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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.

# EIR to Study Eight Development Options for East Pleasanton

One base plan and seven alternatives will be studied in the environmental impact review of proposed development in east Pleasanton.

The city council okayed the eight options, ranging from 1000 to 2270 units, for study. The 1110 acre study area is located on the eastside of Pleasanton. Zone 7 controls 704 acres. About 100 acres being planned for development are located

outside the urban growth boundary (UGB) approved by Pleasanton voters.

Councilmember Karla Brown pointed out that both housing and industrial uses are outside the UGB. She asked how the city planned to justify the uses.

City Manager Nelson Fialho replied that when voters approved Measure FF, if development were extended beyond the UGB,

the measure would need to be amended by the voters. However, the measure does allow for some minor adjustments to allow for infrastructure, such as a road. Brown said, "A road sounds reasonable; development does not."

Each of the eight plans offers a different aspect that will provide the council with information on a variety of issues when it comes time to

select the final plan. Number of units, mix of units and location, school site and park locations are included. The EIR will also look at the feasibility of moving the Pleasanton Garbage transfer station and the Pleasanton operations service center (OSC). Both are located within the study area.

Brian Dolan, Director of Community Development, told the council, "Every

idea discussed by the task force ended up in one of the alternatives."

He added that the planning commission was concerned about the number of units. At the same time, they didn't want a plan that won't work. The thought was to create a plan that isn't any bigger than it needs to be to pay for itself.

With the city and school (See PLEASANTON, page 4)



Barry Russell

## Board Selects New College President

The Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District have accepted the recommendation of Chancellor Jannett N. Jackson to make an offer of employment to Barry A. Russell, Ph.D. When a contract of employment is approved by the Trustees, Russell will become the sixth President of Las Positas College in Livermore.

Chancellor Jackson said, "Dr. Russell brings a background and experience to Las Positas College that will ensure that it continues to grow academically and physically to sever even better the citizens of the Tri-Valley region. He is a proven leader with a broad understanding of academic affairs, accreditation and participatory administration. We look forward to welcoming Barry to our organization."

Russell is currently the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs in the office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges in Sacramento. He had been focusing on growing the capacity of the state's 112 community colleges in the areas of academic planning, academic support programs, program approval, and the review of degrees and certificates. Russell also serves as a member of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association (See PRESIDENT, page 12)



A celebration of pink took place just before the beginning of a tennis match between Granada and Foothill high schools. All of the girls were wearing pink to honor all Breast Cancer Survivors and all that have been lost.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## Technology Top Priority in Common Core Spending

The state has allotted \$200 per pupil for school districts to use in implementing the California Common Core Curriculum.

Livermore will receive just over \$2.5 million during a two year period. The district is required to develop and adopt a plan showing how the money will be spent.

The money can go towards professional development, instructional materials, or the integration of standards through technology based instruction.

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District proposes to use the majority of the funds on technology. Testing to determine if students are meeting the common core standards will take place on-line.

The board of trustees was presented with an overview of a spending plan at its Oct. 15 meeting. A more detailed proposal will be considered for adoption at the board's Nov. 5 session.

The board was told that the most immediate needs are to have the level of technology infrastructure and hardware available to administer the required pi-

(See SPENDING, page 5)

## Livermore School District and Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation Partner on PSAT Initiative

Wednesday, October 16 was not a normal school day for sophomores in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. Instead of heading to early morning classes, all sophomores, including Taylor Robles, took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). "I think it was beneficial overall to take the

test, says Robles. "I'm glad it was during the school day, personally, because I think a lot of people don't want to take time out of a Saturday to take a test."

The school district has partnered with the Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation to fund taking part in the College Board's PSAT/NMSQT Early Participation Program - an initiative designed to

increase access for, and involvement of, all students in the college-going and career-planning process. "By eliminating the fee for sophomores and administering the test during the school day, this initiative provides traditionally underrepresented student populations access to, and the benefits of, taking the PSAT," says Kelly Bowers, District Su-

perintendent.

"Testing 403 tenth grade students sends a clear message that we have a college-going culture that we will continue to cultivate at LHS. A special thank you to the Pedrozzi Foundation for their generous donation which enabled us to make this happen," says Alberto Solorzano, (See INITIATIVE, page 5)

## Russians Learn How to Provide Services for People with Disabilities

By Carol Graham

Although they only stayed eight days, the six Russian delegates who recently visited Livermore likely took away experiences to last a lifetime - along with ideas and discoveries designed to benefit many generations to come.

"The purpose of our visit was to learn about programs of rehabilitation and the

social integration of people with disabilities," said Ulyana Osmukha, of the Russian Association of People with Disabilities. "It was also to establish long-term, cooperative relationships with Livermore schools where children with special needs study."

The delegates' tour included visiting Livermore's Valley Montessori School,

the Taylor Family Foundation's Camp Arroyo, and Dublin's School of Imagination.

"I kept taking pictures of the little details like how kids decorate their classrooms, how rules are presented, how students learn to work for long-term goals and keep track of their progress, and how much free-

(See RUSSIANS, page 4)

## Unusual Dublin Council Vote OKs Study of Promenade Proposal

Three of Dublin's five city councilmembers opposed going ahead with a staff study of a General Plan Amendment (GPA) for medium density residential designation to replace commercial zoning on the Promenade site, owned by Charter Properties.

However, two of the three opponents -- Mayor Tim

Sbranti and Councilmember Abe Gupta --recused themselves, because they own property within 300 feet of Promenade. Gupta's property is his residence in The Terraces. Sbranti was attending an educational conference, and absent from the meeting. His recusal was announced by Biddle, who chaired the meeting.

The green light was given to conduct the study on a 2-1 vote at the Oct. 15 council meeting, with Councilmembers Kevin Hart and David Haubert for it, and Vice Mayor Don Biddle opposed.

City attorney John Bakker said that the 2-1 vote, which was a majority of the quorum at the meeting, was (See DUBLIN, page 4)



Bethany Hamilton delivers talk in Pleasanton. For the story, go to page 12.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen



**RABBIT ADOPTION EVENT**  
Marble is looking for a lap and someone to love. His beautiful blue eyes will melt your heart. Meet Marble and 20+ bunnies this Saturday from 12-3 pm at the Dublin PetSmart, 6960 Amador Plaza Rd. For more info, call 925-519-1723, or email ebrabbit@comcast.net. Visit www.eastbayrabbit.petfinder.com to see more pet profiles.

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Nike will give you a run for your money! Bounding with energy, the one-year-old rat terrier mix is on the fast track to a new home...it could be yours! Don't wait for a signal - just do it. Visit Nike at Valley Humane Society (VHS) Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 am - 4 pm and Sundays from 12 noon - 4 pm, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. For more information please call (925) 426-8656 or visit valleyhumane.org. Be sure to enter your current pet in our online pet photo contest. Photo - Valley Humane Society/V. Kelly





Phil Dean (left), President of the Livermore Rotary Club presented a check for \$10,000 to RAVE, (Rotarians Assisting Veterans' Education). This gift is in memory of Don Tishman, a Livermore Rotarian and founder of the RAVE program. He died recently from Lung Cancer. Accepting the check is Todd Steffan, Director of the Student Veterans Program at Las Positas College. Travis Livingston and Brandon Bukman are student beneficiaries of the program. They expressed their appreciation to the Livermore Rotary Club for assistance from RAVE. This check brings Livermore Rotarians contribution to RAVE up to \$21,000. Ted Kaye (at right), CEO of the Las Positas College Foundation was present with Todd to accept the check. Donations to RAVE are needed and very much appreciated. The tax deductible gift can be mailed to RAVE-LPCF, Las Positas College Veterans Office, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore, CA 94551.

## Take-Back Drugs Event Offered In All Three Tri-Valley Cities

The three Valley police departments will partner with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to participate in this year's prescription drug "Take-Back Initiative" on Saturday, October 26.

The program allows the public the opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

In Dublin, free and anonymous collection event will take place in the Civic Center parking lot at 100 Civic Plaza in Dublin, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Dublin Police Officers will collect tablets, capsules, and all other solid dosage forms of prescription medications -- no questions asked. Intravenous solutions, injectibles and syringes will not be accepted.

For more information, call the Dublin Police Crime Prevention Unit at 925-833-6670 or visit [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov).

The Pleasanton Police Department will participate from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Pleasanton Police Department at 4833 Bernal Avenue. The drop-off is free and anonymous, with no questions asked. During the last three Take-Back Events, nearly one million pounds of prescription drugs were turned in at more than 5300 sites operated by the DEA's state and local law enforcement partners.

Representatives from Mothers with a Purpose will be at the event to assist and share relevant information

with the public.

For more information about the October 26 Drug Take Back program in Pleasanton, please contact Sergeant Penelope Tamm at 925.931.5100.

The Livermore Police Department be accepting drugs in the front of the Police Department at 1110 S. Livermore Avenue. The department is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the City of Livermore Water Resources Department to give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused,

and unwanted prescription drugs. The services are free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into the disposal box. If an original container is submitted, the individual should remove any identifying information from the prescription label. All solid dosage pharmaceutical product and liquids in consumer containers may be dropped.

Intra-venous solutions, injectibles and syringes will not be accepted due to potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.

## Annual Parade Set for Nov. 3

The Pleasanton VFW Post 6298 and American Legion Post 237 will host the 2013 Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade. The parade will march down Main Street in Pleasanton starting at 1 p.m. on Sunday November 3.

Traditionally, the parade in Pleasanton is the largest Veterans Day Parade in Northern California with over 100 entries.

Serving as the Parade Review Officer will be Commander James Ridgway, Commanding Officer US Navy Support Center, Alameda. Grand Marshal will be Danny Soria, a local US Navy World War II veteran.

Soria joined the Navy at age 16 after his father, at his son's persuasion, signed papers stating he was a year older and could serve.

Marching music will be provided by the US Army 191st Band, the Air Force Band from Travis AFB, USNSCC Band of the West, and high school bands from Dublin, Foothill, Granada and the Oakland Military Academy. The Ben Ali Bagpipe Band and the Piedmont Bagpipe Band are also performing.

There will be marching units from all five branches of the U.S. Military, as well as local veterans organizations and police and fire departments.

Military vehicles, vintage and current classic cars and many motorcycles will also take part in the parade.

Those attending the parade are encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.

## Dublin to Honor Hometown Heroes

Dublin will be hosting Hometown Heroes, a event to honor all local veterans, on Sat., Nov. 2. The event begins at 2:30 p.m.

The celebration kicks off with presentations by local Military and City Officials, followed by the sounds of the CoolTones Big Band.

Veterans' photos and biographies are now being accepted for the Wall of Hometown Heroes display. Don't miss a chance to pay tribute to the dedication, bravery and heroism of veterans.

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

Please 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) to the Dublin Senior Center throughout the month of November. All items will be forwarded to the local branch of S.A.M. (Support All Military), whose mission is to send care packages to those serving overseas.

For more information, please contact the Dublin Senior Center by phone (925) 556-4511 or email [seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov](mailto:seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov).

The Dublin Senior Center is located at 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Military units marched in last year's Veterans Day Parade in Pleasanton.

# Cultural Arts Calendar





## Pleasanton Sets Rate OF Growth

Pleasanton set a growth rate of 235 units per year starting July 1, 2014.

The growth rate represents the number of building permits that can be issued in any year. It is determined by the current number of units assigned by ABAG, 2067, divided by the years in the current cycle, which ends in 2022.

The growth management ordinance allows the council to trade and transfer allocations to reflect changes in project construction scheduling and the number of applications received. However, the total number of allocations during the eight and a half year period can't exceed the 2067 units.

Councilmember Jerry Pentin asked where the recent projects approved by the council fit.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said that all of the projects have growth management agreements and are exempt from the policy.

There are approximately 1100 units involved. The approval was part of a court settlement with Urban Habitat.

# Community Events Calendar





## Visit Our Online Calendars

The Independent's Online Events Calendars provide all of the Cultural Arts and Community events for this week, this month and this year. To see what's happening in the Tri-Valley

or to submit your event, visit us online at [www.independentnews.com](http://www.independentnews.com)

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# Community Rallies to Help Family of Girl Fighting Brain Cancer

Team Delaney has taken a quote from Shakespeare to describe how two and a half year old Delaney Newton is fighting cancer: "And though she be but Little, she is Fierce!"

Delaney was diagnosed with a brain tumor on Sept. 10 of this year. Just two days later, she underwent a 12-hour brain surgery by a team of twelve doctors and

nurses at Oakland's Kaiser Hospital. The doctors were able to remove the entire tumor mass in the lower back part of her brain. The subsequent pathology report revealed that tumor was indeed cancerous.

She is currently undergoing chemotherapy.

Her uncle, Travis Newton, is coordinating efforts to help the family. He said her

recovery will be a slow process. "The doctors are happy with the progress," he said. He added that along with the chemotherapy, she is undergoing physical therapy to deal with muscle loss after being in bed for a month.

Fund-raising is underway to help Delaney and her parents manage the unexpected expenses that they will incur while she is undergoing che-

mother, physical therapy and rehabilitation as she goes through Kaiser Oakland Hospital and UCSF. Travis said his brother, Merlin, Delaney's father, would like to tell the community. "We are really thankful for the community and its outpouring of support. The community we live in is amazing with the support and prayers we've received for Delaney."

The family lives in Livermore. Her parents grew up in the city. Delaney has a younger brother, Merlin, who turned one the day she was admitted to the hospital. Her father is a firefighter with the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, which has been offering support to the family. Fellow firefighters shaved their heads in support of Delaney.

Her mother, Janice, will be taking a leave of absence from work to help with the ongoing care and treatment for Delaney.

Both Merlin and Janice continue to be by her side 24 hours a day.

The following events have been scheduled to assist the family:

- Oct. 23rd Swirl and Tap 25 event/fundraiser
- Nov. 2-3 Holiday Photo Session fundraiser with "In Between the Glass"
- Nov. 13 Sourced event and fundraiser
- Nov. 17 Classic Images Cut for a Cure fundraiser
- Nov. 18 Strings fundraiser
- Nov. 23 Delaney Fitness Challenge

Details can be found online for shirts, events and how to make donations: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Team-Delaney-Home-Page/219289764902599> or <http://www.youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/team-delaney/92222>



Delaney Newton underwent brain surgery to remove a cancerous tumor.



## VALLEY ROUNDUP

### Lab Receives Awards

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has awarded 18 Sustainability Awards for innovation and excellence to its national laboratories and sites.

The awards recognize exemplary individual and team performance in advancing sustainability objectives through innovative and effective programs and projects that increase energy, water and fleet efficiency and reduce greenhouse gases, pollution and waste. NNSA has conducted an internal environmental stewardship awards program for more than a decade.

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory received the following recognitions:

**Best in Class Awards:**  
**Waste Reduction and Pollution Prevention:** Active Risk Management at LLNL's National Ignition Facility (NIF) Results in Lower Consumption and Less Waste. Recognizes innovative and effective waste-reduction programs. LLNL NIF exceeded targets in the SSPP.

**Innovation and Holistic Approach:** Getting Connected to Build a Holistic Waste Reduction Program. Recognizes innovative methods and cross-disciplinary research at the site level to support sustainability goal attainment.

**Environmental Stewardship Awards:**  
**Water:** LLNL's Sustainable Landscape. Recognizes an integrated approach to water resource management and addresses all water types as potential resources (waste, storm, grey, etc.) and identifies opportunities for reuse.

### ACE Extends Comment Period

The scoping comment period for the ACEforward project, which was set to end on Friday, October 18, has been extended for the length of the federal shutdown to allow federal agencies more time to provide scoping comments. Please submit scoping comments by November 4, 2013.

For more information about ACEforward, the Notice of Intent (NOI), Notice of Preparation (NOP), and a link to a recoding of the public online event that was held on October 9, 2013, please see the ACEforward webpage here: <http://www.acerail.com/About/Public-Projects/ACEforward>

The public is invited to comment on proposed improvements and expansion of existing Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) rail service between Stockton and San Jose and extension of new ACE rail service to Downtown Modesto by as early as 2018 and Merced by as early as 2022. The SJRRC and the Federal Rail Administration are jointly preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the ACEforward Program in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National

### Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Public comments on the scope of the environmental review will now be accepted through November 4, 2013. Comments may be submitted in writing to Dan Leavitt, Manager of Regional Initiatives, ATTN: ACEforward Program EIR/EIS, SJRRC/ACE Headquarters 949 East Channel Street, Stockton, CA 95202, or via email with the Subject line "ACEforward EIR/EIS" to: [aceforward@acerail.com](mailto:aceforward@acerail.com). Or to Ms. Stephanie Perez, Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Railroad Policy and Development, Federal Railroad Administration, 200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, Telephone: (202) 493-0388.

### Hacienda Brings in Businesses

Hacienda Business Park in Pleasanton is reporting absorption of over 300,000 square feet of space in the first three quarters of 2013, continuing the steady trend seen over the last two years.

"Continued reductions in vacancy have been the hallmark of park activity since 2011," said James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager. "Even with some occasional slowing of activity earlier this year, Hacienda is poised to end the year with significant gains in tenancy."

Major leases in 2013 have been initiated by companies in a variety of business segments, including Bio-Rad (biomedical), Iron Planet's relocation (online equipment sales), Spigit (social innovation software), and Zoho (online business services).

### Foothill Interchange Changes

Road construction to modify the I-580 interchange at Foothill Road has begun. The freeway on and off ramps at Foothill Road will occasionally be temporarily closed to traffic between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. for night work. Ramp closure dates and times will be posted in advance at the ramp entrances.

The project is expected to improve operation and safety by reconfiguring the interchange. The direct eastbound to southbound, and eastbound to northbound off ramp loop connections will be replaced with a "T" style intersection at Foothill Road, just south of the I-580 interchange. The eastbound off ramp will terminate at Foothill Road and include eastbound left and right turn lanes. The project will also relieve the weaving concerns at the intersection of Foothill Road and Canyon Way.

The construction work is expected to take one year to complete. The project is funded by City Transportation Improvement Development fees, Tri-Valley Transportation Development fees, and a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant.

For more information, please call (925) 931-5663.

## Axis Able to Enroll People In Covered California

The phones at Axis Community Health were ringing off the hook on Oct. 1 as Tri-Valley residents sought information about obtaining health insurance coverage through Medi-Cal or the new health exchange called Covered California. It was day one of the enrollment period for options made possible by the Affordable Care Act.

"Axis has seven trained, certified enrollment counselors ready to assist people," says Valerie Jonas, Chief Development Officer for Axis. "People wanting to enroll should call us and make an appointment—there is plenty of time to get everyone in." The enrollment period ends March 31.

Axis is ready to assist

people who newly qualify for Medi-Cal. Those who may qualify include U.S. citizens, or those legally present, with an income less than about \$15,400 for an individual or \$32,000 for a family of four.

Axis can also assist those seeking insurance through Covered California, including determining if they are eligible for subsidies to help pay for insurance. For those fully enrolled by December 15, coverage begins January 1.

"We have counselors at our Pleasanton and Livermore locations and will be at many other places in the community throughout the enrollment period," says

Jonas. Axis is also providing speakers to groups who would like information about how to enroll. To make an appointment to enroll in Medi-Cal or insurance offered through Covered California, call 925-462-1755. To arrange for a speaker for a group, contact Jonas at [vjonas@axishealth.org](mailto:vjonas@axishealth.org) or 201-6068.

"We're the only enrollment entity in this area," says Jonas. "Thousands of Tri-Valley residents can now get access to health care—a young person without insurance, those who lost their insurance, or people with pre-existing conditions. Axis is here to help everyone get covered."

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# EDITORIAL

## Working Together

Visitors from two different countries expressed the belief that working together can make the world a better place.

A delegation from Livermore's Russian sister city, Snezhinsk, was in Livermore to learn about programs of rehabilitation and the social integration of people with disabilities.

Coming from Mexico City, Victor Belendez expressed his thanks for the help given to the people of Mexico.

The Russian visit was arranged through Rotary International's Open World Program, a congressionally sponsored program that brings emerging leaders from Russia and other Eurasian states to the U.S. in order to give them firsthand exposure to the American system of participatory democracy and free enterprise.

Belendez was also here at the invitation of Rotary. He stated that receiving help boosts respect, self-esteem and provides a sense that justice is for all. He says he has found that people who are helped, with no strings attached, are in turn willing to help others.

The Russians declared that one of the main ideas they will take back with them is the spirit of volunteerism. They also learned, "Americans and Russians can be best friends."

The view of friendship was the basis of a comment made by Belendez, who stated, "We can win wars from within, not using arms, just through good will."

