the first to compose symphonic works for mariachi ensemble and his groundbreaking music has been performed by international symphony orchestras. His inventive repertoire includes original rhythms, fresh sounds and inspiring ideas that build on the distinctive sound of traditional mariachi and sparkle with the signature sound of his trumpet.

Hernandez also makes it a priority to encourage future mariachi musicians and is an active supporter of the Mariachi Heritage Society, a nonprofit group that teaches mariachi music to youth and reinforces its strong cultural ties to the community. Mariachi Sol de Mexico has appeared with international pop stars and icons of the music world and can be heard on recordings and numerous film scores including Sea Biscuit, Don Juan deMarco, and Glory Road. Under Hernandez' leadership, Mariachi Sol de Mexico has become the best known mariachi band in the world – true ambassadors of their music and culture.

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Mariachi Sol de Mexico

Inaugural Performance at the Dublin High Theater

Dublin High School Drama will perform the first production in the new Center for Performing Arts and Education.

In keeping with the Halloween season, the comic mystery, Doctor Death, will run from October 23-26, 2014. Performances are at 7 p.m. on Oct. 23, 24 and 25 and 2 p.m. on Oct. 26.

This merry murder mystery is set on a yacht in the French Riviera. The guests on board discover they are marked for a madman's murderous vengeance when Old

Maid cards on which each is named and nastily described arrive. Time is short on the slowly sinking yacht.

The play is directed by Dublin High School Drama Director Bryant Hoex, while Sara Vukojevic is the stage manager.

The public is invited to come and see the play and the new start-of-the-art theater. Tickets at \$10 per person are available at the box office.

The high school is located at 8151 Village Parkway, Dublin.

Hometown Heroes Celebration Scheduled in November

The Dublin Senior Center will host its annual Hometown Heroes Celebration on Saturday, November 8, to honor all veterans.

The event kicks off at 2:30 PM with presentations by local Military and City Officials, followed by a musical concert by the Wells Middle School Jazz Band. Don't miss your chance to celebrate 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.

Help us support active duty military by bringing a donation of new white socks, travel size toiletries, or individual powdered drink packages (hot chocolate/cider/lemonade) for the local branch of S.A.M. (Support All Military), whose mission is to send care packages to those serving overseas.

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

The Manhattan Transfer Among Popular Performances Scheduled at the Bankhead

Tickets to see ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimbukuro in his third return to the Bankhead Theater on the 23rd of October not only sold out, they sold out within 48 hours of going on sale to the public.

Shimbukuro is just one of several very well received programs scheduled for the 2014-2015 LVPAC Presents season at the Bankhead. The National Acrobats of the People's Republic of China opened the season to a full house with their sensational performance of "Cirque Peking" in September, and the recent performance of "SPANK! The Fifty Shades Parody" based on the best-selling book also reached maximum capacity. Tickets to see Grammy Award-winning vocal group The Manhattan Transfer, who arrive for their first appearance at the Bankhead with "The Living Room Sessions" on November 16th, are selling quickly and are likely to sell out in advance of the performance.

Artists featured by LVPAC Presents at the Bankhead Theater in the 2014-2015 season represent nearly every continent around the world and reflect the cultural diversity of the Tri-Valley community. The schedule includes musical genres from retro rock and jazz, to country music, as well as dance, theater and stand-up comedy. While not every LVPAC Presents show is expected to sell out, programming is designed to achieve balanced returns across the season. In addition to Jake Shimbukuro, a number of other artists and performers making their return to the Bankhead Theater this year sold out their

previous appearances. Among them are The Preservation Hall Jazz Band, who return this year with New Orleans jazz legend Allen Toussaint on their "Oh Yeah!" tour in November, The Kingston Trio in January, both Ottmar Liebert and The Music of ABBA/Arrival from Sweden in February, and comedy group The Second City in March.

One of the most popular vocal groups of all time, The Manhattan Transfer has thrilled fans for decades with their sleek harmonies, a tight quartet of voices that gives a modern twist to music from jazz standards to boogie-woogie and the blues. Their remake of "Birdland" earned them their first two Grammy Awards and in 1981, their megahit "Boy from New York City" and "Until I Met You" made them the first group to win in both the Pop and Jazz categories in a single year. Their Grammy Award list lengthened with hit renditions of "Route 66" and "Why Not!" and they earned an unprecedented 12 nominations with their 1985 album "Vocalese." The Manhattan Transfer were inducted into the Vocal Hall of Fame in 1998.

It was with great sadness that LVPAC learned of the unexpected death of singer Tim Hauser on October 16, 2014. In honor of his legacy as the group's founder and a phenomenal artist and musician, The Manhattan Transfer has announced they will continue their upcoming tour and will appear in Livermore at the Bankhead Theater as scheduled. Trist Curless will perform as part of the group on tour. A trusted and regular substitute, Curless has been

chosen by the other members of the group because he delivers the same spirit and energy that has always been the hallmark of a performance by The Manhattan Transfer. All remaining tickets to see The Manhattan Transfer in an intimate performance at the Bankhead Theater on Sunday evening, November 16th at 7:00 p.m. are priced at \$42 or \$60 for adults and \$16 for students.

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Amador Valley High Band to March for Funds

The Amador Valley High School Marching Band is holding its first-ever March-A-Thon. Between October 21st and November 4th the band will march over 34 hours in practice, football games and competition highlighting the hard work and dedication of students with special events and acknowledgements as well as raising funds in support of the competitive season.

Amador Valley's Marching Band & Color Guard is part of a nationally recognized comprehensive music program that serves 330 students, 12% of the population on the campus. A consistent finalist in state and regional competitions, Amador's band has twice represented the community in the London New Year's Parade and

Amador Valley High School Marching Band



was runner up in the Fiesta Bowl National Band Championships. Through appearances at home football games and school rallies, the band is considered to be the musical heartbeat of the campus community.

Students in band and guard are among the highest achieving academically.

The public is invited to come watch the students at work on Tuesday nights

during the March-A-Thon during the last half hour of practice: Oct. 28th and Nov. 4th (8:30-9:00pm AVHS Football Field)

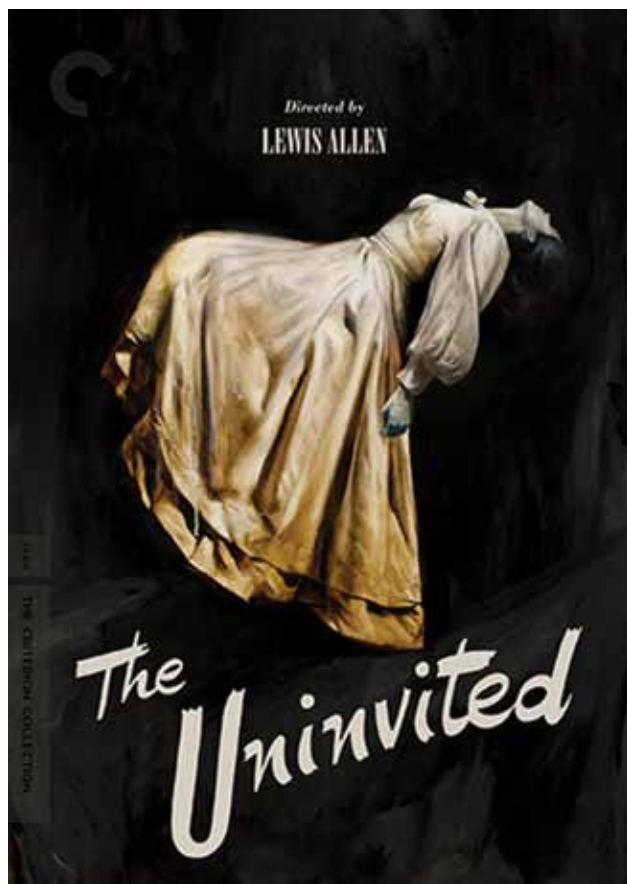
They will also be participating in 2 local competitions during the March-A-Thon. The Foothill Band Review—field show competition. (Saturday, October 25) Foothill High School, Pleasanton starting at 6:30 p.m. and the Dublin High

School Irish Band Show-- (Saturday, November 1) Dublin High School. Amador Valley High School takes the field at 8:30pm.