## PLEASANTON

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district asking developers to pay for all of the infrastructure including new roadways and a school, it's unclear just how many housing units will be needed to pencil it out for developers. A financial study will be conducted as well. "That's what the EIR will tell us," Mayor Jerry Thorne said. "We may find out that no one wants to develop this land if it's not in their financial interests."

Each includes similar retail, office and industrial uses. All of the options show El Charro extended to Stanley Boulevard.

The preferred or base plan calls for 1759 units, 65 percent single family and 35 percent multifamily. The transfer station would be moved to an industrial area. Two other 1759 unit proposals would change the percentages - one at 55 percent single family and 45 percent multifamily, a second at 50/50. Two options will be studied for 1000 units includes moving the OSC and reserving the site for a school as an alternative or retaining the OSC and placing the school elsewhere. The unit mix would be 50 percent multifamily and 50 percent single family.

The highest number of houses, 2,279, would develop at 58 percent single family and 42 percent multifamily. Other options being considered are 1283 units at a 50/50 split between multifamily and single family housing and 1430 at 65 percent single family and 35 percent multifamily.

Dolan pointed out that most alternatives would help address zoning for above moderate housing through two rounds of regional housing needs assessment (RHNA). The RHNA numbers are assigned by ABAG with agencies required to zone for a specific number of units in categories ranging from very low income to moderate and above. The housing does not have to be built.

Dolan added that if the decision were to move forward with plans calling for 65 percent single family and 35 percent multifamily, which looks like the rest of Pleasanton, the low income and moderate income housing would have to be located

somewhere else in town. That will be difficult.

Most of those speaking to the council during the public hearing were opposed to the base plan for a variety of reasons.

Pleasanton Gravel Company objected to having housing built near a mining operation, explaining that children and gravel operations are a dangerous mixture.

Zone 7 Water District suggested that significant work would be needed before its property could be open to the public. It was noted that the district is not a parks department. Facilities accommodating such uses would have to be paid for and maintained by an outside agency.

Representatives from Citizens for a Caring Community were concerned about the housing component. They pointed out that what is missing is an option to work with a nonprofit to provide housing for low and very low income households. Dolores Bengston stated that high density does not translate into affordability. She suggested returning the plan to the East Pleasanton Task Force for further discussion regarding the need to house the city's own low income residents.

Several speakers objected to the high number of units, asking why the hurry to proceed with the plan since the city has already rezoned land to meet RHNA numbers through 2022. There was concern about the traffic impacts.

Julie Testa told the council that it needs to take seriously the UGB issue. "One hundred acres is not a small amount. You must go to the voters." Her other issue was with regard to schools. While there is an elementary site planned, what about the high school and middle school students who will be asked to attend already overcrowded schools, she asked. By moving forward, the council is condemning current residents to a bond to pay for schools. New growth should pay for itself.

A scoping meeting for the EIR will be held by the planning commission at 7 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 13 in the city council chambers, 200 Old Bernal Avenue.

## RUSSIANS

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dom they get in expressing themselves," Osmukha said. "We saw walls and main entrances decorated with children's pictures. In Russia, children's institutions are less vivid."

"Even in the police department and city administration buildings, we saw the art work of children hanging on the walls," added Marina Potemina, of the Snezhinsk Center for Children's Creativity and Art. "This would make me feel like this is actually MY city if I was a citizen walking inside."

Snezhinsk, one of Livermore's four sister cities, was known as Chelyabinsk-70 until 1991. During the Soviet era, it was a closed city (one with residency and travel restrictions) that was too secret even to be shown on maps. Snezhinsk is one of two centers of the Russian nuclear program, and is built around a major scientific research institute, the All-Russian Scientific Research Center of Technical Physics—Federal Nuclear Center.

"We visited the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory museum and were amazed by its openness to the public," said Potemina. "The Lab offers so many public communication activities! In Russia, our lab is kept secret. Even our city is still considered to be a closed city; no one can come visit without a special invitation or permit. So after going back we will share with people from our lab about how openness to the public can bring benefits without sacrificing the secrecy and security of the lab."

The delegates' October 11-19 visit was arranged

through Rotary International's Open World Program, a congressionally sponsored program that brings emerging leaders from Russia and other Eurasian states to the U.S. in order to give them firsthand exposure to the American system of participatory democracy and free enterprise, with an emphasis on accountability, transparency and citizen involvement.

"We spent two days in Washington, D.C. on the way to Livermore, gaining an overview on how American government works, and on principles of federalism and 21st-century challenges in education," said Natalya Tekina, Editor-in-Chief of Snezhinsk's public TV channel. "A big surprise was to learn about the government shutdown and to see how it affected common people. After some conversation, we still couldn't decide whether this can be considered a sign of 'a weakness of democracy,' or a sign of 'democracy as it was meant to be' by the founding fathers of the U.S."

The visit was hosted by the Rotary Club of Livermore. The Open World Program's host clubs arrange transportation and meals, develop an agenda based on a selected theme or purpose, prepare and submit post-program reports, and provide home stays for participants.

"We were lucky to explore how common American families live by staying with host families," said Olga Denisova, an education specialist for children with special needs. "Values of families are extremely strong in the U.S."

"I enjoyed the experience of living in a wide-spread community that consists of individual houses instead of multi-story apartment buildings," added Alexandra Pokrovskaya, former president of the Rotary Club of Snezhinsk. "Everyone seems to love his or her house!"

Along with a western-themed, Rotary luncheon held on the lush grounds of Concannon Vineyard in the heart of the Livermore Valley's wine country, visitors learned about the U.S./Russia collaboration that resulted in the discovery of Livermorium and Flerovium. Arts and science were mentioned as two of Livermore's themes. The representatives also enjoyed a tour of Paul and Kathy Banke's working ranch in Livermore, and a day of sight-seeing in San Francisco.

"One thing that surprised me was how cold it is in California - mainly because of the conditioning that is on inside most of the buildings," noted Denisova. "We figured out that in Russia it's cold outside and warm inside, and in California it's warm outside and cold inside!"

"We are full of impressions," said Potemina. "Besides our professional experience, we've seen America from all possible angles. Americans are very open people. In general, everyone here says what he means during meetings with us. The mayor of Livermore is so accessible to the common people. I wish our mayor would be as accessible."

"My strongest impression is that Americans appear to be positive, emotional and

very sincere. I like their vivid reactions and the interest they take in others," said Pokrovskaya. "My second impression is with Livermore - it's very clean and beautiful and cozy. I was also amazed to learn what a large choice of services is available where children with special needs can go."

Along with visiting schools, the delegates toured medical facilities including Kaiser Permanente, ValleyCare Hospital and Axis Community Health, and attended presentations on various aspects of caring for and serving the disabled.

"Right now in Russia, we fundraise intuitively," said Pokrovskaya. "No one taught us how to collect money and organize events. In the U.S., fundraising is like a science - full of different small but important details that increase effectiveness. One hour of exchanging ideas gave us so many useful ideas and insights that I'm impatient to try to implement them!"

She noted that the main idea the delegates will take with them is the spirit of volunteerism. "It is a simple idea that if you want to change something in your community, start with yourself instead of writing letters to city administrators or complaining about bad administration. People in Livermore actually take responsibility for themselves and for the environment and the society they live in. That is why the city is such a lovely place to live."

"We also learned," added Potemina, "that Americans and Russians can be best friends."

## DUBLIN

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legal, because the motion by Hart was to give direction to staff. If the council had been voting on an ordinance, three affirmative votes would have been required for passage, explained Bakker.

Promenade is currently zoned for 20 acres of commercial and 3 acres of public and semipublic use. Eighty residential units in mixed use have been zoned for the property.

The study would look at the fiscal and neighborhood impacts of changing the entire property to residential, with perhaps some mixed residential uses integrated with commercial. The developer is proposing a total of 230 units.

Attorney Martin Inderbitzen, representing Charter, said a report prepared by a consultant for the developer, found that Dublin's current general plan designation has too much commercial zoning for when the city reaches build-out.

Inderbitzen said that by then, there may be 1 million square feet too much commercial zoning. The developer's study showed that about 50 percent of the customers for shopping centers off the freeway exits are coming from Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon, he said. However, once built-out, that percentage of the market will drop.

Promenade is not convenient to freeway exits. One street is a dead-end heading north, so it is not in a prime place for commercial, said Inderbitzen.

The developer has tried to interest businesses in the location, but has not succeeded. Further, the opening of the Outlets in Livermore has taken away much of market.

Inderbitzen also pointed out that in most cities, the developer has a right to pursue a GPA to an up or down vote. Dublin is unusual in that it requires the extra step of authorization for the study to go forward. Developers pay for GPA amendment staff studies.

All three councilmembers said that when it comes to determining whether Dublin will be overbuilt for commercial, they prefer to see an objective staff study of the issues, instead of one paid for by developers.

Biddle said that it's premature to make a decision now for a study to make a GPA change on Promenade. More will be known as the recession continues its recovery, and how residential develops elsewhere in Dublin.

Haubert wanted to see a study of residential and commercial designations in Dublin's future. He said that having more information would lead to a well-informed decision.

Hart said it is important to have the public as stakeholders in the process, a point that was added to the motion about the study. School and parking impacts are also topics to be covered.

Fifteen members of the public talked about the GPA study. Nine were clearly opposed, several others backed it, and one or two others wanted to know more about the process.

Those in opposition talked about more residential creating more school crowding and parking problems. Also, they want to have more restaurants.

One speaker said that the property has been fallow for too long. It should be on the tax rolls with development, instead of waiting much longer.

Another speaker said that traffic circulation in the neighborhood, which is near Grafton Drive between Dublin Boulevard and Central Parkway, has circulation problems that need to be solved by development. There was a fire not long ago, and the speaker was concerned about emergency access, a point that Haubert also brought up.

Biddle read into the record Sbranti's statement in opposition to going ahead with the study.

Sbranti's statement said he was concerned about any loss of a zoning designation for the 3 acres for public and semipublic space. In the past, other developments have provided community amenities in them, such as "YMCA, Hope Hospice, and Springfield Montessori from this type of zoning."

Sbranti also said that it is important to retain commercial in The Promenade, since Kaiser Permanente and another development

on a nearby property could generate some use for commercial on the site.

Gupta said in remarks from the audience podium that going ahead with the study is a "tacit approval of putting housing on the

site." He said, "East Dublin is turning into a bedroom community and lacks commercial opportunities. We are forced to leave Dublin to eat, shop and play. We don't need an economic study to show that East Dublin needs commercial," said Gupta.

## House Members Want Specifics on Federal Funds for Twin Tunnel

A group of Delta congressional representatives is taking a close look at approximately \$4 billion in federal funding that they say would be part of the money spent on the Delta Twin Tunnels project proposed by Gov. Jerry Brown.

The project is part of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDC). There would be two tunnels more than 30 miles long to carry fresh water under the Delta, to ensure better water quality and provide more water reliability for the 23 million customers who rely on the state and federal water projects that use the Delta. The Valley's water wholesaler, Zone 7 Water Agency, is one of those state water project stakeholders.

Among the signers of a Sept. 26 letter asking Interior Secretary Sally Jewell for details about federal spending on the project are Congressmen John Garamendi of Walnut Grove, who formerly represented Livermore, and Jerry McNerney of Stockton, who previously represented Pleasanton. Both continue to represent portions of the Delta in their districts.

The whole Delta delegation has opposed the current status of the Delta restoration plan for several reasons. They say that it will take land away from farmers when salt marshes are created. More salt water in the Delta underground basin will hurt farm irrigation. Fishing will be harmed by the tunnels, water diversion because of the periodic removal of fresh water that normally would flow through the Delta.

Now the House members want to know exact amounts spent by the Interior Depart-

ment since the Delta plan's formation was begun in 2006.

They also say in the letter that they are concerned "about the substantial increases in federal spending that would be required under BDCPs financing plan." The funding plan "may not be realistic, given the ongoing funding constraints at the Department of Interior."

The House Appropriations Committee's draft fiscal year 2014 Interior/Environment funding bill would provide \$2.9 billion less than the fiscal 2013 enacted level, and \$4.3 billion less than competing legislation in the Senate, says the letter. It asks whether the Interior has discussed these apparent lower budget amounts with California state government, as they pertain to the BDCP financing plan.

Matthew Kravitz, a spokesperson for Garamendi, said that so far there has been no reply from Jewell. It is unlikely to come very soon, with the government shutdown having left only a minimum staff at Interior, said Kravitz.

Garamendi said in a press release about the letter to Jewell, "By raising questions on the proposed \$5 billion cost to the American taxpayer of the Delta Tunnels project, this letter is part of a productive dialogue on meeting California's water needs."

McNerney said, "With the potential investment of federal funding, the taxpayers of this country also deserve to know how much of their money will be dedicated to this project."

Other House members who signed the letter are George Miller, Ami Bera, Mike Thompson, and Doris Matsui.

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Sunflower Hill families recently gathered at Taylor Family Foundation's Camp Arroyo for a quarterly 'family fun day' and a chance to swim."

## Organization Plans to Build Community For Adults with Special Needs

By Carol Graham

The name, Sunflower Hill, is no accident.

"The symbolism of the sunflower is really important," said Susan Houghton, whose 21 year old son is autistic. "The sunflower is the strongest flower and the most vibrant. It puts its face toward the sun. When you think about our kids, they need to be vibrant and they need to be nourished. When they're placed in the sun, just think how they can grow."

Sunflower Hill is a Tri-Valley based non-profit organization dedicated to building a diverse, life-long residential community for adults with special needs. The organization was founded last year by a dozen local families who envisioned a sustainable, special needs community based on a senior-living model.

"Once we started talking, we came to the realization that if we don't create this place, who will? And if not now, when?" said Houghton, Sunflower Hill's President. "We're using the phrase: intentional community not unlike senior living. When we use that analogy, people get it because they love senior living. They understand that residents can do arts and crafts one day, go on a field trip to the bowling alley another day, or if they just want to stay in their apartment, they can do that, too."

Although autism spectrum disorders are the fastest growing developmental disabilities, with a staggering growth rate of 1,148% according to the Autism Society, Sunflower Hill will be open to adults aged 18 and up with special needs stemming from many genetic disorders and syndromes, such as Down Syndrome.

"There are so many kids in the pipeline who have nowhere to go," said Dr. Lynn Mielke, the mother of a 15 year old son with autism. "This residential community would offer activities, a sense of family, fun things to do, and different levels of care. We want a wonderful place where they can live their lives, with a quality of life that we all would want for our loved ones."

While area schools do an outstanding job of integrating children with special needs into mainstream activities as well as promoting life skills, district programs end when a student turns 22.

"My son Jacob, 18, has a genetic abnormality," said Jon Elfin. "Although Jake has acquaintances at school and in the Special Olympics, he can't build a life of his own. I hang out with Jake for the most part. The fear that drives us all is that we're not going to be here forever."

Nationwide there are around 80 communities comparable to Sunflower

Hill, twelve of which are located in California. Those closest to the Tri-Valley are Sweetwater Spectrum in Sonoma and Friends of Children with Special Needs in Fremont.

"We are currently searching for a site," said Houghton. "We're open to all locations but are working aggressively with Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin. It's our number one goal."

Houghton asked the Pleasanton City Council last week to consider such a community for the eastside of the city.

In the meantime, the group is continuing its fundraising efforts. On November 2nd, they will host the Sunflower Hill Wine & Painting Fundraiser at Crooked Vine Winery, featuring the talents of Brushstrokes and Wine Notes' Sharon Costello, who will instruct a painting class of the featured artwork, Van Gogh's *Starry Night*. Participants take their masterpieces home.

"You don't have to be a great painter to come," said Houghton. "There's wonderful wine, food by Checkers Catering, and a great raffle. Tickets are \$95 for painters, \$80 for non-painters. We need everyone's help in order to realize our vision. We've got a great group of families working incredibly hard to make this happen, but we can't do it alone."

Next February, a fundraising seminar is scheduled at Las Positas College. An attorney will provide legal information on a variety of issues relating to individuals with special needs, including information about Social Security, Medi-Cal, maintaining benefits, and setting up conservatorships.

"There's a lot of confusion around these things," said Elfin. "The seminar will give people the first steps on how to tackle them. We'll be raising money, but we're going to provide a really good service, too."

Each step brings the organization closer to realizing its goal of establishing a community that allows for the uniqueness of special needs individuals to flourish while ensuring vocational and social integration.

"It's a little bit cliché but these people are individuals with individual personalities and individual abilities," said Elfin. "It's easy to label them special needs or mentally retarded or autistic. But they are people who want to be wanted, who want to have friends, and to be successful. They don't always articulate that, but they have a lot of the same desires we have."

"To sit in a room or to be isolated is just as bad for them as it would be for any of us. We want them to be able to grow, to have a life and to be happy."

To learn more, visit [www.sunflowerhill.org](http://www.sunflowerhill.org).

## INITIATIVE

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Livermore High School Principal. Previously only traditionally college bound students, primarily juniors, registered for the annual Saturday administration of the test.

Darrel Avilla, Del Valle High School Principal, thanked the Pedrozzi Foundation for funding the PSAT test for all sophomores. "This test gave our students the opportunity to experience a college level assessment, which they would not have experienced due to the cost of the test or their understanding of the importance associated with this assessment", expresses Avilla.

Parent Roxanne Kusske also understands how money and lack of awareness can be limiting. "My daughter's friends, who would not normally have taken the PSAT, had the privilege of taking the test during a regular school day. They were reminded to look at college as a choice," says Kusske. "For some of her friends, money would have been a deterrent to signing up for the test. For others, their parents would not have thought to sign them up. The grant was a blessing for our community with its diverse population in terms of family understanding of the route for their child to attend college."

Sophomore Sam Walter appreciated taking the test on a Wednesday. "I liked it a lot more that it was on a school day, and we didn't have to come in on a Saturday. Probably a lot of people wouldn't have taken it if it were on a Saturday. The practice test was helpful because it gave me an idea of what the SAT is going to be like," explained Walter.

Test takers receive free information from colleges, universities and scholarship programs and a customized SAT study plan. On average students who take the PSAT score higher on the SAT than those who do not.

However, the benefits of taking the PSAT reach far beyond improved SAT scores. "Students taking the PSAT are taking the first step toward a college education. With this test, they begin to connect with

the College Board website, to explore their interests and possible areas of study, and to be identified as potential Advanced Placement students. Taking the test as a sophomore allows the students two full years of high school to fulfill requirements for college," explains Philomena Rambo, Granada High School Principal. "I predict more students meeting college admission requirements upon graduation because of taking this test as a sophomore."

Roxann Engel, Counselor at Granada, agrees and adds, "Early participation also has the potential of being that spark to get students to consider a college path that might otherwise have been closed off as an option."

Kusske views the PSAT as a stepping stone for her daughter and other sophomores. "Being able to take the PSAT and understanding how well her prior education in Livermore prepared her for the math portion of the test made my daughter realize that she has a strong foundation to pursue her dreams. This opportunity renewed her energy to push ahead in her educational goals," shared Kusske.

Sheryl Howser, Principal, Alternative School Principal, was grateful to the Pedrozzi Foundation for supporting Vineyard students with scholarships for higher education and now enabling all 10th graders in the district to take the PSAT. "This opportunity will help all students explore the college and career possibilities available to them after high school," explains Howser.

Paula Orrell, Board President of the Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation, stated, "Partnering with the school district to fund PSAT testing for all sophomores is only the first of many initiatives to support more local students."

By providing other resources in addition to awarding scholarships, the Foundation is encouraging and assisting local students in their pursuit of higher education and advanced training.

"This initiative addresses equity across the district. Now all students have equal access to the PSAT, which provides benefits to students, families and the district," expounds Superintendent Bowers.

## SPENDING

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lot, Smarter Balanced Assessments, in the spring. The proposal is to spend \$1.8 million on technology, including the purchase of Chrome books.

There will not be enough to provide all students with a Chrome book. About 2400 will be purchased and moved to where they are needed.

Trustee Kate Runyon noted, "It's a kick start, but not sufficient for the long term."

Board president Bill Dunlop said he is concerned that not having hands-on use of the technology on a daily basis could impact a student's ability to take the test. "Half the battle is learning to use a new thing."

Superintendent Kelly Bowers commented that the district is well positioned with wireless access. Students are more tech savvy than adults.

The rest of the common core money will be spent on

professional development at \$500,000 and to purchase supplementary instructional material at an estimated cost of \$335,000.

Staff noted that more money will be needed over the long term to provide instructional materials.

Runyon suggested that as part of the report to the state on how the current funds will be spent, the state should be informed as to the amount of money needed to meet the requirements of the Common Core program.

## International Collaboration to Detect Virus in Bladder Cancers

A Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL)-developed biological detection technology has been employed as part of an international collaboration that has detected a virus in bladder cancers.

The research effort, performed in conjunction with scientists from the University of Split in Croatia; LLNL; and the University of Jordan in Amman, is believed to be the first study to demonstrate an association between Kaposi's sarcoma-associated herpesvirus (KSHV), also known as human herpesvirus 8, and bladder cancers.

The team's paper was published in the journal *Tumor Biology*, a publication of the International Society of Oncology and BioMarkers. Janos Terzic of the University of Split was the paper's lead author. The team included two researchers from LLNL -- Crystal Jaing, a biologist in LLNL's Biosciences and Biotechnology Division, and Kevin McLoughlin, a computational biologist in LLNL's Computation Directorate.

Biopsy specimens were collected from a total of 55

Croatian patients -- 44 men and 11 women -- who had been diagnosed with different stages of bladder cancer.

An initial screening of DNA extracts from three randomly selected biopsy specimens for the presence of viruses, using the Lawrence Livermore Microbial Detection Array (LLMDA), revealed that the KSHV pathogen was present in all three.

The Livermore results for the three tested samples were confirmed through KSHV-specific polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing. Then PCR tests were performed on the remaining 52 biopsy specimens from the study group. Those tests showed that KSHV DNA was detected in 30 of the 55 patients, or 55 percent of the group.

"We're pleased that the LLMDA performed well in the testing of the bladder cancer samples," Jaing said. "For us, it is the first publication showing the technology used as the primary detector of a virus associated with a specific disease, which was then confirmed using other techniques."

In their paper, the authors noted that with the high prevalence of KSHV infection demonstrated in their study, the pathogen may play a role in the formation of bladder cancer, and warrants further studies.

Bladder cancer is the seventh most common human malignancy and represents a global health problem. In addition to recognized risk factors, such as smoking and exposure to chemicals, various infectious agents also have been viewed as factors in the causes of the disease.

Developed between October 2007 and February 2008, the LLMDA detects viruses and bacteria with the use of 388,000 probes that fit in a checkerboard pattern in the middle of a one-inch-wide, three-inch-long glass slide. Analysis of samples with the LLMDA can be completed within 24 hours.

In 2010, the LLMDA was used in a research study by scientists from five institutions who evaluated the DNA content of eight vaccines. Seven of the vac-

cines' contents turned out as expected, but one -- a vaccine used to prevent diarrhea in babies -- contained a pig virus, porcine circovirus-1 (PCV-1). There have been no signs of safety problems with the vaccine. The virus is not known to cause any kind of illness in people or animals.

Livermore's LLMDA is used to test vaccine safety, cell substrates, wound samples, food safety and to detect pathogens in cancer, among other tasks, in more than two dozen collaborations with institutions such as the Mayo Clinic, the Moffitt Cancer Center, the Naval Medical Research Center, the California State Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control, the University of Texas Medical Branch and the Blood Systems Research Institute. International collaborators include McMaster and McGill universities of Canada, the Statens Serum Institut of Denmark, and the Centers for Disease Control of Taiwan.

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# SPORTS NOTES



In U5 Livermore Boys Fusion Soccer, the Fast Cheetahs played against the Angry Birds. It was a fantastic game with many highlights. The Fast Cheetahs were led by Viggo Jensen, Caden Romero, Joaquin Trigueros, Brandon Hahn, Cole McGinnis, and Joseph Tenca.



Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) U9 teams Deportivo and Valencia players had an excellent game despite not having any substitutes on their benches. Derek Wang fired a shot for Deportivo's first goal. Juliano Casentini was on fire with two goals and a stint in goal with a clean slate. Andrew Young worked very hard and helped offensively and defensively. Top Offensive Players: Juliano Casentini, Derek Wang, Dylan Gray; Top Defensive Players: Terrence Yu, Kadin Sellami, Zidane Sellami



West Coast Wild U 16 girls, defending State Cup Champions, are at the top of the group table of Norcal State Cup. Wild defeated Juventus Lightning in its first State Cup match 4-0 and this weekend on October 13 the wild thrashed their arch rival Impact Konfusion with another 4-0 win. Pictured are team Wild (back, from left) Melissa Ellis, Miciah Madison, Jacey Luzzi, Emilie Allum, Coach Troy Dayak, Megan Amick, Autumn Smithers, Hanna Beauchamp; (front) Kasidee Wiley, Tori Nicolo, Sydney Lunt, Amanda Valentine, Alyssa Adi Ruiz, and Demi Gonis.



Ben Nuddelman of 49ers scored against the Eagles in Livermore Junior Football League action.



Livermore U4 Girls Fusion Soccer Cowgirls had a hard fought battle versus the Tinkerbells. Outstanding play was demonstrated by Reese Boswell, Taylor Conover, Jacey Green, Makenna Loder, Hanna Rivard, Megan Silva, and Liana Valverde.



Yin Segalman and Mary Aflaque Mitchell (left), 60 years old bracket and Donna Hogarth and Donna Allen (right), 50 years old bracket, are members of the Livermore Valley Tennis Club. The competed in the Huntsman World Senior Games in St. George, Utah. Both teams finished third in the women's doubles in their age brackets, bringing home the bronze medal. Mary, who taught and coached tennis for many years, said, "It's never too late to play, especially for seniors."



Livermore Junior Football League saw Bryce Gray of Raider return the kickoff for a touchdown.



In Livermore U8 Girls Fusion Soccer, the Firecrackers battled the Bulldogs in a 5-0 game. Claire Shan, Allanie Alatorre, and Brittany Hahn scored goals for the Firecrackers, while also getting solid offensive help from Sarah Deplitch and Madyiin Harrell. Joely Wolf, Claire Shan, and Brittany Hahn led the defense and recorded another shutout. There was an overall great game from Sophie McGinnis and Katelynn Burdick on both sides of the ball.



The West Coast U9G Krew battled two local premier teams over the weekend. On Saturday, the Krew took down Mustang Forza with a 3-2 win. On Sunday, the Krew girls went head to head with San Ramon for a 1-1 tie. Pictured is West Coast's Mia Hess as she drives the ball down the field to score a goal against Mustang Forza.



West Coast Karma scored a big victory over Heritage on Saturday 5-2. Karma started slowly by giving up an early goal to Heritage. Rebekah McCarthy evened the score with a goal to ignite the Karma offense. This was followed by a goal by Eli Mendoza. The scoring continued in the second half with a second goal by McCarthy (assist Breana Maitia). Hunter Wells made many runs, which paid off when she made a pass to midfielder Amanda Montana who buried it in the corner of the net. As the second half was winding down, the ball was bouncing off players in the penalty box when Jill Finney booted it past an outstretched goalie. Karma's defense was led by Michelle Hagelston, Ari Mancieri and Rachel Esser. This limited Heritage to a total of eight shots on goal.

## Seahawks Honored

At the annual Pacific Swimming Awards Banquet in Walnut Creek, eight Pleasanton Seahawks were selected for recognition of their exceptional accomplishments during the 2012-2013 swim season, along with the Seahawks Age Group Coach Todd Tucker. Todd was voted Coach of the Year, Moriah Simonds was awarded Most Outstanding 15 year old swimmer LC Meters, Erika Brown was awarded Most Outstanding 14 year old swimmer LC Meters, 200 Medley Relay Team of Jonah Cooper, Timothy Yao, Tyler Lu and Christopher Zhong was voted Relay of the Year, Nick Silverthorn was awarded Most Outstanding 17 year old swimmer SC Yards, and Celina Li (not pictured) was voted Most Outstanding 17 year old SC Yards and LC Meters, Pre-Collegiate, Age-Group swimmer, and Age Group - Swimmer of the Year. Other nominees were Maxime Rooney-Swimmer of the year, Race of the year (200 free SC), Erika Brown-Race of the Year (100 free SC), Nick Silverthorn (100 Breast SC).

## Pleasanton Rage

**Pleasanton Rage** U16 Orange vs. Barcelona Ice: Gigi Vega from Pleasanton Rage scored first followed by a goal by teammate Sabrina Lilly. Just before the end of the first half, Ana Cano scored a goal for Barcelona Ice, assisted by Marissa Galindo to end the half at 2-1 Pleasanton. At the beginning of the second half, Barcelona Ice's Marissa Galindo, scored another assisted by Ana Cano, tying the game 2-2. Charnel Thomas from Rage scored the goal winner, bringing the score to 3-2. Later Sabrina Lilly scored another goal, followed by a fifth goal for Pleasanton, on a break-away, by Ashley Groth. Both goalies made multiple saves each keeping the score to 5-2.

**Rage Orange Pride:** The Livermore Raptors were a polished unbeaten soccer team that through 7 games had never lost or tied any of their games to their opponents. They averaged close to 4 points per game and had only allowed 2 point total from all 7 previous adversaries. This all was about to change when they faced the Rage Orange Pride. At the 26 minute, Mollie McKay stole the ball and unselfishly crossed it to Jamison Gray on the far post for a punch in for Orange Pride. The Raptors rallied at the 31st min, taking a cross punched it in. The score was tied at 1-1 at halftime.

The Pride scored at the 45 minute, with Maddie Hill working the ball up the center, drawing the defenders to her. As they swarmed to her, she passed the ball to her right to Jenna Brown who had an easy shot into the goal. The Raptors quickly answered 4 minutes later with a brilliant cross across the goal box for an easy shot into the goal from the far post.

Pride answered at the 53rd minute with a well executed series of passes. Starting with Lindsey Schroeder in the back field the ball was passed perfectly to Jamison Gray who passed lateral



West Cost Soccer Whiplash is continuing a strong season with a real chance at taking a top three finish in Norcal league play. Leading goal scorers for the season are Kirra Karter and Taylor Peterson. The defense has been anchored down in the middle by Jenna Radwan and Courtney Haubert. Sunday's game was a fun and well executed game. Natalie Lusk got into the scoring action for the first time in a few games with two lovely goals. Alize Perez added a third strike from the center-mid position. Maggie Sneed and Destiny Sanderidge, splitting time in the goal, combined to preserve shutout for a Whiplash 3-0 win over Martinez. Pictured is Kirra Karter winning the ball on the way to one of her seven goals for the season.

to Kristin Kye who passed it back to a rushing Jamison, who then popped it over all the defenders to Jenna Brown who was sprinting past the last defender to be matched 1:1 with the goalie. She launched it over the goalie who had come out to challenge her.

The 4th goal came at the 62nd minute starting with a drop ball between Kristin and a member of the Raptors. Kristin won the drop and passed this onto Jenna who shot it between defenders to Mollie who sprinted up the left side behind the defenders. The girls scored 4 goals against the top team, two more than the rest of the league combined. The final score was Pleasanton Rage Orange Pride 4, Livermore Fusion Raptor 2. Top play-

ers on offense: Jenna Brown, Jamison Grey, Mollie McKay; defense: Ally Greth, Kristin Kye, Summer Reeves.

## Livermore Jr. Football

On October 19, Livermore Junior Football League's teams completed their regular season and move into the playoffs. The regular season champions are the Texans in the Junior Division, the 49ers in the Intermediate Division, the Colts in the Advanced Division and the Chiefs in the Senior Division. The opening round of the playoffs will be on Saturday, October 26 at Granada High School.

**Junior Division:** Raiders 15, Lions 6; The Lions and the Raiders

faced off Saturday, for the third time this season. However, this would prove to be a unique game between the two. Rather than a high scoring bout, this game was about defense. The first half was filled with some great defensive stops by both teams, many turnover-on-downs, and a few punts. The Raiders threatened to score at the end of the first half, but a would-be touchdown pass was intercepted by Dylan Prusso to end the half. The first half ended Lions 0, Raiders 0.

The second half featured more defensive stands, and saw the Lions make a shift with Dylan Prusso and Zach Sandoval playing defense. Many stops were made. However after a fumble forced by Prusso and a recovery by Sandoval, the Lions got the ball back. The Raiders' defense would come up strong and score a safety. They then followed it up with a touchdown. The Lions' offense then got on a roll with Zach Sandoval running the ball up the middle with a sprint to pay dirt scoring the Lions' first points. Those points were quickly answered as the Raiders returned the ensuing kickoff back for a touchdown. The defense tried their best, as did the offense, but ultimately the Raiders prevailed in a low-scoring bout 15-6. Both teams advance to the playoffs next week.

**Texans 54, Falcons 33**  
**Intermediate Division:** 49ers 22, Eagles 14: The final game of the regular season was hard fought. 49ers scored on the first drive with a TD by JJ Knight. Great blocking by Christian Lopez, Chanston Bright, Riley Cornelius, and Cameron Adrienes led to the score. Quinn Tudor scored an amazing 45 yard touchdown to take the 49ers up by 12 in the second quarter. Cameron Stephensen connected with Ben

Nuddelman making the 2 point conversion. The Eagles rebounded with a solid drive but lost the ball to Zach Gooby who ran it back for 6 points. The defense played strong throughout the game with great tackles by Dylan Clinton, Tyler Morano, Max Tuffer, Michael Olmstad and Eli Nuddelman. The 49ers finished the regular season undefeated.

**Ravens 13, Vikings 6**  
**Advanced Division:** Broncos 14, Bears 0; Colts 42, Jets 20  
**Senior Division:** Giants 20, Packers 14; Steelers 6, Chiefs 6

## West Coast Soccer

**West Coast Soccer Club U9 girls Krew** had an exciting and action packed weekend of soccer. Down 2 players and with just one sub for the weekend, the Krew battled two equally talented teams in league play.

On Saturday, October 19, the Krew played the Danville's Mustang Forza. Early in the match, Mia Hess scored a goal against Forza with an assist from Priscilla Gonzales. Forza answered with a goal. The half ended with both teams at 1 point each. Early in the second half, Taryn Richey raced down the field and scored a goal for the Krew. Forza again answered with a goal and the game was, again, tied. With minutes left in the game, Mia Hess drove the ball down the field and scored another goal. The Krew's defense held Forza scoreless in the remaining minutes of play and Krew defeated Forza 3 - 2.

On Sunday, October 20, the Krew faced San Ramon Azuri. The Krew had previously battled and tied Azuri in a game earlier in the league season. The Krew began the game with an



Pictured at the Pacific Swimming Awards Banquet from the Pleasanton Seahawks are, from left) Coach Todd, Moriah Simonds, Erika Brown, Tyler Lu, Christopher Zhong, Maxime Rooney, Timothy Yao, and Nick Silverthorn.



# SPORTS NOTES



Pictured is Rage Orange Pride's Jamison Grey punching the ball in. Photo - Juli Stewart



The Livermore Fusion SC '02 Maroon Boys Team dominated the competition at the Sagebrush Tournament in Reno, Nevada earlier this month defending their Championship Title. Their 4-0 record brought home another trophy for Premier Coach Matt Caution and Livermore Fusion Soccer Club and championship medals for the players shown back to front and left to right: Dylan Baxter, Abraham Zarate, Mateo Wilde, Aiden Lewis, Dane Winslow, Joey Keller, Parker Moore, Colton Trudeau, Landon Ratinho, Edwin Zabala and Devin Ruzich. Not pictured, Minion Mascot. The team is having a banner year, showing its versatility on the grass, sand and turf by also earning 1st place in the San Ramon Azuri Classic and 1st place in the America SCORES Beach Soccer Blast in Ocean Beach, San Francisco. Next up, Fusion SC's Ghouls and Goals Premier Tournament in Livermore on Oct. 26 and 27.



The Livermore Aquacowboys swim team turned in some great swims as they competed at the Pleasanton CBA meet this past weekend. Pictured are Paige DaCosta, Nick, Alex, & Gregory Quach, Jack and Katy Rehberger, Daiki Nishikawa, Franco & Sofia Moufarrej, Chris & Alex Gonzalez, Faith Carroll, Hunter Woffinden, Katie Dabney, Katie Kulp, Paige Chew, Brooke Carter, Jack and Melinda Davis, Emily Chong, Brandon Siu, Parker Anderson and Skyler Bodhan.



The West Coast U9G Wildkatz hit the road for an away game against the Walnut Creek Chelsea team. The Wildkatz put up a strong defense to shut out Chelsea and bring home a 1-0 victory. Pictured is West Coast Forward Teagan Conklin with a power shot on goal.

early goal by Mia Hess. The Krew's defense held Azuri scoreless until just seconds before the first half was called. The score at the half was tied, with both teams at 1 point each. During the second half, Krew's defense and goalkeeper Eliza Williams kept Azuri from scoring. Despite moving the ball down the field, Krew was unable to score in the second half and the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

**The U9 WildKatz** from Livermore's West Coast Soccer Club endured a challenging weekend, splitting two away games as they prepare for the second round of the NorCal State Cup two weeks away in Davis, CA.

The first match, Saturday in Alameda versus Bay Oaks, the Katz seemingly had more than just the opponent to worry about and fought valiantly in a 2-1 loss. Down 1-0 early in the second half, Teagan Conklin leveled the score assisted by Mary Jane Anzo. The WildKatz continued the momentum; however a handball was called. The well placed penalty kick sealed a 2-1 defeat.

Sunday was a new day for the soccer ladies from Livermore, once again travelling away to Walnut Creek versus Chelsea. The girls, while not in top form, showed true grit to come away with a 1-0 victory thanks to an early second half goal from Jayden Morton. Defensive standouts in the shutout were led by goalkeepers, Katie Carlson and Ellia Revino. Mia Marks, Jade Castillo and Anzo highlighted the effort in defense.

Anzo, Marks, Conklin, Maddie Flasek and Morton were all given recognition for their strong play and effort over the weekend.

### Girls Softball

LGSA Registration: Livermore Girls Softball Association welcomes all Livermore girls aged 5-18, no ex-

perience necessary. Online registration is open now at [LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org](http://LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org), or register in person on November 20 from 6-9pm at Joe Mitchell School. Visit the website or email registration@LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org for more information.

### Bocce Kits for Rent

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is making bocce ball kits available for rent to the public.

Bocce ball kits can be checked out for a week at a time from the Robert Livermore Community Center. The kits are available at the front counter from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Rental for one week is \$20, plus a \$40 refundable deposit by credit card or cash - a total of \$60. The \$40 deposit is refundable if equipment is returned in good condition. Kits are rented on a first-come, first-served basis; reservations are not available in advance. Rental of a bocce ball kit does not guarantee a bocce ball court will be available.

The Robert Livermore Community Center is located at 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Bothwell Park is located at 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. For more information, call 925-373-5700.

### Race to the Flagpole

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

## Pro Arena Soccer Comes to Livermore

The Bay Area has a new professional sports franchise, as Bay Area Rosal has been named an expansion team for the burgeoning Professional Arena Soccer League (PASL) for the 2013-2014 season.

Rosal will play home games at the Cabernet Sports Arena in Livermore. The level of soccer expects to be outstanding with a mix of domestic and international players, former college All-Americans, players who have competed for their national teams, and even World Cup participants.

Rosal joins a rich sports tradition in Northern California, looking to duplicate the success of the A's, Giants, 49'ers, Raiders, Sharks, and Warriors, but their game experience will be much more attainable for the average fan. Tickets are only \$12 and children always get in free. The Cabernet Sports Arena is conveniently located at 6474 Patterson Pass Road in Livermore, and offers plenty of free parking as well as food, beverages, and beer at the games.

Rosal will play 16 regular season games, starting November 2 in its home opener against the Las Vegas Legends and ending February 16 against the Mexico Torros before the PASL playoffs start.

The team is bolstered by Arena soccer legend and scoring record holder Luis Orellana, former goalkeeping icon Mario Astorga as coach, and U.S. soccer wonder-kid, Olympian, and MLS star Zak Ibsen.

The brainchild of owner Chris Rockenbaugh and namesake of his auto recycling business, a soccer team named Rosal has been playing since 2001. In 2006 joined the California Premier Soccer Association, reaching three championship games and winning one, and then on to the PASL-Premier, a developmental organization to the top PASL league.

"It's been a long climb from amateur, to semi-pro, to professional," says Rockenbaugh, "but we're very excited to compete at the highest level."

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



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Amador Valley High School Dons escaped with a narrow 10-7 victory over Livermore High in an EBAL game last Friday. The win clinched a spot in the playoffs for the Dons. Mitchell Copenhaver scored on an 11 yard touchdown run with 11:01 remaining to nail down the win. Both defenses turned in solid efforts, stopping several scoring chances.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Dublin High School's varsity girls' volleyball team won the first set 25 to 14, but lost the final three to Dougherty Valley, 31-19, 25-23, 25-22, to lose the match.