The band also performs at football games. On Friday night October 31st—Amador vs. De La Salle at 7pm—arrive early to see the bands pre-game show and stay for the half time performance.

The March-A-Thon is a primary fundraising event for the marching band.

Amador Friends of Music Band Booster volunteers will be on-hand to accept donations during the Tuesday night practices. Learn more about the program at www.amadormusic.org and the March-A-Thon at www.amadormusic.org/marcha-thon. AFM is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax-deductible.



Classic Thriller to Be Shown at the Livermore Library

Bay Area Filmmaker/Curator Jeff M. Giordano will present a free screening and discussion of the classic supernatural thriller "The Uninvited" (1944) on Sunday, October 26, 2014 at 1:30pm, at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. There is no charge for this event.

The Uninvited (not rated, run time 90 minutes) is a 1944 American supernatural mystery/romance directed by Lewis Allen in his feature film debut. It is based on the Dorothy Macardle novel Uneasy Freehold. It stars Ray Milland, Ruth Hussey, Donald Crisp, and Gail Russell.

In this classic film, a pair of siblings from London (Ray Milland and Ruth Hussey) purchase a surprisingly affordable, lonely cliff-top house in Cornwall, only to discover that it actually carries a ghostly price—and soon they're caught up in a bizarre romantic triangle from beyond the grave. Rich in atmosphere, The Uninvited was groundbreaking for the seriousness with which it treated the haunted-house genre, and it remains an elegant and eerie experience, featuring a classic score by Victor Young. A tragic family past, a mysteriously locked room, cold chills, bumps in the night—this gothic Hollywood classic has it all.

The free screening will be held at the Civic Center Library Storytime Room at 1:30pm. Giordano will give a short introduction about the film before showtime, and facilitate a lively discussion afterwards.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net.

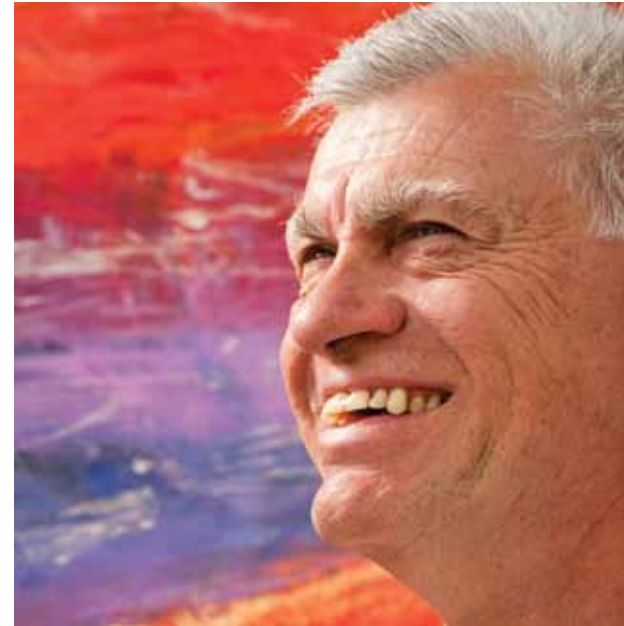
'Colors of the Wind' Program Scheduled

Author J.L. Powers and George Mendoza will talk about their latest children's book, *Colors of the Wind: The Story of Blind Artist and Champion Runner George Mendoza* on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 7pm, at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

There is no charge for this event. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Purple House Press recently released *Colors of the Wind: The Story of Blind Artist and Champion Runner George Mendoza* (September 2014), written by Livermore resident J.L. Powers. The book is a picture book biography of New Mexican blind artist and champion runner, George Mendoza, who broke the world record for blind runners in 1979 (4 minutes, 17 seconds) and is now a full-time artist with the Smithsonian's traveling art exhibits. Mendoza paints what he "sees"—because although he's blind, his rare form of blindness is like looking at the world through a kaleidoscope.

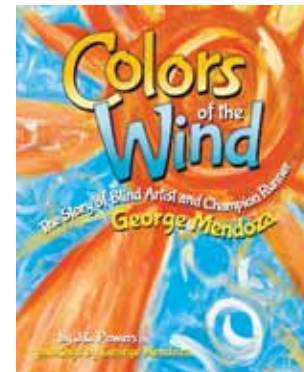
George Mendoza, a native of Las Cruces, started going blind at age 15 from a degenerative eye disease. It wasn't the sudden onset of blindness that many people experience. George lost his



central vision and started seeing things that weren't there—eyes floating in the air, extraordinary colors, objects multiplied and reflected back.

He triumphed over his blindness by setting the world record in the mile for blind runners, and later competing in both the 1980 and 1984 Olympics for the Disabled. Now a full-time artist, Mendoza's collection of paintings, also titled *Colors of the Wind*, is a National Smithsonian Affiliates traveling exhibit.

In a July 2014 review, KIRKUS said, "When his



best friend dies, Mendoza finds purpose in painting (with brushes or fingers) his kaleidoscopic perception; these paintings appear throughout the book. His

heavy, bold streaks and swirls of color depict key events, focusing his story in ways the short sentences supplemented by Morgan-Sanders' minimalist line drawings cannot; it's hard to look away from a swarm of blurry butterflies or a basketball hoop painted like a blazing eye."

The International Reading Association's online magazine, *Reading Today Online*, said in June 2014: "Readers of all ages will enjoy this inspirational book that not only presents Mendoza's vivid, colorful paintings, but also the story of his life and how his blindness and spirit helped him to excel."

J.L. Powers, a Livermore resident since 2009, is the award-winning author of several novels for young adults and two collections of essays for adults. She teaches English at Skyline College in San Bruno, California and works as a publicist for Cinco Puntos Press. She can be visited online at www.jlpowers.net.

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

November Events Planned at Livermore Libraries

The Livermore Public Library is putting on World Culture Connection celebration of Latin America during the month of November. Fun, free events are planned for the whole family.

- Brazilian Jiu Jitsu - Saturday 11/1/14, 2pm for grades 1-5, Civic Center Library
- Drumming with Jorge DePaz - Monday 11/3/14, 4:30pm, Rincon Library
- Author Francisco Jimenez - Thursday 11/6/14, 6:30pm at Junction Avenue School
- Chiquy Boom Clown and Magic Show - Saturday 11/8/14, 10:30am, Civic Center Library
- Zun Zun, Music of the Americas - Thursday 11/13/14, 7pm, Civic Center Library
- Author Angela Dominguez - Tuesday 11/18/14, 7pm, Civic Center Library

• Peruvian Cooking - Saturday 11/22/14, 11am for children ages 9+ and parents. Registration required-- Civic Center Library

• Children's Crochet with Maria Sanchez - Tuesday 11/25/14, 5pm for grades 1-5, Springtown Library

• Drop-In Craft Programs: Tuesday 11/4/14, 12-8pm, Springtown Library; Saturday 11/15/14, 10:30am-2pm, Civic Center Library; Friday, 11/21/14, 12-4pm, Rincon Library at Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.; Rincon Library, 725 Rincon Ave.; Springtown Library, 998 Bluebell Dr.; and Junction Avenue K-8 School, 298 Junction Ave.

These programs are funded by the Friends of the Livermore Library. For details, please visit the library's website www.livermorelibrary.net or call 925-373-5504.

Change in Homecoming Format Benefits Community Nonprofits

Livermore High School has held an annual float presentation each year for a "clean and fun competition" where each class works together to build a float, write a script, and perform a twenty minute presentations to not only the student body, but any curious citizen in the community.

Each year, thousands of locals gather to watch the performances that are put on, with the understanding that a winner would be announced the following night, at the football game.

In the past this way of organization has proved to be successful. Now, the Leadership Class has col-

laborated in depth on the subject of widening the purpose of the annual event, so that the outcome was not solely limited to one class' success, but success for the community as a whole.

After extensive decision making, this year, the class came up with a way in which the classic competitiveness is nearly diminished. Where not only the school gets the opportunity to be involved, but the community as well. First, the rules were erased from the rule book, and also, in place of a trophy prize, a donation box would be administered to each class to present to the general public on the night of the event.

Once this was decided, a group of representatives from each class got together to decide on a charity that they felt was important for the community, as a whole, to donate to.

In the end, the freshman class chose to raise funds for the Tri-Valley Haven, the sophomores chose Kids against Hunger, Challenger Baseball for the junior class, and the Taylor Family Foundation for the seniors. Instead of having a long table filled with judges on

the field the night of float, tables were replaced with four boxes; each one being full to the brim by the viewers in the crowd at the end of the night. Each box was labeled with the different organizations to receive the funding. At the end of the night, the crowd had the chance to select a box to make a donation based on of the performances of each class.

Breaking a long lasting tradition of competition in our school was ground-

breaking. In total, the school raised \$2,566.62. The freshman class raised \$441, sophomores raised \$368, the junior class raised \$795.70, and the seniors a grand total of \$961.92. The event itself was such a widespread success, that it received rave reviews from parents, teachers, and others who gathered to support their community and students in their effort to give back, as one.

"We were able to come together as a community to raise money for the four

different organizations, and also break the century-long norm at Livermore of having a crowned 'winner' for the LHS Floats. The tradition we have started this year is such an incredible success that we were interested on sharing it with our community, so those who participated can rejoice at the memory, and so those who didn't, can be informed on the new tradition our school has adopted," wrote Taylor Lobb (LHS ASB Representative)



Above is a picture of the senior class and their float, raising almost one thousand dollars for the Taylor Family foundation.

Cat Show Offers Something for Everyone

After two successful cat shows in Livermore, the Golden Gate Cat Club will return again to the Robert Livermore Community Center, on Nov. 1. Club president Pamela Hill states, "The community has been very supportive. Local businesses are sponsoring with donations, and the spectators have been very enthusiastic."

The cat shows are educational, entertaining and appeal to all age groups. This year the club will again offer children the opportunity to bring their stuffed toy kitties from home, and have them judged. Hill states, "The toy kitty judging was fun for kids and adults.

Every child was a winner." The club will provide toy kitties if children wish to participate and don't have one of their own.

Golden Gate Cat Club

supports various rescue organizations with the show proceeds, and there will be cats and kittens for adoption by Safe Cats, a local rescue group.



Toy kitty judging



ROY ORBISON RETURNS

Roy Orbison comes to life in this amazing tribute featuring Wiley Ray & the Big O Band, a regionally touring musical group paying tribute to one of the greatest singer/songwriters of all time.

Friday, November 7 ~ 8:00 pm
Bankhead Theater
2400 First Street, Livermore
(925) 373-6800
www.bankheadtheater.org

TICKETS ~ \$34 - \$46

Review

'Avenue Q' - Uses Humor to Talk about Real Life Paradoxes

By Carol Graham

If Sesame Street and South Park had a child - a rambunctious, lovable, completely unfiltered child - it would be "Avenue Q."

"Audiences should come in with an open mind and be ready to laugh," says actor Kevin Hammond, who plays Rod. "This show is very funny and sometimes shocking, but it is also very sweet and has a lot of heart. Avenue Q has a reputation as being that 'naughty puppet show,' but it is so much more than that."

The Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre kicks off its 31st season with eight performances of Tony Award-winning "Avenue Q" at Livermore's Bankhead Theater. Upcoming shows take place October 24, 25, 26 and 31, and November 1 and 2. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

For director John Maio (Full Monty, Spamalot), Avenue Q is, "A VERY adult Sesame Street with an incredible story, music and dancing that will make you pee your pants with laughter. It's incredibly easy how the show presents universally complex messages that make you think."

Avenue Q is a coming-of-age parable that addresses, satirizes and skewers the issues and anxieties of moving into adulthood. The show's most notable feature is that its cast of characters consists of three humans, nine puppets, and Gary. As in Coleman, from Different



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Sharing a laugh are Jennifer Stark as Kate Monster and Sean McGrory as Princeton.

Strokes. Together, they interact (à la Sesame Street) with irreverent abandon (à la South Park).

"Do be cautious, it's definitely not for kids," says actor Jennifer Stark, who plays Kate Monster. "Though the humor can be borderline inappropriate, the story has heart. It's not a typical puppet show by any means. Hopefully audiences will be so absorbed in the action, they will forget about the actors manipulating the puppets."

Avenue Q's puppets are animated and voiced by actors who are present, unconcealed, onstage. To carry the illusion, these ac-

tors wear plain gray clothing while the human actors wear colorful costumes.

"It was amazing watching the puppets' personalities come alive," says Hammond. "They became additional members of the cast, but within the scenes they also become one with their puppeteers. Ultimately, it is the puppet that should have all of the focus."

It is, in fact, because the characters are puppets that they can get away with nudity, profanity, racism, pornography, homosexuality and even schadenfreude.

Nicky: Schadenfreude, huh? What's that - some

kinda Nazi word?

Gary Coleman: Yup! It's German for "happiness at the misfortune of others."

Nicky, thoughtfully: Happiness at the misfortune of others...That is German.

Nothing is off limits for the characters as they sing and dance through laugh-out-loud numbers that include "It Sucks to be Me," "Everyone's a Little Bit Racist," and "The More You Ruv Someone."

"The more you ruv someone," character Christmas Eve sings sweetly, "the more you want to kill 'em. Loving

and killing, fit like hand in glove."

In those lines, the essence of Avenue Q is revealed: real-life paradoxes - between love and aggravation, secrets and revelations, image and reality - are perfectly normal. Relax, because everyone lives with them.

"Because of the nature of the material, the actors have to be fearless and let their hair down, so to speak," says actor David Leon, who plays Trekkie Monster. "Every member of the cast has been able to do just that, while never losing the safety of the creative environment. The

Bad Idea Bears have a very good chance of stealing the show from everyone else. Sam Leeper and Abby Peterson have done a fantastic job creating those characters and they still crack me up, even after all these weeks of rehearsals."

Avenue Q was conceived by Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx, who wrote the music and lyrics, with a book by Jeff Whitty. It opened off-Broadway in 2003, before moving to Broadway for 2,534 performances and winning the Tony Award's "Triple Crown" in 2004: Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book.

To earn such accolades, drama must have a way of leaving viewers better off for having seen it, and Avenue Q does just that. It's characters embrace the absurdity of life with such commitment that the audience can't help laughing - even if it is at ourselves.

"Life is too short to judge each other," says Maio. "Go out and be positive; negativity has no place in a caring society."

Adds Stark, "My favorite moments are those between Princeton and Kate, Nicky and Rod, and Christmas Eve and Brian. Even though things in their relationships are super exaggerated, they are very real things that we deal with in our own lives - searching for a purpose in life, or for love, companionship or acceptance. We all deal with it every day."

Tickets cost \$39, and are available at trivalleyrep.org and livermoreperformingarts.org.



Variety of dances will be part of the festival.

All Invited to Take Part in International Dance Festival

The Del Valle Folk Dancers of Livermore are hosting a free international dance festival specifically geared towards new dancers. It will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2014, from 3-5pm at the Livermore Veterans Hall, 522 South L Street in Livermore.

This is a great opportunity to see what international folk dancing is all about and give it a try. Most dances are done in a circle or a line, so partners are not required. Brand new dancers as well as experienced dancers are very welcome. A wide variety of dances from around the world will be taught.

Del Valle Folk Dancers meet every Tuesday evening at the Bothwell Arts Center, operated by Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC). Dancing starts at 7:30pm and goes til 9:30pm. New and experienced dancers are always very welcome. The evening includes some instruction as well as open dancing. The group dances to music from all over the world, such as Serbia, Bulgaria, Greece, Israel, Croatia, Romania and many other countries. The music is beautiful, and the dancing is fun and great exercise.

For more information about the Dance Festival and/or the weekly dances, email dvfolk@gmail.com.