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In the top photo, Kevin Laue plays center for Amador Valley. Former President George W. Bush (in the photo at right) talks to Kevin Laue, his mother, Jodi Jarnigan, and stepfather, Jim Jarnigan at San Francisco airport on one of the president's visits to the Bay Area. Bush had read about Laue in Sports Illustrated and wanted to meet him.



## Former Amador Player Stars in Movie Coming to Valley

Kevin Laue, a 23-year-old graduate of Amador Valley High School, is the star of a movie that is a long shot for a nomination for an Academy Award.

However, Laue is used to long shots. The movie about him is called "Long Shot." It's about how he overcame great odds to become a Division I college basketball player, despite being born with only one hand.

The 6-11 Laue made a name for himself in the Valley a few years ago playing a center on Amador's team. Then he went on to a scholarship at Manhattan College, where he played basketball and earned a degree in business in three years.

Now he is promoting the "Long Shot" movie, and starting a career in motivational speaking for both kids and adults about how he overcame a physical handicap with determination and hard work. It is changing his life, both because of all of the people he has met and appreciated, and for the example he is able to set, especially for young people.

Filmmaker Franklin Martin, himself a former college basketball player, shot more than 200 hours of film and edited it down a 90-minute movie, which will play at the Vine Cinema in Livermore Oct. 25 to 31.

Laue, who splits his time between Southern California and New York, told the In-

dependent he is hoping for a good turnout at the Vine from his hometown.

Laue credits his mother, Jodi Jarnigan, and his grandmother, Judy Bloodworth, for much of his emotional support when he was younger. After Laue's father died when he was 10, his mother "really stepped up to bat in my life. She never let my arm be an excuse. She's a very godly woman, my favorite person in the world," said Laue.

Besides never giving up, and reaching a skill level that led to his college basketball career, Laue has found some surprises about where his life has led him. He was interviewed by a Buddhist magazine, was on a feature page of Sports Illustrated, and was due to appear this week on the Larry King Show.

The Sports Illustrated story was seen by President George W. Bush. Not long afterward, Laue took a cell phone call at Amador, and was told The White House was calling. Could he meet the President at San Francisco Airport? He certainly could, along with his mother and stepfather.

They spent 25 minutes talking on the tarmac. Bush autographed the copy of Sports Illustrated in which Laue's story was published. Later, Bush sent him a couple of letters.

One of his visits to inspire people was to Uganda,

where he met other young athletes with disabilities.

Laue took his inspiration from Jim Abbot, a former pitcher with the Angels and the Yankees. Abbot pitched in the major league careers with great success, despite also missing a hand. Laue was thrilled to meet Abbot a couple of times, and receive encouragement from him.

During childhood, Laue was singled out by other kids, but that just made him a stronger person, he said.

There might never have been a "Long Shot" movie if it had not been for a summer amateur basketball tournament in Las Vegas. Laue was playing on a team there. Martin, who was a coach before he began filmmaking, happened to coach against Laue's team. They struck up a friendship. The result was a movie that was years in the making.

Martin has made his own transition from basketball coaching, over to writing and filmmaking. He has made several other movies, which occupied much of the seven-year time frame for the "Long Shot" movie. He has acted on New York stages and made appearances in several TV series.

Asked what people have said about the movie, Martin said, "Kids from 10 to 18 love the movie. They see themselves in high school with similar situations to Kevin. Everyone has struggles."

## Long-time Las Positas College Professor Awarded Highest Honor

Las Positas College announced that Karen Brill Pihl, Ph.D. has been selected to receive the Reed Buffington Award for 2013. The Buffington Award is the highest honor for professional excellence in the fields of teaching and community service given to a faculty member in the Chabot-Las Positas College District. The two colleges in the District, Chabot College in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore, have a combined total of 258 full-time faculty members.

Karen Pihl served as a member of the biology faculty at Las Positas for more than 35 years. After her retirement in June 2009, Professor Pihl continued to teach for two more years. From the earliest days, when she was one of only two faculty members in her discipline, and shared the program's single laboratory with other sciences, she was involved in every aspect of developing her program, including the design of the college's first science building in the 1990s. Most recently, she was central to the planning of the second science building that opened in August 2013. It is home to four new laboratories dedicated to the biological sciences.

As part of teaching and mentoring more than 3500 students over her Las Positas career, Professor Pihl developed curriculum and helped integrate technology throughout her program and the entire college. She was also the moving force behind the creation of the Botany Program, Herbarium and Greenhouse.



Karen Pihl

During her career at the College, Karen Pihl received many honors. Among these are the Meritorious Teaching and Service Award in 2001, the Chancellor's Award in 1992, 2000, 2004 and the California State Community Chancellor's Technology 2000 Focus Award. In retirement, among other community activities, Dr. Pihl follows her love of science by serving as a Volunteer Guide at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

The Reed Buffington Award was established in 1986 as the preeminent accolade that the faculties of the two colleges in the District pay one of their colleagues. It was named in

honor of Chabot College's Founding President, Dr. Reed Buffington, who also endowed the award.

Members of the science faculty in conjunction with the Las Positas College Foundation have created an award to recognize outstanding science teaching and service to the College. The first award recognition will commemorate Dr. Pihl's many contributions to the College with a bronze plaque to be installed on the new science building. To make a tax-deductible investment in the award fund, contact the LPC Foundation at (925) 424-1010 or [www.lpcfoundation.org/investing-in-lpc/make-an-investment](http://www.lpcfoundation.org/investing-in-lpc/make-an-investment).



Serenity Pico and Living Arroyos Apprentice demonstrate planting of acorns during last weekend's event.

## Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Set

Interfaith-Interconnect is sponsoring an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. It will be held at Asbury Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore on November 17,

from 4:30 to 5:30 PM.

Those attending will explore how gratitude is expressed in different faith traditions and how gratitude can transform us and our

world.

This event is open to all and is free of charge. Seating space is limited. Early reservations are encouraged. Please register at [interfaith-thanksgiving.eventbrite.com](http://interfaith-thanksgiving.eventbrite.com).

Interfaith-Interconnect is a group of Tri-Valley lay people and clergy who want to get people of different faiths to know and understand each other. Interfaith-Interconnect's mission is to "enrich, inform, and educate ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cultures in our valley."

In 2011, the group put on "Three Weddings and a Reception." "Sharing our Music: An Interfaith Concert" was a widely attended event in 2012. Bahai, Catholic, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Protestant and Unitarian congregations are part of the group.

## Hope Hospice to Present Program on End-of-Life Discussion

Many people avoid end-of-life discussions. Taking proactive steps can help keep from being blindsided when a medical emergency may occur. The key is having these conversations when healthy enough to have them – not when there is a health crisis.

To help community members start the conversation, Hope Hospice and the University of San Francisco, Pleasanton Campus are jointly sponsoring a film screening of the documentary, *Consider the Conversation*, followed by a panel discussion that includes medical and communication experts. This free, event

will be held on Tuesday, November 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the University of San Francisco, Pleasanton Campus, 6120 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 150 in Pleasanton. To make a reservation, call (925) 829-8770, extension 281.

*Consider the Conversation* highlights the American struggle with communication and preparation for the end of life. "This film inspires and empowers people to make their wishes known," says Victoria Emmons, Hope Hospice CEO. "Hope Hospice is actively participating in The Conversation Project, a nationwide effort that is dedicated to

helping people talk about their wishes for end-of-life care. This screening is one of several events we are devoting to this important project."

According to the California HealthCare Foundation, 82 percent of Californians surveyed said it is important to put their wishes in writing – only 23 percent have actually done it.

"Advance directives give individuals control over the health care they receive and the ability to name an "agent" to speak for them if they cannot speak for themselves," says Desiree Shaw, director, University of San Francisco, Pleasanton

Campus. "It is our hope that the community will take to heart the message of this film and speak to their loved ones about their wishes for end-of-life care and complete their advance directives."

A panel discussion and Q&As will follow the film screening. Panelists include: Kuljeet Multani, MD - Board certified Palliative Care and Internal Medicine. She is the associate medical director at Hope Hospice.

Lisa Krieger - Science/Medicine writer with the San Jose Mercury News/Bay Area News Group. She recently wrote the powerful award-winning nine-part series, "The Cost of Dying."

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## SHORT NOTES

### City Challenge

Wellness City Challenge in partnership with Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association (PCFMA), Safeway, Mt. Diablo Recycling, Republic Services, and Concord Hilton will be hosting the 1st Annual Mayors' Healthy Cook-off Showdown Challenge. The special event will take place on Thursday, October 24th at the Mt. Diablo High School in Concord at 2450 Grant Street. Winners from the Contra Costa County Mayors' Cookoff (Concord, Antioch, Pittsburg) will be competing against the winners from the Alameda County Mayors' Cookoff (Livermore, Dublin and Hayward).

The Contra Costa County

Mayors' Cook-off was held on September 7th and the Alameda County Mayors' Cook-off was held July 25th earlier this year. Just as with these two events, this event will feature one Mayor and one chef from each city who will be competing "iron chef"-style for the grand prize. Each chef will be given a grocery bag with a protein food item and produce from local farmers. Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association is donating the locally-grown produce and some produce will also come from the Mt. Diablo High School garden. Safeway Inc. will be donating the protein food item, grains, oil, etc. Local judges will pick their favorite dish based on creativity, pre-

sentation and taste.

Cooking starts at 5:30 pm with the winner to be announced at 7:45 p.m.

### Clean Energy Workshop

A clean energy solutions workshop will be held in Dublin from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tues., Oct. 29 at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway.

The program is sponsored by East Bay Central OFA, a local chapter of Organizing for Action. The chapter recognizes the value of person by person and city by city reducing carbon emissions via moving to solar or other renewable energy and finding means to use less energy.

The task of convincing the fossil fuel industry to curtail dirtier and dirtier means to extract and process the remaining fossil fuels in the ground is monumental. A simpler more powerful means is for consumers to turn to renewable energy and/or become wiser about how to meet energy needs efficiently.

Invited speakers include Michael Denevan of Community Energy Services Corporation, an organization funded with your utility taxes, to objectively advise you about going solar including an estimate, information about analyzing different bids, and creative financing. Jeff Liang of StopWaste.org will provide you tips on energy efficiency.

There will be information on how a city can take advantage of a program to offer residents the option of 100% clean energy through the PG&E grid because of California legislation.

### Teens and Money

The Livermore Public Library will offer a free presentation, "Can I Still Have My Latte? Money Management for Teens." While the presentation is intended for high school seniors and college freshmen, high school students of all ages are invited to attend. This event will take place Saturday, November 9, 2013, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Storytime Room of the Civic Center Library,

1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

Where on earth does the money go? Should you use credit or pay cash? These and many other money management questions will be answered by two representatives from U.N.C.L.E. Credit Union, Harold Roundtree, President & CEO and Chung Bothwell, Chairman of the Board of Directors, who will share their extensive knowledge in financial resource management and be available to answer questions.

For questions or more information, please call Jennifer at 925-373-5576, or visit the library website: [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

## OBITUARIES

### Cathy McClure

Beloved wife and mother, Cathy McClure, Livermore, passed away on August 4, 2013, at the Kaiser



Hospital in Walnut Creek.

Born at Yowell, TX, to Choctaw / Cherokee parents, on August 26, 1943, Cathy was adopted twice and raised by Blain and Edna Sandlin in Commerce, TX.

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

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

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

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

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

Both having lost spouses to death, Cathy and Dr. Eldon Ray McClure met on the Internet in 2001 and were married on March 22, 2003 in a Buddhist ceremony in the Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore (UUCIL).

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

Besides her husband, Cathy is also survived by her children: Lisa Coker, Commerce, TX; Karen Moore, Dike, TX and Kenneth Shumate, Unionville,

MO and stepchildren: Michael McClure, Livermore, CA and Steven McClure, Duarte, CA, Dede Mohr and Yolanda Frazier of Marceline, MO, 18 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

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

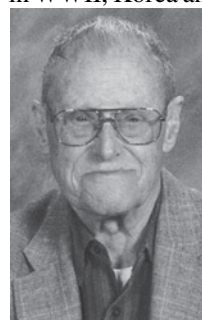
In lieu gifts may be made to the American Indian Center, Rancho Las Positas Elementary School, 401 East Jack London Blvd., Livermore, CA 94551 are encouraged.

### Louis A. Maynard

April 19, 1927 - Sept. 25, 2013  
Resident of Livermore

Louis Alvin Maynard was born in Chehalis, WA on April 19, 1927.

He joined the Navy as a young man and saw service in WWII, Korea and on alert



during the Cuban Blockade. In the Navy he trained under the command of Admiral Rickover, the father of the nuclear Navy. In 1963, after 20 years, Lou retired from the Navy and settled in Livermore, Ca. with his wife Evelyn and his two children, Michael and Catherine (Kit). He worked at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory for 25 years in the Nuclear Chemistry Department, retiring 1989.

Lou is preceded in death by his wife Evelyn in 1999. He is survived by his children Michael and Kit (Dave); granddaughter, Stephanie Marino; and his adored great granddaughter, Angelique Marino.

Family and friends are invited to attend Lou's service being held on November 2, at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church on Fourth Street in Livermore, CA.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Vincent Perry

Feb. 6, 1969 - Oct. 12, 2013  
Resident of Livermore

Vincent passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, October 12, 2013 in San Francisco, CA. He was raised in Dublin, CA



and attended Foothill High School and the ITT Technical Institute. Vince was an Army veteran who served as a Patriot Missile System operator during the Gulf War. He loved music and was a star basketball player at Foothill High.

Vince is survived by his mother and stepfather, Carol and David Counts of Livermore, sisters, Michele Perry (Matt Stine) of Livermore and Charlene Frias (Ruben) of Hermosa Beach as well as his two nieces, Annabelle Stine and Dalia Frias, and one nephew, Andrew Stine. He is also survived by his stepmother, Donna Perry, of Sparks, NV.

Vince will be remembered for his quick and intense humor that could make a new acquaintance laugh like a best friend. He could take something you said, and through irony and often sarcasm, squeeze every bit of funny out of it. He had a way of depicting situations and life's stories with an intense understanding. If something was deep, he made it funny, even when you didn't want to laugh. He was a gentle and loving son, brother, and uncle. Vince will forever be in our hearts and through laughter remind us to enjoy the light side of life. Rest in peace Rock Star.

No outside services are planned but the immediate family will have a private celebration of life. Burial will be at the Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

### Kevin Michael Gathers

Kevin Michael Gathers was born in Livermore on November 24, 1973 and passed away in Pleasanton on October 9, 2013.



He attended Las Positas Community College and graduated from Cal State University at Hayward.

He is survived by his parents, Roger and Chris Gathers, and extended family all over the United States.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, October 27 at 2 p.m. at Cedar Grove Community Church at 2021 College Avenue, Livermore. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested by the

family to be sent to: World Vision/Women of Vision, Incoming Mail MS 100, P. O. Box 9716, Federal Way, WA 98063-9716; 1-877-968-4968, Memorial Source Code: 105429617 or The Salvation Army Concord Corps, 3950 Clayton Road, Concord, CA 94521; [www.salvationarmyconcordca.org](http://www.salvationarmyconcordca.org)

### Erika Elizabeth Campbell

Oct. 13, 1935 - Oct. 17, 2013  
Resident of Antioch

Erika Campbell passed away peacefully on Oct 17, 2013 at the age of 78. She was born in Germany to Karl and Lina Sinn Hahn. She was 1 of 4 children, twin sister; Waltraud and brothers; Erich and Herbert. She met and married the love of her life, Robert "Bob" Campbell while he was stationed in Germany. They moved to the states a few years later to settle and raise their family.

Erika is survived by her daughters Karen Saez, Sylvia Campbell, 8 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. She was predeceased in death by her husband Bob and daughter Lilly Campbell.

A brief Graveside Service will be held on Thursday Oct 24, 2013 at 12:30PM at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, 32053 West McCabe Rd, Santa Nella, CA 95322.

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### Cecilia A. Larsen

March 15, 1917 - Oct. 19, 2013  
Resident of Livermore

Cecilia was born in and lived her entire life in Livermore.



Her parents, John and Mary Azevedo both emigrated from Portugal and owned a small general store for many years. She had two sisters, Mary and Margaret and a brother, Richard.

Cecilia attended St. Michael grade school and Livermore High School. She went on to graduate with a B.A. from Dominican College in San Rafael under a full scholarship. She attended the University of California, Berkeley receiving an M.A. in History and a General Secondary Teaching certificate as well as a Tech-

nical Writing certificate. Cecilia also attended the University of San Francisco receiving a certificate in Music.

She was a lifetime member of St. Michael Catholic church and a longtime member of the church choir.

Cecilia was widowed in 1943 with two small children to care for. She held many jobs to support her children and widowed mother. They included telephone switchboard operator, baker, cannery worker and high school teacher.

In 1951 she was hired as a "Girl Friday" for a small University of California branch office in Livermore. After an internship at the Lawrence Laboratory in Berkeley she went back to Livermore as one of the first seventy-six employees, the first woman and the first Livermore resident to start up the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Cecilia spent the first years working with Edward Teller, Ernest Lawrence, Duane Sewell, Sid Fernbach and Herb York. She helped start the Lab's first computer center and was sent to Philadelphia to learn to run the Univac, the Lab's first computer. Cecilia remained in the Computation Department for the remainder of her 40 year career at the Lab, retiring in 1991. Cecilia was one of the founders of the LLL Women's Association and served as president for two years. She also was a founding member of the Stanford Computer Museum History Center. She was named the Lab's Woman of the Year 1982, and also received the first LLLWA Special Award in 1987.

Cecilia Larsen is survived by two children, Kirsten Alderson and Stephen Larsen; her sister, Margaret Roemer, six grandchildren, six great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

A visitation/vigil will be on Monday, Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. at St. Michael church, 458 Maple St., Livermore. A mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 11 a.m.

with burial to follow at St. Michael cemetery. In lieu of flowers or gifts, please consider a donation in Cecilia's name to the Dominican University of California, 50 Acacia Ave., San Rafael, CA 94901.

### Maria C. Torrez

Resident of Livermore

Maria was born on February 15, 1952 in Michoacán,



Mexico; and passed away on Sunday October 20, 2013 at the age of 61.

She was a very cheerful and active. She was the best mom, sister, friend and companion. She fought for all her dreams; she was an example of a great warrior.

She is preceded in death by her husband Lupe F. Torrez in 2005. She is survived by her children, Manuel Lopez, Juana Lopez and husband Roberto Juarez, Jose C. Vega, Sandra Camarena, and grandchildren Jose, Roberto, and Leonardo Juarez of Livermore, CA.

A Visitation was held on Wednesday, Oct. 23 with Ro at Callaghan's Chapel, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, CA.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, Oct 24 at 10AM at St Michael Church, burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery in Livermore, CA.



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## ANIMAL FARM - Park It column

by Ned MacKay

The Little Farm animals at Tilden Nature Area in Berkeley will be well cared for as always while the farm is closed to the public during an extensive sewage system repair and upgrading project.

The ducks, chickens, goats, pigs and other smaller animals will remain where they are, though they will not be available for public viewing. The cows, however, will be moved to a small family farm off-site for the duration of the project. It's expected they will be happier away from the construction commotion.

Tilden's Environmental Education Center adjacent to the Little Farm will be open on weekends only. The easiest place to park is at the end of Lone Oak Road. Signage will direct pedestrians from there to the center.

In other animal news, remember that Tilden's South Park Drive will be closed to vehicle traffic from Nov. 1 through the end of the rainy season, which usually occurs by the end of April.

South Park Drive extends from Grizzly Peak Boulevard near the Tilden steam train down to Wildcat Canyon Road at the botanic garden.

During closure, you can reach Tilden by continuing down South Park Drive to Golf Course Road and Shasta Road.

Closure is necessary for the safety of newts, a brown-gold variety of salamander. South Park Drive bisects the annual migration route of the newts, which cross it en route from their summer quarters in woods and fields to their winter mating grounds on Wildcat Creek.

The road will remain open to pedestrian and bicycle traffic. You may even see some migrating newts. But please don't pick them up. All the regional parks are essentially wildlife preserves where it's against the rules to collect and remove any plants or animals. Besides that, newts have a poisonous substance on their skin as protection against predators.

Bird-watchers of all skill levels: grab your bike and binoculars and join naturalist Trent Pearce at Point

Isabel Regional Shoreline in Richmond for an evening bike and bird excursion from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 28. It's a free, six-mile ride on a paved trail. Meet at Pt. Isabel's Rydin Road trailhead off Central Avenue. For information, call 510-544-2233.