Halloween Carnival in Downtown Livermore

The 6th Annual Downtown Halloween Carnival will be held in Livermore on Saturday, October 25 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Activities will be available for families with children in the 5th grade and younger. They include a costume contest, carnival Games, activities and some surprise entertainmen.

McLeod Street between First & Second Street will be transformed into a Fall Harvest Arts and Crafts Fair.

For more information please contact Livermore Downtown Inc. at (925) 373-1795 or lms@livermoredowntown.com.

Yesterday into Today

By Sarah Bobson

DEATH VALLEY DAYS

One Christmas in the early 2000s, I visited Death Valley, the place where one of my family's favorite television shows during the 60s, Death Valley Days, was shot. Week after week, my family and I would sit glued to the set, watching those stories, based in fact, about life in the late 1800s in the place out west where borax was mined.

I was familiar with the name because my mother used Borateem laundry detergent and Boraxo powdered hand soap. Borax figured prominently in the show. Not only did the Pacific Coast Borax Company, later changed to U.S. Borax, sponsor the series, but at the beginning of each episode, a team of 20 mules would pull a wagon with two geezers sitting in the "drivers' seats" in order to deliver the mineral to civilization. The men were unkempt and dirty (and probably smelly, although the television didn't register that sense, thank goodness) from sitting atop the wagon as it bumped along an unbeaten dusty path across the sweltering desert. Each time I watched the show, I wondered why anyone in their right minds would travel through this place called Death Valley – the very name said it all – where temperatures could reach 125 to 130 degrees in the summertime. Wasn't there another route bypassing the desert altogether?

There were 558 episodes in all, each introduced by a host. A series of hosts came and went over the years. The longest-running, from 1952 to 1965, was "The Old Ranger," played by Stanley Andrews. After Andrews, the man who

in 1981 would become the 40th president of the United States, Ronald Reagan, became the host from 1964 to 1965. After he left to enter politics, Robert Taylor hosted from 1966 to 1969. When Taylor became gravely ill in 1969, Dale Robertson took over and hosted from 1969 to 1972. Reagan and Taylor also frequently appeared as actors on the program.

Because of the TV series, Death Valley has always held a certain mystique for me. Perhaps that is why I agreed to spend Christmas there. Sharrie, a friend of mine, newly divorced and desiring a non-traditional holiday away from family and painful memories, suggested that we spend it in Death Valley. My first response was: "Are you crazy? No one goes to Death Valley. They call it that for a reason, you know. It's a furnace. No one gets out of there alive."

"Death Valley is not hot in December," Sharrie said. She was right. In fact, as I soon discovered, much to my amazement, it was downright freezing during the day and the night.

We left Mountain View early on December 24th, stopped off at Boron to visit the U.S. Borax Boron Mine, and arrived at the campground just before dusk. Instead of staying at one of the accommodations at Stovepipe Wells Village or Furnace Creek, Sharrie, an avid camper and California outdoorsy, back-to-nature type, convinced an Eastern-born tenderfoot like me, in a moment of weakness, that it would be much more fun, not to mention cheaper, to stay at one of the public campgrounds.

So that's what we did. After we pitched our tent, Sharrie set out the portable stove, put up a huge pot of water to boil, marveled at the sounds of the desert, mostly howling coyotes, and took off for a little hike in order to meditate and enjoy the colors of the desert sunset. I went inside the tent and flopped on top of my sleeping bag and several layers of padding and blankets. When Sharrie returned, we added water to our dried food pouches and sat on tree stumps and dined. While we were luxuriating in eating our cuisine, a young woman, decked out in a long white dress, came sniffing by our campsite. She immediately proceeded to tell us, unsolicited, her tale of woe. She came to the desert, it seemed, to get married (hence the long white dress), but her intended never showed up. Left destitute, with no camping gear or means of transportation out of the place, she started crashing at people's campsites (probably after first sniffing around). The last group of people, she said, threw her out. I was enjoying her strange story, grist for the writer's mill, but Sharrie, catching the woman's drift and not wanting to deal with any more crazies or stress after her ex-husband and the rancorous divorce, escorted the young woman to the edge of our campsite and bade her good night.

The next morning, after tossing and turning and trying to get a few winks during the cold, damp night, Sharrie and I heard singing. We emerged bleary-eyed from our tent to find a truck with an open bed in back full of

carolers and a man decked out in a Santa Claus outfit and a beard sitting in the driver's seat. Santa called out, "Ho, ho, ho," threw us some candy, and rolled the raucous kitten caboodle on to the next camp site.

That afternoon, we took in as much of the diverse desert environment as we could: salt-flats, badlands, valleys, canyons, and mountains. We had already passed the sand dunes on our drive in. We saw pupfish swimming pathetically in small dribbles of water. We visited Scotty's Castle near 20-Mule Team Canyon, and Zabriskie Point. Wherever we wandered, I said to myself: "This is what those two geezers driving the 20 mule team would have seen." In the late afternoon, we took a detour to Death Valley Junction, a must-see, Sharrie said. The whole town consisted of the Amargosa Opera House and Hotel, which sat on top of a pile of sand. They were closed when we stopped by, but we did manage to catch a fleeting glimpse of the town's owner, Marta Becket, an old ex-ballet dancer who fulfilled her dream by building the opera house. Of all these marvels, the most dramatic for me was standing 282 feet below sea level at Badwater Basin, the lowest point in the United States, which, ironically, is within a comfortable driving distance from the highest point in the country, Mount Whitney.

We didn't spend another night in Death Valley because I developed some sort of allergic reaction, perhaps to the mold on the damp ground during the night, or to the extreme dryness and dust during the day, or just to the barren bizarreness of the place. Nevertheless, I did get what I had come for: a chance to turn childhood celluloid images into reality.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

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

Pleasanton Art League 5th Annual Members' Juried Exhibition at the Harrington Gallery. Art media of all types will be represented, including watercolor, acrylic, printmaking, photography, oils, collage, 3-D, and collage. This popular show will feature a variety of fresh new works by member artists, most of whom live in the Tri-Valley area. Awards will be selected by special guest juror Jane Hofstetter, noted national artist, teacher, author and adjudicator. 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. The exhibit will run through October 25.

Texture and Luminosity – A Mosaic Art Exhibit, on display November 7 through December 13. New installation at the Harrington Gallery. 17 artists from the Bay Area and beyond in new exhibition co-curated by Pleasanton mosaic artist and instructor Glynnis Kaye and Harrington Gallery Director Julie Finegan. A wide variety of styles and types of mosaic artwork will be on view, from a traditional, Byzantine approach, to contemporary styles and applications, including stone, glass, tile, and smalti. Free opening reception with artists, will be held on Thursday, November 6, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. During the reception, and from 11:30-2:30 on Saturday, November 8, IMA (Institute of Mosaic Art) co-director Sophia Cordonio and others will demonstrate mosaic processes. Saturday, November 8, from 11:30 to 2:30, several of the artists will facilitate a collaborative project that visitors can participate in. 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. Exhibit dates: November 7 through December 13.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Open Mic Night with My Friends at Pleasanton Public Library, 2nd Monday of most months. Nov. 10. Poets, Prose and Songwriters invited to share latest poem, excerpt from your novel, or perform an acoustic musical composition with a supportive audience. Sign up between 6:00 and 6:15 pm for a 5 minute slot. Program free and open to the public. Some subject matter and language may not be appropriate for ages under 16. Contact Jordan Bernal at openmic@trivalleywriters.org or call the library at 931-3400 ext. 4. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

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

ACC /Art Critique & Coffee - Local Artist Group sharing Plein Air work of Pleasanton called "Our Town" is now at the Pleasanton Library & Tully's for the month of August. See original artwork in Oil, Acrylic and Watercolor by Award Winning Artists, Claudette McDermott, Loralee Chapleau, John West, Judi Caplan and Alka Vaidya. Locations such as the Alviso Adobe, The Museum on Main, Marilyn Murphy Kane Trail, Milfeur and more, can be seen through the Artist's Eyes when you visit the Library at 400 Old Bernal Ave, Pleasanton. Hours are 10 am. - 9 p.m. Mon-Thur, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri. - Sat, 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

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

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

PPL/Pleasanton Poetry League, now meeting the 1st Thursday and 3rd Wednesday of each month 7:00 at The Corner Bakery Cafe in Pleasanton. Join

us as we challenge ourselves to poetically relay our thoughts, emotions and experiences through poetry. Become a member & share your work - Contact PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com for more info on Theme Challenges, Membership & Opportunities.