"Halloween Animal Fun" is the theme of the family nature hour from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 26 and 27 at Crab Cove Visitor Center in Alameda. Learn about ghosts (shrimp) and bats (rays). The program is free and open to all ages. Then from 3 to 3:30 p.m. it's fish feeding time at the center's large aquarium, which harbors all kinds of swimmers native to San Francisco Bay. Crab Cove is at 1252 McKay Ave. off Central Avenue in Alameda. For information, call the visitor center at 510-544-3187.

The lagoons at Briones Regional Park near Martinez are the destination of an early Sunday nature walk from 9 a.m. to noon on Oct. 27, led by naturalist Anthony Fisher. The hike is free. Meet at the end of Briones Road off Alhambra Valley Road. For directions and information, call 510-544-2233.

Naturalist Mike Moran continues his citizen-assisted scientific research with a walk from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 31 at Morgan Territory Regional Preserve east of Mt. Diablo to check out the numbers and variety of birds of prey. No experience is necessary; Mike will show you how to identify the birds.

There may still be space available on a free levee-top trek planned from 10 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Oct. 27 at Big Break Regional Shoreline in Oakley, led by naturalist Kevin Damstra. It's a guided walk to discover the many varieties of wildlife habitat along the way.

Both programs are free, but registration is required. For information and registration, call 888-327-2757 and select option 2. For the bird walk, refer to program 3837. For the levee ramble, refer to 3871.

For general information

about Big Break, call 888-327-2757, ext. 3050.

Don't forget the mining museum open house at Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve in Antioch. It's from noon to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Visitors can take a free, self-guided tour of nearly 1,000 feet of underground workings. To visit the mine you must be age seven or older, but there's a special area just inside the entrance with activities for younger kids, including a meet and greet with the park's tarantula-in-residence. Free popping corn will be given to visitors of all ages while supplies last.

Black Diamond Mines is at the end of Somersville Road, four miles south of Highway 4 in Antioch. Parking costs \$5 per vehicle.

The run-up to Halloween continues at Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont with a couple of special programs this weekend.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 it's Halloween Hijinks with naturalist aide Mindy Castle. At 11 a.m. there's roasting pumpkin seeds in a wood-burning stove. At noon it's apple cider pressing time. Halloween crafts are at 1 p.m. and Halloween games at 2 p.m.

Then there's a pumpkin-carving clinic from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27 led by naturalist aide Andrew Staley. Bring your own pumpkin or purchase one from the farm; the staff will provide some tools and guidance for your jack-o-lantern creation.

Ardenwood is located at 34600 Ardenwood Boulevard, just north of Highway 84. For information on admission fees and programs, call 510-544-2797.

By the way, those pumpkin seeds left over from your jack-o-lantern carving do make a tasty, chewy treat when toasted in your oven. I do it every year. Preparation is messy but fun. There are lots of recipes available online. Just search for "pumpkin seeds" and pick one that sounds good.

## Jeans and Jewels in Margaritaville 2013: Jimmy Would Be Proud

by Laura Ness

At the beautiful Casa Real at Ruby Hill, the tropical drinks were flowing freely, palm trees and surfboards lined the walls, the tables were scattered with seashells, Jimmy Buffet was oozing boozy lyrics from the sound system and the getups were creatively engineered, ranging from flip flops and Hawaiian shirts to jeans and cowboy boots. You could get the party started with an XXL margarita made with tequila from The Wine Group, or a dip into the Rum Bowl, or a glass of local wines from the 2013 TVC "Uncorked!" competition winners, including 3 Steves, Ruby Hill, Occasio, and Rubino Estate.

All the servers sported leis. The tasty chicken satay skewers were served on pineapple halves, which anchored the theme nicely. You could say that Jimmy Buffet was indirectly helping protect the fertile soils, rangelands, open space and biological resource that support the Tri-Valley's agronomy, one shot of tequila at a time.

Adventurous golfers were swinging at limes for prizes. The silent auction items ranged from spa gift baskets to rounds of golf to groceries from Trader Joe's. There were fun wine lots a-plenty, ever-popular jewelry, wine barrel art, lodging accommodations and restaurant gift certificates galore. It was a buffet of possibilities, all displayed with an eye to keeping the Margaritaville theme tropically intact, as Buffet twanged on.

Dinner by the Beets Hospitality folks was served family style, and included some really tasty dishes such as a chilled romaine salad with shrimp (excellent with the 3 Steves Sauvignon Blanc, winner of Best White at the Uncorked competition), braised pork shoulder with orange zest that was killer tender (great with Cuda Ridge Cabernet Franc or Ruby Hill Petite Sirah), along with some lovely grilled vegetables,

and exceptionally beautiful butternut squash topped off with candied walnuts (nice with Occasio Zinfandel).

Executive Director, Laura Mercier, says this year's event, which is the Tri-Valley Conservancy's biggest yearly fundraiser, was extremely successful, garnering an increase in proceeds of 6% over goal, and up over 40% from last year. This was due to record ticket sales (over 250 attendees, the most ever), decreased expenses, and increased sponsorships and auction purchases, fueled by the dynamite auctioneer, Damon Casatico of Charity Benefit Auctions, who made the coin tossing game of heads or tails more engaging than ever.

Photos from the TVC Freeze Frame photo contest were sold to the highest bidding tables, allowing the winner to get first pick. Once again, the photos were beautiful encapsulations of what makes the Livermore Valley such a stunning place to live, work and play. Check out all the photos submitted to this year's contest at [trivalleyconservancy.org](http://trivalleyconservancy.org)

Speaking of photos, the event photographer, Randy Cazinha, took tons of fun pics of people having fun in Margaritaville: if you attended the event, you might want to check out the Tri-Valley Conservancy's website to see if he caught you in a particularly fetching pose.

As part of her opening remarks and welcome, Executive Director, Laura Mercier, first asked attendees to stand up if they owned land in the TVC portfolio. Then she asked people to stand if they were involved in the wine business – by now half the room was standing – then, she exhorted everyone to stand if they cared about open space and conserving natural resources and so on, until the entire room was on their feet. It was a powerful way to drive home the importance of the Conservancy's mission, and how fundamentally it

affects us all.

This was followed by a tribute to former Executive Director, Sharon Burnham, who recently passed away of brain cancer. Mercier remembered her mentor as a savvy, bold and dedicated leader who tirelessly followed her passion, turning a dream into reality. "She told me when I first joined the organization, 'Laura, I'm going to show you how to make \$1 million dollars spend like \$3.5 million!' I knew I was dealing with a pro. I learned so much from Sharon, and I'm so proud of this organization and everyone who supports it."

This year's sponsors include Beets Hospitality Group, Amos Productions, Altamont Wealth Management, Friends of the Vineyard, Heritage Bank, Sunset Development Co., Bergin Glass Impressions, Doyle Construction, East Bay Regional Park District, Friends of Livermore, Livermore Area Recreation & Park District, The Independent and Volpatti Insurance.

Donors included 3 Steves Winery, Chef Mike Carey, Cazinha Portrait Design, Winemaker Mark Clarin, Corvino Bosco Wines, Double Barrel Wine Bar, Frankie Bones Band, Fred Kowitz & Carolyn Yurkovic, Helzberg Diamonds McGrail Vineyards & Winery, Rubino Estates Winery, Ruby Hill Winery, Mark & Maria Triska and Lucy Lewand, The Wine Group, Visit Tri-Valley and Wente Family Estates.

Top live auction lots, where the bidding went wild and crazy, were the Winemaker's Dinner with Winemaker Mark Clarin and Chef Mike Carey, which went for \$3750, and the Private Party for 30 at Ravenswood with the Double Barrel food truck, band and wines, which went for \$3500. What fun both of those will be.

All in all, it was a fine evening in Margaritaville for an even finer cause, but I'm still searching for my lost shaker of salt.

## Dublin Launches An Energy Challenge to Residents

The City of Dublin and Energy Upgrade California in Alameda County have launched the Dublin Energy Challenge, a city-wide initiative encouraging residents to monitor and evaluate energy usage while giving back to the local community.

From October 23, 2013, through January 31, 2014, Dublin residents who want to eliminate energy waste in their homes can sign up for the free Home Energy Analyzer, and help the Dublin community raise up to

\$1,000 for Friends of the Dublin Library. Residents are also eligible to receive a \$25 gift card to local hardware stores through random monthly drawings once they sign up for the Home Energy Analyzer.

"We are excited to provide residents the opportunity to reduce energy waste, while also supporting the Dublin community," said Mayor Tim Sbranti. "It's a win-win situation for homeowners to be able to take advantage of free energy-

saving resources, and raise money for Friends of the Dublin Library at the same time."

The Home Energy Analyzer uses PG&E smart meter data to evaluate energy usage. By pinpointing where energy is being used, residents can determine the right energy-saving actions and improvements to suit their needs. The Home Energy Analyzer provides customized energy-saving recommendations, including conservation behaviors and

do-it-yourself improvements to help residents increase energy efficiency. Homeowners looking to complete more comprehensive energy-efficient home improvements may be eligible for rebates of up to \$4,500 through Energy Upgrade California Home Upgrade.

"For homeowners who wonder why their energy bills are so high, or which appliances in their homes are the biggest energy wasters, the Home Energy Analyzer is a simple way to

track energy usage and find potential 'energy leaks,'" said Judi Ettlinger, Senior Program Manager at Stop-Waste, the local government agency leading Energy Upgrade California in Alameda County.

To learn more about the Dublin Energy Challenge, visit [Dublin.ca.gov/EnergyChallenge](http://Dublin.ca.gov/EnergyChallenge). To sign up for the Home Energy Analyzer, visit [HomeEnergyAnalyzer.org](http://HomeEnergyAnalyzer.org).

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 483281

The following person(s) do-

ing business as: Sample Anatomy, 2278 Normandy Circle, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Bruce MacVaughn, 1201 Pine St #351, Oakland, CA 94607 (2) Scott Samuel Beard, 2278 Normandy Circle, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by a General partnership The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 9/27/2013. Signature of Registrants :s/ Scott S. Beard, Partner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 30, 2013. Expires September 30, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3536. Published October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2013.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 483126-8

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 482989

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

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 482697

The following person(s) doing business as: TAE KWON DO LIVERMORE, 971 E. Stanley Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John Spraggins, 7024 Corte Del Oro, Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/ John Spraggins This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 12, 2013. Expires September 12, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3541. Published October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2013.

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This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/ Annie Chiem This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 9, 2013. Expires October 9, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3542. Published October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2013. ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. HG13697995 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Jennifer Gonzalez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Stephanie Nicole Glass Proposed Name: Stephanie Nicole Gonzalez 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 to 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: 01/10/2014 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



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The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.  
Signature of Registrants: s/ Michael Petrak & Crystal D. Diamond, Partners  
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## Red-hot Real Estate Market Slows

By Cher Wollard

The real estate market seems to be taking a breather after the frantic pace of the past year and a half.

Nationally home sales hit a high of nearly 270,000 in mid-September, dipping to less than 250,000 by Oct. 17. Median sales prices also moderated slightly, from a high of \$230,000 to \$223,500 during the same time period.

Still, these figures are significantly more robust than a year ago.

Similar patterns are seen in California and the Bay Area.

"We are seeing evidence of the market slowing down," Tom Chance, manager of Prudential California Realty, Livermore, confirmed.

"There are not as many multiple offers. Buyers have a little more time to think about things before making an offer. That's not a bad thing."

Just a few months ago, many properties were snapped up within days of hitting the Multiple Listing Service. Now it's taking two weeks or more to sell a well-priced home in good condition. And properties are more likely to sell at or near list price, rather than being bid up tens of thousands of dollars.

So what are the pressures slowing the market?

Real estate sales traditionally slow in July and August, picking up in mid-September through mid-November, before hitting the low point over the holidays.

But many feel that uncertainty around events in Washington and what may happen to the economy are also contributing factors this year.

"Some of it could be seasonal," Chance said. "But I do think some of it is due to concerns about the recent government shutdown and increases in interest rates."

Vickie Keller, branch manager of Legacy Real Estate, Livermore, agrees.

"In talking to other agents, they feel their clients are uneasy because of the government shutdown," she said. "It's fear of the unknown, because they don't know what's going to happen going forward."

That uncertainty may continue for a while, and here's why:

- Among those furloughed during the shutdown were government analysts who produce the economic reports on which Wall Street depends.

With their respective departments now up and running, we can expect to see a slew of retroactive reports depicting the fragility of that period. Such reports may well cause volatility in the stock market as well as in mortgage interest rates.

- According to Standard & Poor's rating service, the shutdown took \$24 billion out of the economy.

As a result, the U.S. economy is predicted to grow 2.4 percent, rather than 3 percent, this quarter.

Slow growth means fewer new jobs, a major factor in the real estate market as well as other sectors of the economy.

- And although the federal government reopened after 16 days of political stalemate, it did so with a temporary budget agreement and by raising the debt ceiling only through early February.

That means that, despite assurances to the contrary, we could find ourselves in a similar situation a few months from now.

"It's likely we'll see year-over-year price gains trend lower for the foreseeable future," according to John Walsh, president of DataQuick real estate information service.

"Housing market impacts related to the federal government shutdown and the threat of default on the nation's debt would begin to show up in sales data released over the next couple of months."

Still, the big picture is not at all gloomy, especially in the Bay Area, which has led the nation in real estate sales this year.

Bay Area home sales declined month-to-month in August and September, and are expected to drop in October as well. But sales were still up compared to a year ago and up significantly over a three-year period, according to DataQuick real estate information services.

Median home prices too have fallen slightly the past few months, but remain almost 24 percent higher than a year earlier. These changes are not uniform, however.

Home sales in low- to mid-cost communities have seen their share of the region's sales activity rise since July, while the most expensive, top third of the housing market has seen a decline in market share since then. This trend contributes to the lower median home prices for the region.

Statewide the median price paid for a home last month was \$355,000, down 1.7 percent from August and up 23.7 percent from September 2012.

September was the 19th consecutive month in which the state's median sale price rose year-over-year, and the 10th straight month with a gain exceeding 20 percent.

"The surprisingly high home price appreciation we saw over the last year stemmed largely from very low mortgage rates, a very slim inventory of homes for sale, and very high levels of investor purchases," Walsh said.

"But in recent months we've seen each of these forces reverse a bit: Interest rates are higher, the inventory has risen, and investors now account for a lower share of all sales. In addition, we've seen a normal, seasonal slowing in the market heading into fall."

For Livermore, sales have seen a similar dip, although median prices have held steady and even increased slightly in some sectors.

"The upper end has slowed a little bit," Keller said, "although we're still seeing pretty robust sales in the lower end of the market."

This may be good news for many buyers who have been frustrated in their search for a new home. Although there are still only 94 residential properties on the MLS in Livermore – less than half the inventory required for a balanced market – buyers may find less competition for those homes.

"I think we're getting back to a more balanced market," Keller said. "So it's still a good market to buy and to sell."

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

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Bethany Hamilton addresses Teen Esteem audience.

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## Audience Hears Message Of Faith and Perseverance

By Carol Graham

On October 31, 2003, a 13-year-old girl went with her best friend, and her friend's brother and father, to surf at Tunnels, a breathtaking turquoise crescent etched into Kauai's steeply-mountainous north shore.

"The day before, she and I had been surfing the same spot," said Bethany Hamilton. "We were just paddling around. I was like, 'Do you think if there was a shark over there we could make it to the beach?'"

On Halloween morning, she got her answer.

Around 7:30 a.m., with numerous sea turtles in the area, Bethany was lying on her surfboard with her left arm dangling in the water, when a 14-foot tiger shark severed her arm just below the shoulder. For the next 20 minutes, as Bethany trailed blood in the water, her friends helped her make it to the beach.

The rest of the story is well-documented. Hamilton, now 23, wrote about her injury and return to surfing in her 2004 bestselling autobiography, *Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to Get Back on the Board*. In April 2011, the feature film *Soul Surfer* followed.

Recently, when the Danville-based, non-profit organization Teen Esteem offered tickets to see Bethany speak at a fundraiser in Pleasanton, the \$20 tickets sold out in 24 hours.

"Bethany is a wonderful example of someone who has risen above her setbacks and reached beyond her limitations," said Tim Barley, a Teen Esteem speaker and advisory board member. "She is so unpretentious, totally sincere, and genuinely inspiring. Her message of hope, faith and determination is a message for everyone."

Addressing the crowd gathered at Super Franks on October 9th, Bethany said, "When struggles come your way, dive into your passions. Two of my major passions are: one, surfing - obviously, because I'm still surfing with one arm. There's something about the ocean. Every time it's different. I can go out there and be me and forget about anything on land. I can have fun and create my own art on the waves.

"And two, God. Ever

since I was a little girl of five years old, I gave my heart to God, and decided that I wanted to live for Him. What that means is to honor Him in my life, to make Him smile at who I am and the choices that I make."

It's a message that goes hand in hand with Teen Esteem's mission. "No matter what kinds of choices you have made in the past, or what kinds of setbacks you may have encountered or created for yourself that have knocked you down, it is never too late to stand back up and start over," said Barley. "At Teen Esteem, we understand the pressures teens face on a daily basis and how difficult it is to navigate through the adolescent years. We want to be a resource for parents and teens to educate, equip, and empower them to make healthy choices that will allow them to thrive during their teenage years, and see their future dreams and goals become realities."

Founded in 1994, Teen Esteem accomplishes those objectives by providing trained volunteer presentations in classrooms and at assemblies, offering community workshops for middle school and high school students, and hosting parent seminars.

"I'm stoked to be here supporting Teen Esteem because we all have struggles," Bethany said. "Even though I lost my arm, I did deal with a lot of the normal struggles that most of us face. It's important to note that there's hope in our struggles."

She recalled that in the weeks prior to the shark attack, "I'd spent every day asking and praying to God to use me and make me more than a surfer. I didn't want my identity to be only about surfing; I wanted to be a light for God. Then I lost my arm, and I was like, 'Okay, God, what are you up to? Because this is insane.' But He gave me this peace that I can't explain. To this day, I still have that strength and joy in Him."

Bethany's talk, accompanied by a live auction, raised

\$40,000 for Teen Esteem, which serves communities extending from Livermore to Lafayette. "We are grateful to have the opportunity to talk with youth addressing issues that are current and relevant in their world, such as prescription drug abuse, alcohol, sex, cyberbullying and depression," said Executive Director Linda Turnbull.

Parent Judy Lloyd said, "I signed up the minute I heard Bethany Hamilton would be in town. She has been an inspiration of my son's for a long time. He really related to her as an athlete. She is exceptional, and a real role model for kids and adults."

"I really do believe that God allowed this pain in my life to happen for a reason," said Bethany, who famously remarked in the film, "Surfing isn't the most important thing in life. Love is. I've had the chance to embrace more people with one arm than I ever could with two."

To learn more, visit [www.teenesteem.com](http://www.teenesteem.com).

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of Schools and Colleges.

Prior to joining the state Chancellor's office, Russell worked at several California community colleges. Positions include Vice President of Instruction at College of the Siskiyous in Weed, California and Dean of Fine Arts and Communication at Cerritos College, having successfully held the same position at Southwestern College in Chula Vista.

He earned his Ph.D. degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1991 where his alma mater honored him as a 2012 Distinguished Graduate of the Community College Leadership Program. He also holds degrees in music from Texas A&M University - Commerce.

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## Rotary Foundation Visitor Offers Thank You for Help

Working together can solve many problems. "We can win wars from within, not using arms, just through good will. It may take generations."

That was part of the message delivered by Victor Belendez, part of an international get-together in Livermore last week, which included visitors from Russia. The other part of his message was a "thank you" to local Rotarians who have contributed to the Rotary Foundation.

Belendez, past district governor of Rotary in Mexico City, said that many life-saving projects have been possible in Mexico due to the Foundation.

Wheelchairs, neonatal incubators, ambulances and fire engines are among the infrastructure that have been donated that have helped to improve the quality of life. The fire trucks came from Pleasanton and were sent to its sister city, Tulancingo.

Perhaps the clean water projects have proven most beneficial, Belendez stated. Systems have been built in small villages and at schools. Providing clean drinking water is a key to fighting diabetes in Mexico, which has the highest levels of childhood obesity in the world. Belendez noted that more than 40 percent of the health department budget is spent on dealing with diabetes. At that rate, the health system will go broke. He explained, "Having access to clean water keeps people from drinking soda, which is high in sugar."

Belendez said that many

people see only the surface impacts of the donations. That is only the top of the iceberg. Receiving help in improving living standards boosts respect, self-esteem and provides a sense that justice is for all. It gives power to the people. Many of them are then able to help others, to pay forward.