Ukulele Circle, Meetings held the 2nd and last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs.

WINERY EVENTS

Wine Competition Entries sought, The San Francisco Chronicle is currently accepting wine entries for the 2015 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, the largest wine competition of American wines in the world. The deadline for entries is November 20, 2014. Information and entry forms are available at www.winejudging.com

Wine Wednesdays, Livermore Valley wineries will be hosting "Wine Wednesdays" each Wednesday through October. One featured winery will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. to help guests "wine-down" from the work week or just grab a taste of wine before going out to dinner in the Tri-Valley. Oct. 29, Dante Robere Vineyards; Nov. 5, Cuda Ridge Wines; Nov. 12, Page Mill Winery; Nov. 19, Crooked Vine Winery and Stony Ridge Winery. Check for the winery listings at www.lvwine.org.

Wente Vineyards, Friends Night Out, 6 to 9 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 23. Complimentary consultations by Macy's make-up artists will be available. See the latest Macy's women's and men's bridal and evening wear for 2015 provided by Macy's by Appointment. European Wax Center, Tracy Party Lite Candles, Jam-berry Nail Art and more vendors will be showcased. Wines by the glass and bottle will be available for purchase. 925-456-2305. Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore

Las Positas Vineyards, Friday, October 24, A Long and Winery Road" a 70's & Beatles-themed wine tasting anniversary event. This event benefits CRL, Community Resources for Independent Living. Tickets are \$25, which includes wine tasting, appetizers and dessert. The event will also feature a raffle and costume prizes. 630pm-930pm. For more information please call 925-449-9463 or visit CRL.Hayward.org. Sunday, October 26 "Sunday Funday" special cheese & wine pairing flight. \$10 for club members or \$15 for non-members. For more information please contact us at 925-449-9463 or email curt@laspositasvineyards.com

Charles R Vineyards Mystery Dinner: "Death is a Cabernet, or Chum." Investigate the death of Cabernet vintner Malcolm Melee. 6 p.m. Oct. 25, play and dinner included in ticket \$65,

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Rodrigue Molyneaux winery is releasing a new Bordeaux, Le Bodge this weekend, Oct. 25 and 26, 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Bring a picnic or cheese and crackers and sit in the Fall gardens while tasting this rich new estate blend. www.rmwinery.com/3053MarinaAve.,Livermore.443-1998.

Fall Fiesta and Club Pick Up Party at Charles R Vineyards. Nov. 15, noon to 4:30 p.m. Live music by Steve and Nadia will highlight the wine and food pairings. In addition to the wine pairings, Port will be served with Bonnie's famous Port Brownies. Special recipes and pairings will be available for holiday gatherings. 8195 Crane Ridge Rd., in Livermore.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

Orchestra "Canned" Concert, Las Positas College Main Theater, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23. Includes canned food drive. Center for the Performing Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts>

The Lettermen, 7:30 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 23. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Livermore-Amador Symphony Pops Concert, Fri., Oct. 24, Robert Macy's women's and men's bridal and evening wear for 2015 provided by Macy's by Appointment. European Wax Center, Tracy Party Lite Candles, Jam-berry Nail Art and more vendors will be showcased. Wines by the glass and bottle will be available for purchase. 925-456-2305. Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore

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of Phillip Truckenbrod Concert Artists, to promote his Edvard Grieg CD. www.cityoflivermore.net

Roy Orbison Returns, fully-scripted musical theater re-creation of Roy Orbison's 1980's concert era with costumes, lighting, staging and Orbison's set list. 8 p.m. Nov. 7. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Del Valle Fine Arts, Avenue Winds, 8 p.m. Nov. 8. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Pacific Chamber Symphony, 2 p.m. Nov. 9, The Sorcerer's Apprentice meets The Hobbit, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Manhattan Transfer, 7 p.m. Sun., Nov. 16. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Preservation Hall Jazz Band & Allen Toussaint, 7:30 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 20. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Abbey Road, classic albums live - the Beatles. 8 p.m. Fri., Nov. 21. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

2nd Annual Holiday Youth Music Festival, Nov. 29, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

December People Holiday Rock 'n' Roll Favorites, Nov. 29, 8 p.m. at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Pleasanton Community Concert Band, holiday concert, 2 p.m. Nov. 30. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Pacific Chamber Symphony, 2 p.m. Nov. 30, Frideric Handel—Messiah. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

ON THE STAGE

Avenue Q, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, Oct. 24, 25, 26, 31; Nov. 1, 2; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The Senior Players Present... Always a Bridesmaid, Oct. 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Creators of Impulse presents: NIGHT-MARE. A totally improvised, live horror show. The Bay Area's award-winning teen improv troupe celebrates the kickoff of their 5th Season at the Firehouse Arts Center with the fall classic. Every show different. Thursday, October 30 and Saturday, November 1, at 7:30 p.m. Free preview show: Tuesday, Oct.

28, 7:30 p.m. Special 5th Anniversary Halloween late-night show (costumes encouraged) for ages 14 and up only: Saturday, October 31, 9:00 p.m. Audience suggestions drive the characters and stories for this un-scripted theatrical horror fest. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. General admission tickets: students \$5, adults \$10. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org. 925-931-4848, or at the Box Office at the center. Free parking.

Telling Tales at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre; Unforgettable Holiday Stories, on Monday, November 17, 2014. 8 p.m. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. \$5 open seating. (510) 881-6777; www.dmtonline.org. All are welcome to contribute and participate. Send a story idea to tales@dmtonline.org. For complete "Telling Tales Story Guidelines," visit the DMT website at www.dmtonline.org

Children's Theater Aesop's Fables, Oct. 24, 7 p.m. and Oct. 25, 3 p.m. Las Positas College Black Box Theater, Performing Arts Center, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts>

Singin' in the Rain, Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre, Nov. 7-23, Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Candide, based on the novel by Voltaire and featuring Leonard Bernstein's score, this rollicking musical satire chronicles the lives and loves of Candide, a simple soul whose glass is always half-full. Nov. 7-30. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. (510) 881-6777; www.dmtonline.org

LUMA: Theater of Light, 8 p.m. Fri., Nov. 14. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The Comedy of Errors, Nov. 14-23, Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m. and Sun. 2 p.m. Las Positas College Main State, Performing Arts Center, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts>

MOVIES

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borromeo.org/ and share this message, then join us for this important film. Classic Film Series, First Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. through June 2015. Pleasanton Library meeting room. The programs are free and all are welcome to attend. Note that some films are mature in content and may not be suitable for children.

DANCE

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Political Issues Book Club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs in both the

national and international arenas. Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history, sociology, science, the climate, and religion. Contact Rich at 872-7923, for further questions

We're Talkin' Books! Club is a member-centered book group led by a small group of book club veterans, with reading selections based on member recommendations and consensus.

No homework required—share your insights or just listen in! Contact Susan at 337-1282 regarding the *We're Talkin' Books! Club*.

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

Ghost Walk 2014, Oct. 24, 25, 90

minute guided tour of Pleasanton's most haunted sites along Main Street. Museum on Main event. \$18 adults, \$13 children age 12 and under. Tours depart the museum every 30 minutes between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets purchased online at www.museumonmain.org by calling 462-2766 or in person at 603 Main Street, Pleasanton.

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Kelly Corrigan: Family History - Can We Escape It? Author of "The Middle Place" and "Glitter and Glue." 7:30 p.m., Nov. 13. Rae Dorrough Speaker Series, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org, 373-6800.

Holiday Craft Boutique, Saturday, November 15, 2014, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Presented by the Dublin Senior Center and the Dublin Senior Foundation. Selection of original handmade arts and crafts. Entrance is free. For more information call (925) 556-4511 or email seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov.

Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. November 16: Best-selling sci-fi author, and Livermore High School graduate, Andy Weir will speak about his book "The Martian." www.cityoflivermore.net



Livermore Library presents exhibition.

Public Invited to Receptions for Two Shows



Work by Charlotte Severin

Two shows featuring scenes of California will be available to viewing by the public.

Both will offer receptions on November 8.

"Memories of Mendocino," a one person exhibit of plein art watercolors by Charlotte Severin will be on display at the Firehouse Arts Center through November 13. The paintings can be seen on the Pleasanton Art League Memorial Wall.

A special meet the artist event will be held from noon to 1 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 8 at the Firehouse, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton.

The exhibit can be seen at other times Wed.-Fri. noon to 5 p.m. and Sat. from noon to 3 p.m.

Scenes of California, an exhibit of works painted by Charlotte Severin and fellow artist travelers will be on display at the Livermore Civic Center Library Nov. 1 through 30. A reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 8 at the library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue.

The show can be seen during regular library hours, Mon.-Thurs. 10 to 9; Fri. 10 to 6; Sat. 10 to 5; and Sun. noon to 5 p.m. For additional information, call 373-5500.

Singers Invited to Perform 'Messiah' with Chamber Symphony

The Pacific Chamber Symphony, under the direction of Lawrence Kohl, will be presenting portions of Händel's Messiah on Sunday, November 30th, 2014 at 2:00 pm in the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

Händel's masterful oratorio, which first premiered in Dublin, Ireland on April

13th, 1741 during Easter, is now more often performed during the Christmas holiday season.

Experienced choral singers, who have sung Messiah or similar choral works, are invited join the chorus for the November performance.

All voice parts will be welcome. Although there is

no formal audition, singers need to be aware of their abilities since the performance will include a professional orchestra and soloists.

Rehearsals begin Tuesday, November 4th at 7:00 pm and will be held Room 4130 of the Mertes Center for the Arts on the campus of Las Positas College in

Livermore.

Rob Lappa, Director of Choral Music at Las Positas, will prepare the chorus. If you are interested in singing with this performance, please contact him at rlappa@laspositascollege.edu or come to the first rehearsal on Tuesday, November 4th.

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pieces is irony: two of her "pillows" are included. Wyss calls her aesthetic often "a dichotomy of order and the unexpected... (resulting from) a collision of the rich and lively ornamentation in African culture (from her childhood in West Africa) and the Swiss tradition of orderliness and precision (from her Swiss parents)." She also speaks about her "eye-opening

discovery of the hypnotic beauty of pattern."

A free opening reception with many of the artists will be held on Thursday, November 6, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Harrington Gallery. Light refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome to come explore the exhibit, and ask questions and chat with the artists.

During the opening

reception, as well as on Saturday, November 8, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., IMA co-director Sophia Cordoni and other practitioners will demonstrate and explain mosaic processes. Location: the Grand Atrium Lobby at the Firehouse Arts Center.

On Saturday, Novem-

ber 8, from 11:30 to 2:30, several of the artists will facilitate a collaborative project in which visitors can participate or just observe. No previous experience is required.

Many of the works on exhibit will be available for purchase.


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Sandy Hook Parent Focuses on Healing Through Compassion

Many of us will never forget December 14, 2012 when we learned about the unimaginable violence that took place at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. No parent should ever have to endure such an experience.

Scarlett Lewis has. She lost her youngest son Jesse. Jesse was a brave boy, and by all accounts, saved many other children from being shot that day as he shouted for his classmates to run while the gunman paused to reload. He was shot moments later.

Her story is not one about a massacre. While some parents who lost a child during this massacre have become gun activists, and work with legislators for tighter gun control laws, Lewis has a different message.

According to Lewis, one can choose love over anger, gratitude over entitlement, and forgiveness and compassion over bitterness. She has learned that love is the essential element necessary to move forward. Taking this path of love is a choice. "We can live in anger and resentment, or we can choose love and forgiveness," Lewis explains.

Since the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy, Lewis has consulted with industry leaders and educators in the field of compassion. She is focused on developing and bringing educational programs into the school system, to teach children how to handle their angry thoughts and be compassionate.

On Friday, November 14, 2014, Lewis is the spotlight speaker for "Healing through Compassion A Conversation with Scarlett Lewis" at the First Presbyterian Church. Admission is \$20 per person, includes a copy of Lewis' book "Nurturing Healing Love" and proceeds benefit her non-profit organization, Jesse Lewis Choose Love Foundation.

While visiting the Bay Area, Lewis is also part of the Compassion and Healthcare Conference in San Francisco, which is being held during Compassion Week 2014. The Charter for Compassion, The Center for Compassion and Altruism Research & Education (CCARE) at Stanford University, and the Tensin Gyatso Institute are jointly hosting a whole week of compassion events in San Francisco, November 10th to 16th, 2014.

To help local inmates find compassion and forgiveness in their lives, Lewis expands her community reach with a private presentation at Santa Rita jail in Dublin.

An all-day "Everything is Possible with Healing and Compassion" workshop with colleagues Dana Liesegang and local resident Kate Mackinnon is available. Liesegang also has a message of forgiveness after being violently attacked, raped, and thrown off a 75-foot cliff. She awoke from an 18-hour coma, in a hospital paralyzed from the neck down, several internal injuries and a severe head injury. Over twenty years later, she is working on leaving her wheelchair behind, has the ability to walk with the aid of a walker and/or crutches and has discovered how to forgive her attacker. Mackinnon is a Craniosacral Therapist who continues to help Lewis and Liesegang heal with Craniosacral Therapy.

For additional details or ticket purchases for "Healing through Compassion – A Conversation with Scarlett Lewis" please visit <http://www.fpcl.us>

Questions may be directed to Lauren Doko at 925-518-1648 or lauren@kmackinnon.com

BULLETIN BOARD

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Holiday Boutique, Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association annual Holiday boutique on November 1, 2014 at the Veteran's Hall in Livermore at Fourth and L Streets, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Twenty plus vendors will be there with their tables full of handcrafted items so get out your holiday shopping list and come on down. While you are shopping stop by the snack bar for lunch from the veterans from Las Positas Veterans First Program as they will be serving you.

Holiday Boutique, Peddler Shoppe, gifts created by local seniors including wooden toys, quilts, appliqued jackets, and more. Holiday boutique, Nov. 4, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

Holiday Boutique, Golden Circle Seniors featuring handmade and unique gifts. Proceeds go to local charities. Nov. 4 and 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Arroyo Room, Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

Holiday Craft Fair, Tri-Valley Haven will be hosting its 3rd Annual Holiday Craft Fair on Thursday, November 6th, from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The event will be held at The Barn located at 3131 Pacific Avenue in Livermore. Come shop for unique handcrafted items made by local artisans. Merchandise will include jewelry, textiles, pottery, woodwork and more. Proceeds support Tri-Valley Haven's services for survivors of abuse, assault, and homelessness. For more information about this event, or services offered by Tri-Valley Haven, please contact Stacey at 925-449-5845 ext. 2711 or Stacey@trivalleyhaven.org.

Livermore Lions Xmas Boutique, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 8, Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Hand crafted gifts are the primary focus. There will 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 and raffle tickets will be sold for those special people who are there to purchase gifts and tickets will be drawn for crafts. Food will be available for purchase. Crafty people who would like to participate as vendors, contact Lion Ben Barrientos at 925 449- 9974 or ben_barrientos1121@att.com for booth costs and availability

Holiday Boutique at Our Savior, 1385 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. November 8, 10am - 3pm. Shop in a festive atmosphere with booths offering a wide variety of goods from local artists. Merchandise includes a large selection of edible items from confectionery, jams, jellies and sauces, to fresh baked bread. Also, an array of unique one-of-a-kind items from a local woodworker as well as other artists selling jewelry, tote bags, knitwear, personalized napkins and more. High school youth will be selling breakfast and lunch items to benefit

their outreach and mission work. For more information, call the church office at 447-2429.

Holiday Bazaar, Friday and Saturday, November 7-8, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Unique handmade gifts, children's items, holiday decorations, and ornaments. Jellies, candies, and baked goods available. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho Street, Livermore.

Animal Lover's Boutique, located year-round in the lobby of Feline Medical Center (FMC), 3160 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton, will hold the 15th Annual Holiday Sale for the Animals event on Saturday, November 8th 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to benefit Jackie Barnett's Just Like New (JLN) Fund, a Paws In Need program that aids sick and injured pets. For more information, contact Cindy Ferrin at 925-323-8517, or visit the Paws In Need website at www.PawsIn-Need.org.

Holiday Craft Show, Livermore Eagles hosting their Annual Holiday Craft Show on November 15th from 9am to 3pm. We are in need of crafters who specialize in hand made items to participate in our Boutique. Those interested, contact Linda at lindahogue49@yahoo.com or call Evelyn at 925-980-7216.

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Elks Holiday Boutique, Sat., Nov. 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge #2117, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. 35 vendors featuring hand-crafted items such as jewelry, felted handbags, fabric plates, scented soaps and jams and jellies. Homemade baked goods available. For information call the lodge office at 455-8829 or Polly Stonich at 447-5986.

Unique Boutique, annual boutique to be held Friday, November 21, 2pm - 7pm and Saturday, November 22, 9am-5pm at Cedar Grove Community Church in the multipurpose room. One of a kind handcrafted items, vintage jewelry, baby items, doll clothes to fit the American Girl doll, quilts, aprons, scarves, baked goods, jams and much more. Proceeds benefit Women's Ministries projects. (no vendors). contact Nancy Lear 925-455-9414 or nancy.lear@sbcglobal.net

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Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated presents Arkady Factorovich, who will speak on the Federal Reserve System. Factorovich, a native of Kiev, Ukraine, immigrated to the United States in 1978. He will speak on the essence of the Federal Reserve System and touch on his life in Ukraine under Soviet Union rule. Thursday, November 13, 6:00 pm for social hours and dinner meeting at 7:00 pm; at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. Reservations are due by Monday, November 10th. Contact Rebecca Potts at rebecca.potts@comcast.net or phone 925-294-4013. Dinner price is \$30/members; \$34/guests.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Oct. 25, 65 miles Martinez to Davis, meet 9 a.m. Martinez Waterfront, event includes train ride, which requires a Photo ID, Jim and Francie, hey-you@comcast.net. Wed., Oct. 29, 34 miles end of Cull Canyon and back to Dublin, meet 9 a.m. at the Shannon Center, Steve Kowalewski, skowalewski@aol.com. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Writing club for young adults, Whether a seasoned writer or just starting out, join published Young Adult author J.L. Powers at Livermore Public Library for the Writing Club for Young Adults. This fall, starting in October, young adults ages 13 through 21 will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on the third Thursday of the month: November 20, and December 18, 2014. The meetings will be held at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The club is free and no registration is required. For more information, please visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website: www.livermorelibrary.net, or contact Jennifer at 925-373-5576.

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

GNON (Girls Night Out Networking), NuSkin and Hairlights Salon will host the November mixer from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 5. Raffle prizes, socializing, great food and fun. Hairlights Salon (4307 Valley Avenue, Suite F, Pleasanton). RSVP and prepay required by November 3rd. Visit <http://www.gnon.org/rsvp.html>. \$10/pp for GNON members, \$15/pp for non-members

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will present Susan G. Johnston speaking on "How letters of Condolence" can open the doors to clues that help uncover your "brick walls". More than 600,000 men died in the Civil War. The letters to their families received may provide heart-breaking stories about the soldiers and the ones they left behind. The meeting is on Monday, November 10, 7:30 pm at Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton. All

are welcome and there is no charge. For further information contact program@L-AGS.org

Free Kidney Health Education, Join Kidney Smart™ and get the facts on living with, and preventing the progression of, Chronic Kidney Disease. Register at 925-518-9237 or at kidneysmart.org. Friday, October 24th at 4:00 pm or Saturday, October 25th at 12:00 pm. 3201 Doolan Rd. Ste #175 Livermore

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Widowed Men and Women of No. CA., Oct. 28, 1 p.m. lunch in Livermore, RSVP by Oct. 26 to Gloria, 846-8320.

Everything is Possible with Healing and Compassion Workshop Sunday November 16, 2014 9:30 AM - 4:30PM. Discover your own healing & compassion with Scarlett Lewis, Dana Liesegang and Kate Mackinnon. Scarlett and Dana share how they have transformed tragedy in their lives into healing, love and compassion. Kate has worked with both of these amazing women with Craniosacral Therapy healing. Learn practical ways to implement these skills into your everyday life. Robert Livermore Community Center, Cresta Blanca Room, Livermore. Advance Tickets \$100/person or \$125/person at the door. Visit www.kmackinnon.com or email info@kmackinnon.com for further information.

Book Drive, Assistance League® of Amador Valley is holding a children's book drive in support of Make a Difference Day, October 25, a national day of community service. New books for children in grades kindergarten through 5th grade are being collected now through October at Towne Center Books, 555 Main Street in Pleasanton. They will be presented in conjunction with its signature program, Operation School Bell® whereby students in need in the Tri-Valley area are provided school clothing and shoes. For more information, go to www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org, www.assistanceleague.org, and www.handsonnetwork.org/MakeADifferenceDay.

Tri-Valley Progressives, Every Saturday (Call for locations) and Monday (1919 6th St., Livermore) 10AM-12:30PM

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through the election. We are contacting voters in Southern states to help keep the Senate Blue. Please bring cell phone and charger. Contact Kyoko at 925-290-7124 or visit KeepTheSenateBlue.org

Tea Dance featuring The Mellotones Combo Jazz Band, presented by Veterans of Foreign Wars Pleasant Post 6298, 1 to 3:15 p.m. Veterans Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. Date for tea dance Nov. 19. Music from the American songbook played for listening and dancing for a variety of ballroom experiences. Admission \$10. Food and drink will be provided. Proceeds benefit needy veterans and their families. Information joephylb@att.net or 443-2224.

International Dance Festival for New Dancers, Sun., Oct. 26, 3 to 5 p.m. Livermore Veterans Hall, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Free. No partner or experience necessary. Experienced dancers welcome. Wear layered clothing and comfortable shoes. Presented by the Del Valle Folk Dancers. Wide variety of dances from around the world will be taught. Information at dvfolk@gmail.com or visit www.folkdance.com, call 415-246-7697.

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

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

Navy, Marine Corp & Coast Guard Active Duty and Veterans. Meet with other like minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veterans causes. The Fleet Reserve Association is a chartered organization that provides a voice in Congress. Young veterans are highly encouraged to get involved in promoting the concerns of your generation. The local branch of the FRA meets the first Friday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L St., Livermore. For more information go to www.fra.org or contact Roy Warner at 925-449-6048 or Loraine Maese at 454-1582.

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

ClutterLess (CL), This is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meetings room 7 at 7 p.m. every Monday at the St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church. Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton. Just come or call our 925-525-3992 or 925-922-1467 or go to www.ClutterLess.org

Bereaved Mother's Network of the Tri-Valley meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Livermore Civic Center Library, Small Conference

Room. The aim of the network is to allow bereaved mothers to make connections with, share resources, and support other mothers who have been through the worst experience of their lives, losing a child. For more information, contact katiestruhe@comcast.net.

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

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

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the third floor movie room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore All are welcome. Contacts are: Sandra Grafrath 443-6655 or Lee Parlett 292-9280.

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

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

VFW Post 7265, Livermore, invites Veterans of Foreign Wars, all military branches, to join the group. Any age veteran welcome to meetings held 1st and 3rd Mondays, 522 South L St., Livermore. Camaraderie, support, connections, advocacy, distinction and community service. Meetings on the 1st Monday begin at 7:30 p.m. and on the 3rd Monday at 8 p.m. Information, call 455-5039.