He said that it is not as easy to help someone as it may seem. Many people are distrustful, wondering what it will cost them. They have been tricked many times. "We have to let them know who we are and how the program works. One of the most wonderful moments I recall was seeing a child who was saved through the use of a cradle/incubator. The parents, instead of planning a funeral, were planning for a first birthday."

One goal is for the Hispanic-U.S. community to work together to instill the values of education in each country. Mexico provides scholarships for teacher and student exchanges between the two countries. Belendez stated that the program is the largest private scholarship program in the world.

Belendez is interested in helping those who have moved to the U.S. retain their culture. The effort

includes books in Spanish donated to libraries. "Losing your culture is not a good thing," he declared.

Rotary has been very successful in its worldwide effort to eradicate polio. Belendez stated that the Rotary Polio Plus Program has been able to reduce the number of cases worldwide from 350,000 in 1985 to 223 last year. One three day journey resulted in the vaccination of 3 million in India. He is proud that a fellow countryman, Carlos Canseco Gonzalez, started the program. He explained that Gonzalez asked the developer of the oral vaccine, as a friend, to allow the use of the vaccine. Albert Sabine, replied, as a friend, he would allow it.

Over the years, Rotary has invested millions of dollars in setting up high tech labs around the world to monitor the disease. "When we conquer polio, the equipment will be used for the next disease," he declared.

While in Livermore, Belendez, an engineer, has visited several wineries, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Lake Del Valle.

He commented, "I am grateful for the hospitality I have been shown. It is just great. I love it here."



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## Poetry, Fashions, Story-telling, Music and Drum Circle All Part of Festivities

A taste of KENYA in the HEART of Livermore: Sharing Arts and Culture

Cheza Nami Foundation, Inc. is bringing a "Taste of Kenya" to the City of Livermore. This family event is set to be a magical journey of Kenya through touch, taste, sight, and sound; featuring some of the best Californian-based Kenyan art, literary, dance, music and fashion artists. The event will be held at the Bothwell Arts Center from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, November 17.

Events include the following:

- **Mami Afrika:** Renowned Los Angeles based Wawi will be showcasing her uniquely handcrafted brand of clothes, jewelry and wearable art, steeped in the celebration of life using vibrant colors inspired by Africa.

- **A touch of Poetry:** Recently returned from her US tour, Minda Magero will be reading from her first published poetry

collection, "The Book of Mysteries" and new selections deeply informed by her experiences in Kenya and abroad.

- **Story-telling through Illustration:** Third-generation Kenyan artist Ngene Mwaura will be showcasing his work that takes you from the farmlands of Africa, through the art world of Europe, and most recently to Los Angeles, where he's working on his latest work, "Masks," an expression of what he thinks the African Mask could have evolved into if the African tradition hadn't progressively dissipated. Ngene's work is displayed in the collections of the Commercial Bank of Africa and the Dutch Embassy in Kenya.

- **Sounds of Kenya and Beyond:** Singer and songwriter Semeiyan Kaorri blends Masaai, traditional Kenyan music and contemporary sounds. Her live performance from her album "Nichikue" will bring joy and celebration



### Fashions and more to be on view.

and is guaranteed to get the crowd on its feet. Semeiyan is a passionate singer, with clear and smooth vocals. Her songs feature a blend of Maasai and other traditional Kenyan music, and contemporary pop sounds. In live performances, Semeiyan exudes joy and celebration, changing the atmosphere of any room

- **Vocalist, mbira and percussion Player Piwai**



Cheza Nami was part of the recent ArtWalk in Livermore.

numbers and soulful voice.

- **Cheza Nami Drum Circle:** Led by master percussionist and drummer Ibou Ngom, this interactive drum circle to close the event is set to get the audience to join in rhythm and pick up a few African dance moves.

Other activities include children's crafts and African-style face painting, and a chance to win some fabulous prizes.

The Bothwell Arts Center is located at 2466 8th Street in Livermore.

General admission is \$10, executive admission \$25 (includes general admission and two raffle tickets); VIP admission \$40 (includes general admission and four raffle tickets). They can be purchased at <http://chezanamikenya.brownpapertickets.com/>

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Cheza Nami is a non-profit charitable organization whose aim is to foster a greater understanding and appreciation of African Culture by welcoming members of the community to participate in fun-filled activities while learning about some of the things that make African culture so unique. Cheza Nami believes in a play-based, experiential approach to education and teaches African culture, through dance, play and movement. We work with local members of the community who have a deep passion and commitment for learning or sharing about African culture. At Cheza Nami we envision a world in which all associate with and celebrate African Culture. For more information about Cheza Nami, please visit [www.chezanami.org](http://www.chezanami.org)



# Remnants: Recent Works by California Fiber Artists on View at Harrington Gallery

The Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center will host the second major exhibit of the fall. California Fiber Artists presents 'Remnants: Recent Works,' an exhibition curated by the statewide organization of independent professional fiber artists.

Twenty-nine artists and over 60 eclectic and colorful two-dimensional and three-dimensional works will be on display, representing a widely diverse field of visual art. Sculptures, basketry, quilting, knitting, weaving, and collage will all be included, with materials as diverse as gourds, wire, plastic, thread, foil, dye, and paint.

The exhibition opens Wednesday, November 6, and runs through December 18.

The Artist's Reception, which is free and open to the public, will be held on Thursday evening, November 7, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome to come explore the exhibit, and ask questions and chat with the artists and gallery staff.

In conjunction with this unusual exhibit, there will be a special Gallery Lecture held on Tuesday evening, November 19, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the gallery. Guest speaker, artist, and gallery docent Claudia Hess will discuss textile arts, the history and materials, and the works on exhibit. Suggested do-



nation for the session is \$7. To register and for more information, contact Harrington Gallery Director Julie Finegan at [jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov). Note: pre-registration is not required to attend.

California Fiber Artists ([www.cafiberartists.com](http://www.cafiberartists.com)) is a group of independent professional fiber artists who have joined together for the purpose of presenting exhibitions and developing diverse fiber art. CFA artists describe their work as "fusion art using fiber as well as other mediums to develop texture, shape, design and color. Some layer and stitch, others stretch and paint, while others sculpt and collage to create two and three-dimensional sculptural elements to showcase versatility."

The following are a few notable artists whose work will be included:

In discussing fiber as medium, thread and fabric



Among the works to be on display are (from left, clockwise) **Reflection** by Andi Perejda; **Bead Box** by Rebecca Smith; **Emotion** by Chris Motley; **Desolate Creation** by Carol Brown; **Remnants of Childhood** by Joannell Connelly; and **Tea Tude** by Emily Dvorin.

artist Leslie Carabas states: "Fabric holds a history of the processes that have been worked upon it. Beginning as blank cloth, distinctive characteristics emerge through the manipulations of folding and drawing, dyeing and discharging... In my work the viewer is confronted by colors and patterns which can push against or embrace each other... These works offer an abstract visual commentary on the art of communication."

Award-winning quilter, teacher, and certified NQA Master Quilt Judge Andi Perejda has been showing in galleries and museums



both nationally and internationally over the past two decades, and is known for her hand quilting and hand applique, although her quilting art interests are not limited to these.

Wearable art maven Joannell Connelly says: "The creative process feels as natural as breathing – the thinking, the figuring, solving the problem of manifesting the translucent picture in my head. Sometimes the vision materializes, but more often the mental process is enough." Connelly's wearable art has been featured in books and magazines, and she is known for her silk paint-



ing, working "primarily in fabric with occasional paper added to the mix."

Knitter Chris Motley has been at it for many years, and recently took her knitting a step further, creating fascinating sculpture with yarn. In the five years since she began her life making art, after a 30-year non-art career, Motley has shown in juried shows across the United States. "Armed with a lifetime of technique and freed from any expectation of garments or patters, (I am) free to develop knitting with fulling in three dimensions," she stated in an interview at the 2012 World of Threads Festival. Her recent solo show at the SXU Gallery in Chicago was titled "Human Dimensions in Fiber," and the images are stunning.

Another sculptural fiber artist, Emily Dvorin, is a self-taught, award-winning maker with her studio in the Sausalito area. "In the early '80s, (I) took a basket

workshop in the basement of the old Academy of Sciences in San Francisco," says Dvorin, "And (my) life was forever changed."

Fiber collage artist Louise Schiele, the coordinator for Remnants, says her span of work depicts her journey through life, as manifested in both representational and abstract design. "I create what comes from an experience, create what comes from a relationship, and create what comes from my own mind's eye. I believe an artist should grow in knowledge and technique, grow within and create as her heart tells her to create. Only then can an artist be true to herself and create honest art."

Visitors to the Remnants installation in the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center will likely experience "sewing, weaving, and knitting," not to mention all the other amazing ways to interact with "fiber," in a mind-bending new way. And maybe even eye that thread hanging off a hem in a whole new light.

The Harrington Gallery is located inside the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, Calif. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 12:00-5:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and also one hour before most performances and during intermissions. Admission for this exhibit is free, and donations are gratefully accepted.



# Events Raise Funds to Help Animals

## Tri-Valley Animal Rescue's Annual 'That's Amore' Gala Fundraising Event Set

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue (TVAR), a volunteer-run non-profit organization dedicated to ending the unnecessary euthanasia of homeless animals, is revving up for its 14<sup>th</sup> annual "That's Amore" fundraising auction event at Castlewood Country Club on Saturday, November 2.

The event theme of "Paws for Change" promises to be the best yet, with great auction items up for grabs. Last year's event raised over \$60,000 to directly save the lives of homeless cats, kittens and dogs and puppies. This year TVAR hopes to raise \$75,000.

Auctioneer will be Damon Casatico of Charity Benefit Auctions. Damon can be seen weekly on HGTV's 'Flip It to Win' and

has helped non-profits like TVAR with his high-energy live auction method of fundraising.

Auction items include great wine themed auction packages both locally and at the 'other' wine country, Anyone fancy a night at the luxurious Auberge de Soleil in Napa with breakfast, a local dinner and lots of wine tours and tastings? The Disney package for a family of four will be back by popular demand along with sporting tickets for all the Bay Area's teams plus a suite and some signed memorabilia from the Oakland A's. For the beloved dogs and their owners - there's a Murphy's Paw private 'Bark and Brew' where dogs can socialize with their favorite canine companions

while mom and dad have a lovely wine and cheese break. Keep an eye out for the newest donations on the TVAR Facebook page,

Tickets are \$80 and can be purchased at [www.tvvar.org](http://www.tvvar.org) or zap the barcode to purchase on this year's cute cat and dog hanging out at sunset posters located in many local supporters' store windows.

For more information, stop by the Saturday dog adoption events at the Pleasanton Farmers' Market from 9.30 am to 1 pm, at 1<sup>st</sup> and Angela Streets; Saturday cat and kitten adoption events at the Dublin PetSmart from 12-4 pm, Livermore Pet Food Express 11.30 am to 3.30 pm, Sundays at the downtown Danville Pet

Food Express from 12-4 pm.

TVAR annually saves over 1,000 cats, kittens, dogs and puppies from euthanasia, through its dedicated network of volunteers with most every dollar donated going directly to saving lives. TVAR cooperates with area shelters and rescue groups, primarily the East County Animal Shelter in Dublin, to provide homeless animals with socialization, foster homes, medical care and an opportunity for a second chance. Want to join the fun and volunteer? Go to [www.tvvar.org](http://www.tvvar.org) for volunteer information.

Those with auction items or who would like to volunteer, contact event coordinator Jo Gunderson at 415-676-8514 or [gundersonjo@gmail.com](mailto:gundersonjo@gmail.com).

## Annual Animal Lovers' Boutique Raises Money for Just Like New Fund

The Animal Lovers' Boutique, located year-round in the lobby of Feline Medical Center (FMC), 3160 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton, will hold the 14th Annual Holiday Sale for the Animals event on Saturday, November 2nd. Proceeds from the 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. boutique will benefit Jackie Barnett's Just Like New (JLN) Fund, a Valley Humane Society program that aids sick and injured pets.

The one-day Holiday Sale will showcase a book-signing by local author, Fern Dahlstrom, of *A Home For Charlie*. The book tells the story of Charlie's journey from life on the street to living in a shelter and finally



finding his forever home.

Additional items will also be available during the Holiday Sale, including animal-themed and holiday gift items such as planters,

garden art, wind chimes, ornaments, home and kitchen decor, purses, jewelry, greeting cards, handmade items and much more. "Stella and Dot" jewelry and unique pet-themed vendors will provide more shopping choices. For pampering your pet, browse the cat and dog toys and dishes while seeking opportunities to win several gift baskets.

The Just Like New Fund was founded in 1995 by Pleasanton animal advocate Jackie Barnett, who passed away in 2009. The fund, which now bears Jackie's name, provides financial assistance to Tri-Valley residents who cannot afford emergency, lifesaving veteri-

nary care for their pets. Since its beginning, the JLN Fund has helped save the lives of nearly 500 companion animals.

Today volunteers are continuing Jackie's work. Volunteers raise money for the JLN Fund by making and selling catnip toys and other handmade items and by operating the Animal Lover's Boutique at Feline Medical Center. Although FMC does not offer veterinary services on weekends, it is opening its lobby on Saturday, November 2 for the Holiday sales event. For more information, please contact Cindy Ferrin at (925) 323-8517.

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## NaNoWriMo Kick-off on October 30 to Feature Local Writers

At midnight on November 1, 2013, armed only with their wits, the vague outline of a story, and a ridiculous deadline, more than 250,000 people around the world will set out to become novelists. Why? Because November is National Novel Writing Month, or NaNoWriMo, the world's largest writing challenge and nonprofit literary crusade. Participants pledge to write 50,000 words in a month, starting from scratch and reaching "The End" by November 30.

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

Local published authors Kurt Adkins, Carole Price, J.L. Powers, Staci McLaughlin, Annemarie O'Brien, and Penny Warner, and, as well as local writer and NaNoWriMo participant Jake LeBeau will be encouraging aspiring authors through a series of events at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. There is no charge for any of the events.

"NaNoWriMo is the writing world's version of a marathon," said Grant Faulkner, executive director of National Novel Writing Month. "Writers exit the month with more than a novel; they've experienced a transformative creative journey." Although the

event emphasizes creativity and adventure over creating a literary masterpiece, more than 90 novels begun during NaNoWriMo have since been published, including *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen, and *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern, both #1 *New York Times* Best Sellers.

A Kick-Off Event will be on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 6:30pm. Authors Carole Price, Kurt Adkins, and J.L. Powers will talk about how to get started on your novel as well as how to weather the ups and downs in the writing process.

Carole Price is the author of *Twisted Vines*, the first in her *Shakespeare in the Vineyard* mystery series. *Sour Grapes*, the second in her series, will be out in 2014. Kurt Adkins is the author of the novel *Waterhole: A Western Saga* (2011). His newest book, *The Summer of Mucus McBain*, will be published in the fall of 2013. J.L. Powers is the award-winning author of two young adult novels, *The Confessional* and *This Thing Called the Future*. She is the editor of, most recently, *That Mad Game: Growing Up in a Warzone: An Anthology of Essays from Around the Globe*. She is working on another novel, *Amina*, which will be published in September 2013.

Also throughout the month of November, the library will host Write-Ins, informal meet-ups where local NaNoWriMo participants get together to write and cheer each other on. Hosted by local writer and NaNoWriMo participant Jake

LeBeau, these Write-Ins will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesdays November 6th, 13th and 20th 2013.

Celebrate the conclusion of NaNoWriMo at the TGIO (Thank Goodness It's Over) event on Monday, December 2 at 6:30pm. Participants are invited to a cake and coffee reception to share stories about the experience and discuss their accomplishments.

Authors Staci McLaughlin, Annemarie O'Brien, and Penny Warner will talk about what to do once a writer has a draft, such as editing, knowing when it is *done*, and publishing. Staci McLaughlin is the author of *Going Organic Can Kill You*, *All Natural Murder*, and the upcoming *Green Living Can Be Deadly*, all books from her *Blossom Valley Mystery* series. Annemarie O'Brien just published her debut novel for middle grade readers. *Lara's Gift* was inspired by her time living and working in the former Soviet Union. Penny Warner has published over 60 books for both adults and children. Her first mystery series featuring Connor Westphal, a deaf reporter in the California Gold Country, won a Macavity Award for Best First Mystery, and was nominated for an Agatha and an Anthony Award.

For more information on Livermore Public Library's National Novel Writing Month events, visit [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net) or contact Jennifer Mosel at 925-373-5576.



Packaging Innovators Corporation of Livermore has donated 25,000 boxes to the Alameda County Community Food Bank to use during the upcoming Holiday Food Drive. According to organizers, one of the food bank's most pressing needs is for boxes to pack and distribute donated food items. The Alameda County Community Food Bank distributes over 24 million pounds of food to its agencies and feeds an estimated 49,000 people a week. Founded in 1975, Packaging Innovators is headquartered in Livermore and has been at its current location for almost 20 years. Packaging Innovators is a manufacturer, distributor, and designer of corrugated containers, displays, foam and allied materials with customers in California and the Surrounding States. Pictured from left to right in the photo are Ron Nunez, Alameda County Community Food Bank driver, David Wohlwend, Vice President of Finance and Controller, Darin Bayol, Inventory Supervisor, and Sean Edwards, Plant Superintendent.

## Gala to Celebrate Pleasanton Library's 25th Anniversary

The Pleasanton Friends of the Library play host to the 25th Anniversary Gala Celebration of the present library building on Friday, November 15, 2013. The silver anniversary event kicks off at 7:00 p.m. in the library, located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue in Pleasanton. All proceeds from the event will go towards the purchase of books for the children's library area.

Tickets for the event are \$65 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and two glasses of wine. They can be purchased at the Adult Reference Desk in the library or at Towne Center Books at 555 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton.

The benefit features an

elegant evening complete with food, drinks, and dancing after-hours in the library to the music of the Silver Moon Big Band. The event also includes a comprehensive silent auction that will feature everything from professional sports memorabilia to indoor skydiving and vacations on the Mexican Riviera. A wine raffle featuring wines currently on display at the library is also on tap for the evening.

A library gala wouldn't be complete without authors and several local authors will also be on hand to meet with guests and discuss their literary works. They include Ann Parker, Amy Franklin-Willis, Penny Warner, Mac Barnett, and others.

The event celebrates the current library building's 25th anniversary. Construction on the \$6 million building began in 1987 and the 30,000 square foot building opened to the public in November 1988. Over the past 25 years, the library collection and patronage has grown tremendously. More than 120,000 items are typically checked out of the library each month and the library attracts more than 2,000 patron visits daily. Additionally, the Pleasanton Public Library has more than 80,000 children's books and other materials for children, which check out more than 660,000 times per year.

For more information, please call (925) 931-3409.



# Yesterday into Today

## “BONANZA”

By Sarah Bobson

Every Sunday night at 9, I waited eagerly to watch “Bonanza,” the hit series that dominated its time slot, and the first color western shown on television in the 60s.

I loved everything about the show, the setting (somewhere near Virginia City, Nevada, bordering Lake Tahoe), the stories (about the travails of a close-knit American frontier family), but most of all I loved the main characters. There was Ben Cartwright (Lorne Greene), a rich widower who lived on a ranch called the Ponderosa, on acreage larger, it seemed, than the principality of Monaco. Ben had white hair, dark brooding eyebrows in the shape of flapping birds’ wings, and a tough but compassionate countenance. A loving father, he was completely devoted to the three sons he reared practically by himself. Each had a different mother, a nifty solution to having three actors playing the parts who didn’t resemble each other one iota.

Adam (Pernell Roberts), the oldest son, was the best-educated, having gained a college degree in architectural engineering. Handsome, with beady eyes and a stern, no-nonsense look, he was the most serious of the lot. The middle boy, Hoss (Dan Blocker), nicknamed because of his huge size and because he failed to break a horse in the pilot, was a loveable, not-too-swift bear of a man who always had a welcoming glow on his big block of a face. His real name was Eric, which I never knew the entire time I watched the show. The youngest son was Little Joe (Michael Landon). Truth be known, he was the real

reason I fought to the teeth to have a ring-side seat in front of our family’s 13-inch Stromberg Carlson every Sunday night. Little Joe was rambunctious, impulsive, and utterly adorable. He was the smallest of the three sons, but I didn’t care because at 5’2” I was small myself. I saw only one thing: He was gorgeous, with those bright, boyishly seductive eyes of his. Whenever he wooed a pretty head, I swooned and pretended it was me, although secretly I also wanted to claw the lucky damsel’s eyes out. The secondary characters in the early 60s’ episodes included Hop Sing (Victor Sen Young), the ranch’s happy-go-lucky cook, Sheriff Roy Coffee (Ray Teal), and Deputy Clem Foster (Bing Russell).

Each show started more or less the same: A peaceful scene involving one or more of the Cartwrights is quickly interrupted by the intrusion of a problem. This is followed by the opening credits showing a map of Nevada, with the Ponderosa at the center. A fire burns through the map and we see first a long-distance shot of the four principles riding on horseback and then a close-up of each actor. The famous theme song, written by David Rose, playing in the background sounds like the pounding of horses’ hooves: *dum-da-da-da-da-da-dum-dum, dum-da-da-da, dum-da-da-dum-dum-dum*.

“Bonanza” was an unusual western. Instead of dealing with the usual fare of notorious gunslingers terrorizing a town, a wealthy and powerful man running roughshod over the townsfolk, or loose saloon women having a bad influence on the God-

fearing, church-going citizens, the show presented a number of contemporary social problems, such as substance abuse, domestic violence, and bigotry, previously left untouched by westerns. Ben and his brood usually controlled their emotions and dealt with the problems in a civilized, diplomatic way.

While each of the main characters also encountered, at one time or another, a personal problem or two, it was the romances I wanted to see, especially those involving Little Joe. They would follow this pattern: Little Joe would be smitten by a woman, but the romance would never work out. However, in the two-part episode that began the final season (#14), entitled “Forever,” Little Joe finally marries. Originally, Hoss was to be the one to marry, but Dan Blocker died unexpectedly of a brain embolism just before shooting of the episode was to begin. Working feverishly at the last minute, Michael Landon quickly rewrote the script, replaced Little Joe as the bridegroom, and directed. It is a heart-breaker. Little Joe falls for Alice Harper, a delicate, sweet young woman who’s just arrived in town with her gambler brother John. After two dates, Little Joe and Alice decide to get married. Little Joe is supremely happy. He builds a house for his new bride. In a few months, she becomes pregnant. He is ecstatic and begins adding another room to the house. Meanwhile, a ruthless but evil gambler who lent John money insists on being repaid. John promises to get the money from his sister, who he says is married to a rich man. The evil gambler and his henchmen seek out Alice.

While Little Joe is away on an errand to gather more lumber, the thugs, unable to get anything out of Alice, kill her and burn down the house to remove any evidence. When Little Joe returns, he is devastated. In one particularly tender but extremely moving scene that takes place after that in the rubble of what is left, Little Joe is sobbing so violently that Ben, with tears in his own eyes, enfolds his youngest child in his arms and holds him. I don’t believe I’ve ever seen a scene like that involving a father and a son.

“Bonanza” had a good run. It lasted 14 seasons, from 1959 to 1973, for a total of 430 episodes. It ranks as the second-longest-running western series ever. Sadly, all of the original Cartwright actors have died and ridden off into the sunset: Blocker in 1972, Greene in 1986 of complications of pneumonia following ulcer surgery, Landon in 1991 of pancreatic cancer, and Roberts in 2010.

The show’s legacy lives on, though. Recently, I asked a colleague of mine who’s of a certain vintage if she ever watched “Bonanza.” Her eyes lit up and she said: “I loved that show. My favorite was Little Joe. My husband remembers every episode.”



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## Livermore Downtown to Host Halloween Carnival

Ghosts, goblins, princesses and other characters will be visible in downtown Livermore during the annual Halloween Carnival this Sat., Oct. 26 from 1 to 5 p.m.

The event includes costume contests, games, entertainment and much more for families with children 5th grade and younger. There will also be a harvest arts and crafts fair.

Fun passes are \$5. They can be purchased at the ticket booths located at J Street, K Street and in front of the Bankhead Theater.

The event is sponsored by Marcel Orthodontics. For more information, go to [livermoredowntown.com](http://livermoredowntown.com).

All of the games and activities will be placed on J and K streets at Flagpole Plaza and in front of the Bankhead Theater. J and K streets will be closed to traffic from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Halloween Scavenger Hunt in downtown Pleasanton

Clues, costumes and treats can be found in downtown Pleasanton. The annual Halloween Scavenger Hunt will take place on Saturday, October 26 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Elementary-age children are invited to come in costume and pick up instructions, a Halloween bag and the first clue from the starting location. The starting location is Towne Center Books located at 555 Main Street.

Children have to solve the clue in order to find the next location, where they will be given a small goodie or treat and the next clue. Fourteen downtown businesses are participating in this fun annual event.

Parents will be given the key to help children find the treat locations. More information can be found at [www.pleasantondowntown.net/events.php](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net/events.php).



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## Review

# A Theatrical Triumph in Danville

By Susan Steinberg

A witty and hilarious modern comedy will be delighting Danville audiences for the next three weeks, as Role Players Ensemble presents "Lettice and Lovage."

Written by Sir Peter Shaffer, famous for such dark works as "Amadeus" and "Equus," it is a return to his earliest success with "Black Comedy," an outrageous farce. "L and L," despite its quintessentially English setting, proved a huge hit for Dame Maggie Smith, not only in London but also New York, where she and her co-star won Tony Awards.

It's a play about two women, but not at all a "ladies' show," as illustrated by the men guffawing in the audience. Two charismatic leads are vital to the play's success, and savvy director Phoebe E. Moyer has chosen the very best. Sylvia Burboek as the irrepressibly theatrical Lettice Douffet and Beth Chastain as her stern supervisor are a great match as they battle fiercely in the first half of the play, then collaborate unexpectedly in the second. Their verbal sparring is a treat for the mind and the ears, involving listeners viscerally in their persuasive points of view.

As an "Elizabethan enthusiast" and actress manqué, Lettice is hired as a tour guide for the dullest stately home in England. "Four hundred years of nullity," as she describes its history, leaves visitors yawning in boredom, so she begins to embellish her script. Soon her narrative is alive with startling drama and increasingly impressive details.

A visit from Queen Elizabeth morphs from a

standard banquet to feats of improbable heroism by her host and a virtual dissertation on the gourmet table fare, from "urchins" (hedgehogs) to "conies" (baby rabbits) and puffins. Even more astounding is the increasing splendor of the Queen's gown, from "the hem of 100 huge pearls sent as a gift from an Ottomite (sic) Sultan" to an entire dress of diamonds ("a present from Czar Ivan the Terrible").

As the audience roars over each new embellishment, a scholarly spoilsport disputes Lettice's accounts, and she is called to judgment by her officious Supervisor, a prim and precise Miss Schoen. This formidable matron, a strict monitor of historical accuracy, is horrified by Lettice's fanciful tales. Something of a Dragon Lady, she has terrorized her poor secretary, Miss Framer, the wonderful Eleanor Bell, into a quivering underling. Confronting her over-imaginative employee, Miss Schoen is adamant that only true facts must be related, not Lettice's "unparalleled rubbish." Lettice defends herself by stating, "I respect accuracy, but only when it is exciting and interesting."

She scores laughter with her protests against Miss Schoen's harsh indictment. Since Fustian House (what a perfect name!) is so dull, she explains that "fantasy floods in when facts leave a vacuum. Blame the house!" She points out that after her talks, visitors leave not yawning, "but in a state of wonder – brimming with enthusiasm," and cites her "brimming" receptacles for "tokens of appreciation" (vulgarly known as "tips").

Miss Schoen produces some two dozen letters of complaint, but Lettice trumps her with a sack full of enthusiastic messages, including one from the Director of the Royal Shakespeare Company, who has written, "Adventure is in the air when you open your mouth." Lettice proudly asserts, "I light up the corridors of history." Miss Schoen acidly responds, "We are NOT running a theater; a tour guide is NOT a fantasist."

Daughter of a feisty actress who toured France with an all female Shakespearean troupe, Lettice has obviously absorbed the theatrical spirit in defiance of the commonplace world around her. She sprinkles her conversation with such phrases as "vox populi" ("voice of the people"), and lectures Miss Schoen on the origin of marmalade ("Marie est malade," referring to Mary, Queen of Scots). Imagining herself the victim of impending execution, she re-enacts the truly melodramatic death of that sad queen before sweeping out in a grand exit. The audience is left as breathless as Miss Schoen and her secretary by the dramatic tour de force, and it has exploded appreciatively at every performance.

Deprived of a job, Lettice retreats to her dingy basement apartment, furnished with oddments of an old theatrical troupe, from shields and swords to tattered "royal" chairs, bejeweled "golden" goblets, and her magnificent vintage wardrobe. Kudos to Costume and Props Designer Lisa Danz, as well as Scenic, Lighting and Sound Designers Robert Bo Golden, Jan Gouridine,

and Billie Cox.) Cuddling her cat, she intones mournfully, "my name is Felina, Queen of Sorrows, banished to a dungeon beneath Bridgewater Street," and feeds her pet "The Friskies of Affliction."

Quite unexpectedly, Miss Schoen arrives for a conciliator visit and job offer. "I do admire spunk," she admits. And, after several goblets of Lettice's special home-brewed liquor ("a quaff"), she admits even more about her own life, especially her passionate hatred of the ugly modern buildings smothering historic London. Her father, a scholarly refugee from Dresden, always lamented the bombings that destroyed his beautiful "golden city," and she has been helplessly watching the British themselves destroying London, their own glorious heritage.

Suddenly united in a shared passion for past beauty ("Schoen" means beautiful) and history, the two women embark on a unbelievable partnership of fantasy, recreating historic moments of nobility and heroic death. An unfortunate accident results in near-tragedy, and Lettice finds herself accused of attempted murder.

Recounting the incident to her bewildered lawyer (the felicitously surnamed "Mr. Bardolph"), Lettice gradually ensnares him in wonder and complicity with her dramatic re-enactment of King Charles I's execution. John Blytt is himself a wonder as he falls under Lettice's charismatic spell, just as enchanted as the audience by her mesmerizing performance. His amazing facial transformations are a

textbook display of acting excellence.

Facing public humiliation and a jobless future Miss Schoen, suddenly imaginative, envisions an audacious new joint venture: tours dedicated to showing the ugliest buildings in London. As if inspired, she announces, "Lettice will be your Dramatic Guide to Disgusting Buildings. Hear her Devastating Denunciation of Modern Design. Before your very eyes she will show you how Beauty has been murdered, and by whom."

Equally inspired, Lettice launches into a spontaneous introduction to "the Computex Building, constructed in 1980 of British concrete to resemble as much as possible a High Security Prison, featuring 500 stairs of grim granolithic stone, with steel bannisters reinforcing the motif of incarceration."

An appreciative audience, tickled with the bubbly wit of sparkling comedy is quick to respond with an enthusiastic standing ovation, including this reviewer, a huge fan of the play, who has never enjoyed a more perfect performance. (How do mere mortal memorize so much dialogue?)

"Lettice and Lovage" runs through November 9th, with shows on Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons at Danville's Village Theater, 233 Front Street off Diablo Boulevard. Don't miss this exceptional delight and the phenomenal performance of its superb cast. For reservations call 925-314-3400 (weekdays only) or go on-line to [www.roleplayersensemble.com](http://www.roleplayersensemble.com).

## Open Heart Kitchen Seeks Board Members

Open Heart Kitchen (OHK) is seeking several board members to support the organization's efforts to feed the hungry in the region. OHK is the only hot meal program in the Tri-Valley.

Applicants should have a passion for Open Heart Kitchen's mission to feed the hungry and the desire to dedicate their time and talents towards that effort. The Director term of office is two years. Directors may renew for subsequent two-year terms, not to exceed a maximum of four terms or eight years.

"Board directors play a very pivotal role at Open Heart Kitchen and can become integrally involved in making a big difference in the success of the program," according to Open Heart Kitchen Board President Ted Monk. "We are hoping to further expand the broad scope of talent on our Board and encourage interested parties to apply," she adds.

Open Heart Kitchen feeds the hungry every weekday as an interfaith effort, and serves more than 260,000 meals annually. There is no qualifying process to receive meals. Meals can be eaten at OHK's multiple serving sites, or taken to go. OHK works in cooperation with the Alameda County Community Food Bank, more than a dozen local food pantries, and various Tri-Valley non-profits with missions to promote nutrition and hunger relief.

To apply, please complete an application, available at [www.openheartkitchen.org](http://www.openheartkitchen.org) and email it to [jjgilbert@openheartkitchen.org](mailto:jjgilbert@openheartkitchen.org) or call Jereen Gilbert at (925) 462-6633.



## Review *Spamalot*, a boisterous conglomeration of wit, irreverence and music at the Bankhead

By Carol Graham

When Scott Phillips was a high school senior in 1971, he auditioned for the role of King Arthur in the spring musical *Camelot*.

"I was cast as Merlin," says Phillips. "It's taken me 42 years to finally play the role of Arthur. I am savoring every moment!"

It's a shame the rest of us had to wait that long. Phillips' dazzling performance as King Arthur anchors the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's production of *Spamalot*, a boisterous conglomeration of wit, irreverence and music that claims to have been "lovingly ripped off" from the 1975 film *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, an apologetic parody of Arthurian legend.

Before the lights even go down, there's a heightened energy in Livermore's Bankhead Theater. People are visiting, laughing and talking, while keeping one eye on the stage. Although *Spamalot* is a mere eight years old, many in the audience already know and love it; others merely suspect they're in for a good time. No one is disappointed.

Riding an imaginary horse to the clapping-hoof sounds of hollow coconuts, King Arthur sets out to muster an army for himself. "We have ridden the length and breadth of the land in search of knights who will join me in my court at Camelot," Arthur informs a soldier. "I must speak with your lord and master."

Soldier: "What? Ridden on a horse?"

Arthur: "Yes!"

Soldier: "You're using coconuts!"

Arthur: "What?"

Soldier: "You've got two empty halves of a coconut and you're banging them together."

Arthur: "So? We have ridden since the snows of winter covered this land, through the kingdom of Mercia, through..."

Soldier: "Where'd you get the coconuts?"

Arthur: "We found them."

Soldier: "Found them? In Mercia? The coconut is tropical!"

Arthur: "The swallow may fly south with the sun, or the house martin or the plover may seek warmer climes in winter, yet these are not strangers to our land?"

Soldier: "Are you suggesting coconuts migrate?"

The entire production is a study in brilliant ridiculousness. Phillips' nimble portrayal of Arthur perfectly captures the King's grandiose self-importance mixed with his sagging exasperation as the characters around him interact with self-absorbed abandon.

To make such absurdity work, several things have to happen: first, the cast has to appear simultaneously in on and entirely ignorant of the joke - a not inconsiderable task; second, the actors must have the kind of enormous talent that belies the inadequacies of their characters; and last, the action has to move with force-of-nature swiftness, like white water gurgling down a rocky stream, sweeping up the audience and carrying them along with it.

Director John Maio adeptly ensures all this happens. He describes *Spamalot* as "Fabulously funny chaos," adding that what stands out in his mind are "the incredible talent and commitment of the cast and choreographers. The logistics alone are daunting. There are an unbelievable amount of costumes and props, some only used for five seconds.



Photo by Doug Jorgensen captures one of the entertaining moments.

Thank God for the production team and crew. Without them, this would never happen."

The production crew has gone above and beyond to create sets, costumes and lighting that enhance the visual lunacy on stage: Medieval fortresses, fog-shrouded swamps, and an appearance by God.

Following His visit, Arthur says, "God be praised. We have a quest: to find the grail!"

Sir Robin: "The quail!"

Arthur: "No, the grail.

The vessel used at the last supper."

Sir Robin: "They had a boat at the last supper? Was it a sort of dinner cruise?"

Arthur: "The grail is a cup."

Sir Robin: "God, the almighty and all knowing, has misplaced a cup?"

Rich, detailed costumes

further add to the visual delight of the production: the shimmering sea-nymph gowns of the Lady of the Lake; the glittering micro-minis of the Broadway showgirls; and the eerie but oddly adorable accoutrements of the Knights Who Say Ni.

Leading the knights was, on stilts, Jeff Seaberg, revealing a magnificently quirky talent while performing four different parts with four different accents - all uproarious.

"There was a whole lot of laughter at every rehearsal," he says. "If we cracked each other up, we figured we were on the right track."

Alexis Rogers, the Lady of the Lake, agreed. "Keeping a straight face can sometimes be near impossible!" says the gifted singer-actor. "Really, this show is about bringing fun,

joy and laughter. It's light, and it should give people a night off from their troubles."

Choreographer and dancer Morgan Breedveld created sparkling numbers that alternated seamlessly between jazz, ballet, the Can-can, and a cheerleading routine, along with the infamous Finnish "Fisch Schlapping Dance," which originated in a Monty Python television comedy sketch.

Monty Python was a British six-man group that created *Monty Python's Flying Circus*, a surreal comedy sketch show that aired on the BBC from 1969 to 1974. Known for their exuberant disregard for what was commonly considered acceptable, the group's influence on comedy has been compared to the Beatles' influence on music.

Monty Python's Eric Idle wrote the book and lyrics for *Spamalot*, which was first performed on Broadway in 2005, where it earned 14 Tony nominations and won three Tony Awards including Best Musical.

Under the musical direction of Jo Anne Fosselman, the TVRT's production features ebullient music that punctuates each scene and leads the cast through rollicking musical numbers, including the catchy *Always Look on the Bright Side of Life*, a song originally featured in the 1979 film *Monty Python's Life of Brian* that has gone on to become a common sing-along at public events.

At the end of the show, following an enthusiastic standing ovation, audience members sang along, "If life seems jolly rotten, there's something you've forgotten, and that's to laugh and smile and dance and sing . . . And always look on the bright side of life."

"Please remember, the cast and crew do this for the love of performing," says Maio. "They get no compensation. They are here solely to make you smile. If the audience gets an opportunity to meet these wonderfully creative and giving people, shake their hands and thank them."

*Spamalot*, recommended for those 14 and older, opened October 19, with a total of eight performances running through November 3. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m.; Sunday, at 2 p.m. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street. For more information, or to purchase tickets, ranging from \$28 to \$38, visit the box office, go online to [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or call 925-373-6800.



## ART &amp; ENTERTAINMENT



"Where We Live," the beauty of the Livermore Valley, is the theme of an invitational art show to be presented at Prudential California Realty. Artists displaying work are Carolyn Ramsey, Nova Starling, Bette Goosman and John West. There will be a reception with the artists from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 24. All are welcome. The show will be on display at the

new office at 1983 Second Street through January 13, 2014. The public is invited to view the show during regular business hours or by appointment. For information, contact Cher Wollard at 784-4679 or cherw@cherw.com.

## 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.

**Art Happens**, 2nd Thursday of each month, 6 to 9 p.m. Downtown Livermore. Art displays, poetry, entertainment, special events. For the brochure go to [www.bothwellartscenter.org](http://www.bothwellartscenter.org).

**Art Teachers Showcase**, Bankhead Theater exhibition September through October. Further information, [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

**Artists Play Night**, 6 to 9 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 24, Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. Presented by Way Up Art and Frame. Play with hundreds of art materials; demonstrations, door prizes, etc. [Frameit@wayupartandframe.com](mailto:Frameit@wayupartandframe.com)

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

**Remnants: Recent Works by California Fiber Artists**. New exhibition of eclectic and colorful two- and three-dimensional artwork created with a fusion of fiber and other materials

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

**The Livermore Art Association Gallery** is inviting artists and crafters to join the Gallery Membership in a Holiday Boutique that runs Dec 6th through Dec 24th. The event will be held at the Carnegie Building Gallery at 2155 3rd Street, Livermore. Pick up applications at the Gallery or Way Up Art & Frame 1912 Second St, Livermore. For more information email [maryannkot@gmail.com](mailto:maryannkot@gmail.com)

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

**Drawing and Painting Classes at the Figurehead Gallery** — Ozell Hudson, Portrait Painting, Tuesdays 9-11:30 a.m.; Pastel Portrait Drawing, Tuesdays 6-8 p.m. Drawing I, Wednesdays 9-11 a.m.; Drawing II, Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. To register online go to [figureheadgallery.com/](http://figureheadgallery.com/)

classes or call the Figurehead Gallery at 925-353-0419.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Piano and keyboard lessons**, For children to adult. Beginner to early intermediate level. Half-hour private classes or small group classes offered. Twice-yearly recitals. Please phone (925) 216-7231 or email [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto: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, Oct. 26, from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 2222 Second St., Suite 2, Livermore. Please confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at [www.GalinasMusicStudio.com](http://www.GalinasMusicStudio.com). Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs.