Pleasanton Military Families is a Pleasanton based support group for those who have a loved one serving in the Military. The group gathers at 7:00 p.m. on

the 2nd Tuesday of each month to share concerns, fears, and to celebrate the joys that are experienced. There is no better support than being surrounded by others who know what you are going through. Three times per year, the group collect supplies and sends care packages to the troops. Contact PMFSG.ca@gmail.com for the location of the next meeting.

Livermore Military Families, a support group for families in Livermore who have a loved one serving in the Military, is intended to be a safe place for family members to come and share their experiences and concerns with others who understand what they are going through. All family members are welcome to attend meetings. Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Livermore Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Tami Jenkins, 925-784-5014 or email livermoremilitaryfamilies@yahoo.com

Kiwanis Club of Pleasanton, meets Fridays at noon at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 Main St., Pleasanton. This is a Tri-Valley Club with members from Dublin and Livermore, as well as Pleasanton. The motto is "To serve the children of the world." All are welcome.

ValleyCare Auxiliary, Volunteers needed. Nine different areas of volunteer service available in both Pleasanton and Livermore. Floor service, information desks, office, the library, gift and thrift shops. For more information, call 734-3368.

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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 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.

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

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

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

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore, services 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church branches, to join the group. Any age veteran welcome to meetings held 1st and 3rd Mondays, 522 South L St., Livermore. Camaraderie, support, connections, advocacy, distinction and community service. Meetings on the 1st Monday begin at 7:30 p.m. and on the 3rd Monday at 8 p.m. Information, call 455-5039.

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 (semiformal); 10:30 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school. For information, call 925-447-1246.

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

Calvary Chapel Livermore, meetings Sundays at 10 a.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www.calvarylivermore.org.

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

Granada Baptist Church, 945 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/ All are welcome.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Intercessory prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Senior adult ministries meet every other month. Call the office at 846-8650 for more information. Nov. 8, 90-minute free will + estate planning workshop presented by Church Extension Plan, 2 p.m., individual appointments available on a first come first serve basis; continental breakfast, call 846-8650 to reserve space and for more information.

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

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

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

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

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. Sunday Summer Combined Service at 9:30am. Child care for children under 5 available starting at 9:15am. For more information check us out on the web at www.saintbartsLivermore.com

Tri-Valley Church of Christ at 4481

East Avenue, Livermore, worship service 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Sundays, all are welcome. 925-447-4333 (a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

Little Brown Church, United Church of Christ 141 Killcare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org 925-862-2580

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

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

Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Avenue, Livermore; 447-433.3 www.trivalleychurch.org. Update on classes for The Story 9 to 10:00 a.m.. Worship Service 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

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.

Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Services: 9 a.m. blended with choir and band. Childcare offered for infants through age 6 and children start in the worship service. 10:40 a.m. contemporary worship led by a band. Sunday school for children and middle-schoolers. www.centerpointechurch.org 925-846-4436.

Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. Interpretation for the deaf at 9:00. 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org

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

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

St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church (1928 Book of Common Prayer), 193 Contractors Avenue, Livermore. Sunday services: 8:45 am (Low Mass) and 10 am (High Mass with Sunday School). Other Holy Days as announced. For information, call msg. center at 925/906-9561.

Chabad of the Tri-Valley, 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. www.jewishtrivalley.com. Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

Well Community Outreach Center ministry provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, 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.

Lynwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. 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@lynwood.org or visit website at www.lynwood.org.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 9050 Mocho St., Livermore. 3rd ward 9 a.m., 2nd ward 11 a.m., Mocho branch (Spanish) 2:10 p.m. 1501 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore: 1st ward, 9 a.m.; 4th ward 11 a.m., Springtown ward, 1 p.m.

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.jkpcdublin.org (925)828-1846.

Livermore Quakers: Unprogrammed worship on 2nd and 4th Mondays each month at 7pm, 1893 N. Vasco Rd. (UU Church). More information: Livermore-Quakers@gmail.com or (925) 315-7170.

Community Bible Study Women's class of Pleasanton, "Return to Jerusalem: God's Mercy and Faithfulness to His People" will be the featured study his fall. A children's program is available for infants to 5 years old. Class continues each week on Thursdays at 9:30-11:30am until May 14, 2014. Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. Contact Sherri at 925-399-5074 or email sherri.cts@gmail.com for more information or to register."

Unity of Tri-Valley - 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley (2 miles west of Stoneridge Mall in Pleasanton). 10:00 Sunday service; children's program available. All are welcome. Ongoing classes, groups, and activities. Rev. Karen Epps, minister. <http://www.unityoftrivalley.org/> 925.829-2733.

Mass of Remembrance, honor those you have loved, who have died, in a special Mass of Remembrance on November 17th. at 7:30pm at St. Elizabeth Seton Church. 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. All are invited. If you wish, bring a small picture or memento of your loved one.

Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat, an informal gathering to discuss ideas, will hold its October meeting Sunday, October 26 at 10:45 a.m. at Café Rumi, 4799 Heyer Ave., Castro Valley. The topic is "What was one of your most life-changing experiences?" Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat is an activity of the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, a Secular Humanistic Jewish community, but is open to the entire community. (Non-members are asked to donate \$5 per session.) Further sessions are scheduled for November 23, January 18 and February 15, with topics to be announced. For information, please contact (925) 240-5612.

Milestones

Community



Denee Crabb and Dennis Reedy were married Sept. 24 2014 in Oakland surrounded by Denee's mother and Father and Dennis's family. They honeymooned in Santa Cruz. Pictured are the new Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Reedy.

Gold Award Project Provides Play Places for Cats

On October 1, 2014, Amador Valley High School Sophomore Nagisa Smalheiser (Troop #31324, Crossroads Service Unit) achieved her Girl Scout Gold Award—the highest honor in Girl Scouts. She has been active with the Girl Scouts since kindergarten. Her project involved planning and building a “cat playground” of wall-mounted boxes and shelves for Pleasanton’s Valley Humane Society (VHS) cats to play on. The goal of the project was to help make cats of all ages more active and “adoptable” to VHS visitors.

Gold Awards require a minimum of 80 hours of community service, and to complete her award, Smalheiser took 95 hours over four months of planning, designing, coordinating, building and installing. She worked with local volunteers, and secured and managed donated supplies from Sherwin Williams and a local lumberyard.

When asked about her motivations for this project,



Nagisa Smalheiser is shown working on her project; at right, one of the cats at Valley Humane Society tries out the new toy.



she noted, “I wanted to help the community while doing what I love—improving the environment for abandoned animals. I hope to raise awareness about no-kill shelters like VHS and inspire others to make a difference in the community.”

The idea of Girl Scout Gold Awards began in 1916, as the “best and brightest” undertook projects that improved their communities, and the world.

Military



Sgt. Eddie R. Martinez, center, from Livermore, pivots toward his target during Table 3 of the Combat Marksmanship Program Sept. 24 at the Central Training Area. This training provides a more realistic combat experience than firing the known distance courses of Tables 1 and 2. The CMP ensures Marines are proficient in the use of their weapon and can confidently deliver accurate fire under adverse battle conditions. Martinez is a food service specialist with Headquarters and Service Company, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Pfc. Cedric R. Haller II/Released)

New Bishopric in Pleasanton LDS Congregation

The Pleasanton California Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced the calling of a new bishopric for the Pleasanton 4th Ward congregation. This is one of six Mormon congregations in the cities of Pleasanton and Dublin. The new bishop is Brian Black with Bryan Fisher as 1st Counselor and Jon Eric Thalman as 2nd Counselor. Bishop Stan Lerch and his counselors Mike Williams and Bryan Fisher were released and received an expression of gratitude for their years of service.

The church operates with a lay ministry where leaders and members serve without pay. Bishop Black is a Market-

ing Manager for Linear Technology Corporation. He and his wife Stephanie are the parents of five children. Bryan Fisher is a Supply Chain Project Leader for Apple, Inc. He and his wife Jackie have four children. Jon Eric Thalman is a Senior Manager, Director Regulatory Strategy & Transmission Asset Management with P.G. & E. He and his wife Vicki have two children.

Bishop Black and his counselors, with the support of their wives and children, will lead a congregation of approximately 400 members.