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

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

## WINERY EVENTS

**2014 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition**: San Francisco Chronicle is currently accepting wine entries for the 2014 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, the largest wine competition of American wines in the world. The deadline for entries is November 25, 2013. Information and entry forms are available at [www.winejudging.com](http://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. Check for the winery listings at [www.lvwine.org](http://www.lvwine.org).

**The Winemaker's Pour House**, Live

music: Oct. 24, 6:30-9:30, BoSco Duo; Oct. 26, 6:30-9:30, Joey T; Oct. 29, 6-9, Glenn Osur at the Piano; Oct. 31, 6:30-9:30, Toucan Jam. 2241 First St., Livermore. [www.winemakerspourhouse.com](http://www.winemakerspourhouse.com) or 215-2656.

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

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

**Spooktacular Wine Tasting at RMW**, October 26 & 27th 12:30-5:00 p.m. Come out to RM winery and taste great wine with the ghosts in a haunted tasting room. Pouring a special witches brew and offering Halloween candy. There will be some scary wine sales. Only \$5/10 per person, wine club free. A great way to celebrate the fall and Halloween. Rodrigue Molyneux Winery, 3053 Marina Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, 925-443-1998, [www.rmwinery.com](http://www.rmwinery.com), [info@rmwinery.com](mailto:info@rmwinery.com)

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

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

**Steve Fread** performances: Wed., Oct. 30, 5:30 p.m. Concannon Vineyard Underdog Winebar, Livermore.

**Jonathan Batista and the Stay Human Band**, Jazz. Thurs., Oct. 24,

7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Livermore-Amador Symphony Pops Concert**, Oct. 25, 8 p.m. Pops Around the Clock theme. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. [www.livamsymp.org](http://www.livamsymp.org).

**Foothill High School Band Review**, October 26, parade competition run from approximately 8:30am until 1:00pm in downtown Pleasanton. There will also be concert competitions during the morning at Amador High School. In the afternoon, the parade awards will be presented at the Foothill High School football stadium, starting around 3:00pm. Parade is free. Field show at Foothill, 4 to 10 p.m. general admission \$10. [www.foothillmusic.org/](http://www.foothillmusic.org/)

**Rick Springfield**, Oct. 26, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. [www.sanramonperformingarts.com](http://www.sanramonperformingarts.com) or 973-3343.

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

**Reilly and Maloney, folk-singing duo**, (Ginny Reilly and David Maloney) concert at 2 pm Sunday, October 27, at Saint Bartholomew's Church, 678 Enos Way. The community is cordially invited to attend the concert. There is no formal admission charge, but a \$20 donation is suggested.

**Greg Kihn**, rock, Nov. 1 and 2, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

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

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

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

**Turtle Island Quartet and Nellie McKay**. Sun., Nov. 10, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org)



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or 373-6800.

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

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

**110 in the Shade,** by N. Richard Nash, music by Harvey Schmidt and lyrics by Tom Jones. Adapted by Nash from his classic play "The Rainmaker," a heartfelt musical romance about one woman's learning to believe in herself. Preview 8 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 14. Runs Nov. 15-Dec. 8. Douglas Morrison Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. \$10 review; \$29 Thurs. eve, Fri. eve, Sat. matinee, Sat. eve., Sun. matinee. Discounts available for seniors, students, TBA, KQED members, and groups (10+). Box office (510) 881-6777. Information at [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org)

**Rockapella.** Fri., Nov. 15, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

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

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

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

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

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

## ON THE STAGE

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

**Monty Python's Spamlot.** Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Oct. 25, 26; Nov. 1, 2, 3. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Jerry's Girls.** a musical review directed by Gary Wright. Chanticleers Theater production is a musical review of the work of Jerry Herman, who wrote

Mame and Hello Dolly, among others. Oct. 25, 26, 27; Nov. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10. Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m. General admission \$24; seniors, students, military \$20. Chanticleers Theater, 3683 Quail Ave., Castro Valley. Tickets at the door or at <http://chanticleers.org/tickets.html>

## Creatures of Impulse presents:

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

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

**Little Shop of Horrors:** Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre production. Directed by stage and TV veteran Ken Baggot, choreographed by Shellie Award winner Suzanne Brandt. The campy "comedy-horror-rock musical" is the affectionate spoof of 1950s sci-fi movies, and tells the tale of nerdy florist shop worker Seymour and Audrey II, a plant with which grows into an ill-tempered, foul-mouthed R&B singing carnivore with a secret. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., and Sundays at 2:00 p.m., November 8 through 24 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Reserved seat tickets are \$17-\$38, and youth, senior, and group discounts are available. Purchase online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

## Shakespeare on Tour presents,

### "The Tragedy of Julius Caesar."

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

the audience. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton; 931-3400.

**Fahrenheit 451,** based on Ray Bradbury's book. Las Positas College Theatre Arts Department. Nov. 15, 16, 22, 23 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 17 and 24 at 2 p.m. at the Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. [www.brownpapertickers.com](http://www.brownpapertickers.com) or 1-800-838-3006.

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

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

## MOVIES

### Classic Films at the Pleasanton

**Library,** 7 p.m. first Thursday of each month through June 5, 2014. Las Positas College and the Pleasanton Public Library present "Make 'em Laugh" Series" Hosted by Candy Klaschus, film historian and Coordinator of the Humanities Program at Las Positas College. A brief talk about each film is presented prior to the screening. Refreshments are served. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 925-931-3405. Admission is free. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

## DANCE

**Balé Folclórico da Bahia.** Thurs., Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Smuin XMAS Ballet.** Fri., Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 30 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Friday Evening Group Dance!** Learn how to dance with great instructors from It's All About Dancing, new dance every week from Salsa, Tango, Swing and more. Group lesson starts at 7:30, followed by open dance until 9:45 in our new location at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore; 925-449-9292. \$15.

## MISCELLANEOUS

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

**We're Talkin' Books! Club** is a member-centered book group led by a small group of book club veterans,

with reading selections based on member recommendations and consensus. No homework required—share your insights or just listen in! Contact Susan at 337-1282 regarding the *We're Talkin' Books! Club*.

**Harvest Faire,** Sat., Oct. 26. Heritage Park and Museums, corner of Dublin Blvd. and Donlon Way, Dublin. 452-2101. Take a step back to simpler times and spend the day learning how to live the old-fashioned way. Try your hand at some old-time harvest activities like hand-cranking your own ice cream, weaving, and churning your own butter. Take a wagon ride, listen to live bluegrass music, and play in the haystack. Work up an appetite and feast on a variety of good country food. Free general admission; pay-to-play tickets will be available for some activities.

**Halloween Brew Crawl,** Pleasanton Downtown merchants, restaurants and local breweries will come together on Saturday, October 26 for a frighteningly good time. October 26, 2013, 5 to 8 p.m. [www.pleasanton-downtown.net/](http://www.pleasanton-downtown.net/)

**Diablo 3D & Symphony Watch.** For one night only, step into the Mt. Diablo wilderness in digital 3D. This show will feature dramatic images

by photographer Stephen Joseph and be accompanied by an original music score performed by the Contra Costa Wind Symphony. Wed., Nov. 6, 6 to 8 p.m. \$55 for general admission. \$100 for tickets to the show and after party at Scott's Seafood with the artists. Tickets available at 947-0642.

## Hometown Heroes Celebration,

Nov. 2, 2:30 p.m. Dublin Senior Center, celebration kicks off with presentations by local Military and City Officials, followed by a musical performance by the CoolTones Big Band. Light refreshments will be served after the concert. [www.ci.dublin.ca.us](http://www.ci.dublin.ca.us).

**Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade,** Nov. 3, 1 to 2:30 p.m. will feature military and veteran color guards, marching bands, horses, military vehicles, patriotic units, local dignitaries and overhead flights of military aircraft. Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. Patrick Leary contact at 816-225-1805.

**Tony La Russa,** Rae Dorrough Speaker Series, 7:30 p.m. Wed., Nov. 6. Major league coach of both Oakland A's and St. Louis Cardinals; he and his wife founders of ARF (Animal Rescue Foundation). \$30, \$15 for students 21 and under. Bankhead Theater,

2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Magical Holiday Evening,** annual "open house" and evening of shopping and dining. Downtown Pleasanton, Nov. 23, 4 to 7 p.m.

**Dickens' Christmas Faire,** November 30 from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, December 1 from 12 noon to 5 pm. Admission is \$10 per person for both days, with children 5 and younger free. Proceeds benefit a variety of programs serving the community. Stroll the streets of Olde London where crafters ply their wares. Live performers will enact scenes from Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol throughout the weekend, with dancing and musical entertainment between acts. Costumes are encouraged. High Tea will be offered both days, \$15 per person. A hearty ploughman's lunch, soup, pasties, or scones may be purchased from the lunchroom; adult beverages will be available at Miss Mattie's Pub. Father Christmas will be on hand. For more information or to pre-purchase tickets and reserve your seat at tea, please visit [www.saintbartslivermore.com](http://www.saintbartslivermore.com). Vendor space may still be available; please call Mary Myers at (925) 447-3289 for information on how to reserve a booth.



**The First Presbyterian Church's Prayer Shawl Ministry program, led by Joy Fischer and Karen Vied, along with the Good News Bears and PieceMaker's organizations of Livermore, delivered 40 bears, 20 quilts and lap robes, 25 prayer shawls and 50 prayer patches as an outreach from our Neighbor2Neighbor Project at our church. These handmade gifts will help provide a little love and comfort to patients at Kindred Nursing and Healthcare facility in Livermore.**



# Milestones

## Community

### Pleasanton City Council Recognizes Anniversaries of Local Businesses

The Pleasanton City Council recognized local companies for achieving 15, 20, 25, 30 and 40 years of business in Pleasanton at a presentation at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 15. The Council presented each of the businesses with a special gift to commemorate its tenure in Pleasanton.

"Pleasanton's quality of life is closely tied to the economic vitality of our business community, and we are honored to publicly recognize these businesses' milestones," noted Economic Development Director Pamela Ott. "The companies represent a continuum from small, sole proprietorships that provide everyday services to medium sized firms making advancements in their industry to national retailers. That diversity is what makes Pleasanton's business community as strong as it is. They have provided jobs, services and products valued by our residents and other businesses. They have clearly helped make Pleasanton the quality community that it is."

Small businesses make a huge contribution to the U.S. economy and, according to the Small Business Administration, have generated over 65% of the net new jobs since 1995. More than 50% of the working population in our country (120 million individuals) works in a small business.

For more information about the Business Recognition Program please contact the City of Pleasanton Eco-

nomics Development Department at (925) 931-5038.

The following businesses were recognized for their long-term commitment to Pleasanton:

15 Year: 2 The Point; Adrian Palma Engineers Incorporated; Alisal Pet Clinic; Amador Valley Chiropractic; American Performance; Applied Computer Solutions; Bennett Sign Centre Incorporate; Black Tie Transportation; California Cardiovascular Construction; Caltronics Business Systems; Casa Real; Cathy Jean Incorporated; Central Self Storage Investors IX; Charles Haycock Insurance Agency; Chico's Fashion Incorporated #176; Construction Testing Services; Craig A Dunlap DDS; David M. Strother CPA; Diablo Infectious Disease Consulting Services; Diagnostic Bio Systems; Dick Williams & Associates; Elite Cleaners; Ester Lisa P Domingo DDS; Ethan Allen, Retail Incorporated; Events To Impress; Federal Express; Flanders Heat & Air Systems; GRA Associates, Incorporated; Hallmark Creations #890; Harry's Automotive; Hendrick Automotive Group; High Tech Connect, LLC; Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel, Incorporated; Jamba Juice Company 119; Jim Good Chiropractic; Kumon Math & Reading; Lamb Surveying Incorporated; Lazer Telecommunications Incorporated; Leslie Marie Body & Skin Care; Medicap Pharmacy; New World Music Academy LLC; North American Title Co; Northern California Facial & Oral Surgery; Pak Mail of Pleasanton; Parlee Systems Incorporated; Pleasanton Lucky Cleaners; Ponderosa Homes II Incorporated; QES Computers Incorporated; Randstand US, LP; Randy Jones Insurance Services Incorporated; Roche Diagnostics; Santa Rita Auto; Shennum Green Incorporated; Straight Up Construction Incorporated; Supercuts #9621; Taylored Fitness; James Teare

DVM; The Nail Mill; Towne Center Books; Ultimate Staffing Services; US Bank; Wash Time Car Wash; West Valley Engineering Incorporated; West Yost & Associates.

20 Year: Classic Cars LTD; John M. Gowey, DDS; Neurosport Rehabilitation Association; Sweet & Savory Café & Bake Shop; TJKM Incorporated; Straw Hat Pizza; The Hopyard; Michelle Suski CPA; Shoot The Moon Products II, LLC; Wollborg Michelson Personnel Service; Al Pascual & Associates Incorporated; R P Boxman & Associates Incorporated; Pain & Stress Management Center; Acura Of Pleasanton; Infiniti Of Pleasanton; Grain D'Or; Playgrounds By Design Incorporated; Girasole/Pampered Palate Catering; Jue's Taekwon Do; Grace's Hallmark; Clapp, Moroney, Bellagamba & Vucinich; Mountain Mikes Pizza.

25 Year: California Shingle & Shake Company; Champs 14050; Cookies by Design; Heritage Valley Mortgage Incorporated; Kasper's; Larry's Automotive Repair & Service; Law Office of Peter Mac Donald; Mark S. Loebbs, MFCC; NCR; Old Republic Title Company; Quality Auto Craft Incorporated; Raley's #316; RTS Systems & Design; Software Development Incorporated; The Cheese Steak Shop Incorporated; VIP Cleaners.

30 Year: Allergy & Asthma Medical Group; BCP Concrete Incorporated; Cal West Steel Detailing; Christopher P. Schlies, Attorney At Law; Creegan & D'Angelo; Family Auto Repair Incorporated; Foothill Optometric Group; Georges Auto Repair Service; Hortscience Incorporated; J L Lemm & Association; Lane Bryant Incorporated #6127; Law Office of Doris Hale Slater; Robing Butler MFT; See's Candies Incorporated #72; The Permanente Medical Group Incorporated;

40 Year: Barry C. Winston O.D.; William Hirst, Attorney.



**Bailey Held, of Troop 934 in Pleasanton, was awarded the highest honor in Scouting and earned his Eagle Scout Rank on October 2, 2013. Bailey wanted to contribute to his high school, so his project was to repair and update the batting cage at Foothill High School. This project consisted of removing the damaged and rotted base boards throughout the cage and replacing them with fresh new base boards and bolts. The base boards, upper trim of the roof, and storage shelves were painted with Foothill colors. Broken light fixtures were also replaced.**

## BULLETIN BOARD

(Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board or email information to editmail@compuserve.com. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.)

**HOLIDAY BOUTIQUES & FUNDRAISERS**  
**Holiday Boutique**, November 1st and 2nd. Heritage Estates, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, from 9am to 4pm on both days. Unique scarves, beautiful blankets, custom jewelry, award-winning jams, nuts and candies, fresh-baked cookies, and much more—all handmade by Heritage Estates residents.

**Annual Holiday Bazaar**, Fri. and Sat., Nov. 1 and 2, from 9am-3pm. Handmade gifts, jewelry, ornaments, and holiday decorations. Jellies, candies, and baked goods available. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho Street, Livermore.

**Holiday Craft Faire**, hosted by the Livermore Valley Charter School at the Charter Prep School at 2451 Portola Ave, on November 2nd from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. This is open to the public. Contact Sandra Blue at blue.sandra@gmail.com for information, or fill out registration forms at either the Charter K-8 school at 3142 Constitution Drive, or at the Charter Prep school at 2451 Portola Ave.

**The Animal Lover's Boutique**, which is located year-round in the lobby of Feline Medical Center (FMC), 3160 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton, will hold the 14th Annual Holiday Sale for the Animals event on Saturday, November 2nd. Proceeds from the 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. boutique will benefit Jackie Barnett's Just Like New (JLN) Fund, a Valley Humane Society program that aids sick and injured pets.

**Golden Circle Seniors Bazaar**, Tues., Nov. 5 and Wed., Nov. 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Featuring handmade baby items, kitchen items, scarves, hats, totes, lap robes, doilies and more at reasonable prices. A share of the proceeds goes to local charities. Buy a raffle ticket, win a Christmas Afghan.

**Livermore Lions Club 21st Xmas Boutique**, Sat., November 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Free admission. Benefit for Lions projects. There will be food at the event and a raffle that help to fund the Livermore Lions community outreach.

**Holiday Craft Fair**, Saturday, November 9th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Our Savior Lutheran Ministries (1385 S. Livermore Ave.) is hosting a craft boutique with a variety of handmade gifts and baked goods available. For more information, please contact Nora Zinnel at nzzinnel@osim.net, or at 447-1246, ext. 204.

**Holiday Craft Boutique**, Saturday, November 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Presented by the Dublin Senior Center and the Dublin Senior Foundation. Selection of original handmade arts and crafts. Entrance is free. For more information call (925) 556-4511 or email seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov.

**Benefit Tea Dance**, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6298, 1 to 3:15 p.m. Wed., Nov. 20, Veterans Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. Music of the 1930s, 40s and 50s played by the Mellotones Combo. Fee is \$7, includes food and drinks. Proceeds used to help needy veterans and their families. Information at joeptylb@att.net or 443-2224.

**St. Michael Christmas Boutique**, November 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parish hall, 458 Maple St., Livermore. A full

house of vendors, food, drawings, prizes, crafts for the kids.

**Crafters Wanted for Christmas Holiday Boutique**. Boutique will be Saturday, December 7th in Pleasanton from 9am-1pm. For more information or to register contact Valerie Fleming at Valerie@HarvestValley.org or 925/484-2482 ext. 121. Fund-raiser for mom2mom at Harvest Valley Church.

**Holiday Boutique**, Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association annual event will be held on December 14th at the Veterans Building located at the corner of South "L" and 5th Streets, Livermore. The time of the boutique is from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The snack bar will be run by members of the Los Positas College Veterans First Program. All proceeds from this boutique goes to help the Veterans.

#### REGULAR CALENDAR:

**Valley Humane Society (VHS)** is offering a new calendar, Wine Country Critters 2014. It presents a flight of friends from the Livermore Valley wine region to benefit the animal welfare and community programs of VHS. Order on-line at [www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org) for just \$17 each (includes shipping & handling), or stop by adoption center, 3670 Nevada St., Pleasanton, to pick one up for only \$15. 426-8656

**Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society** will be presenting Gail Satterthwaite on November 12. His topic is "Quaker Research." Mr. Satterthwaite is an experienced genealogist with many Quaker Ancestors from Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, England and Wales. He has identified over sixty immigrant ancestors in the 1500s to 21 who were in Indiana before 1840. His presentation will provide background on the Religion as well as photos of meeting Houses and their burying grounds. Meeting at Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton at 7:30 p.m. on November 12. No charge and visitors are always welcome. For additional information contact the program chair at [program@L-AGS.org](mailto:program@L-AGS.org)

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club**, Sat., Oct. 26, 65 miles Martinez to Davis via Pleasants Valley, 3rd annual Halloween ride, back by train (must have I.D.), meet 9 a.m. Martinez Waterfront Park, Kevin Thieben, kthieben@yahoo.com. Sun., Oct. 27, 60 miles progressive dinner must sign up by Oct. 24. RSVP to Bonnie Powers, 828-5299. Wed., Oct. 30, 38 miles out and back on Calaveras, meet 9 a.m. at Pleasanton Ridge staging area, Gail Blanco, 872-1001. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Affordable Care Act Workshop**, Thursday, October 24, 2013 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. With MediCal expansion and Covered California Marketplace everybody should be able to get covered. Workshop is free. RSVP at <https://livermoreaca.eventbrite.com>

**GNON (Girls Night Out Networking)** and Lois Cox of Prudential California Realty invite all women to come to Holiday trade show, 5 to 8 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 14. Prudential California Realty (4725 First St., suite 150, Pleasanton). Catering provided by Aurora Catering. Prepay and RSVP is required to attend. RSVP by November 12th. Visit <http://gnontrivalley.com/rsvp.html>. \$10/pp for members; \$15/pp for non-members

**Livermore Library Board of Trustees**, meets 7 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 24 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

**Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner**, Guests include seniors, singles,



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shut-ins, families and veterans from the VA Hospital. This dinner is for anyone alone or without on Thanksgiving Day. Meals served on Thanksgiving Day between 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM. Those who need a ride or a meal delivered, please call 455-9782. For anyone interested in helping, there will be an information and planning meeting on Wednesday, November 13th at 7:00 PM at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street. Volunteer sign-ups begin at this meeting. For more information please call 455-9782 anytime or check the web site at WWW.LCCTD.ORG.

**Understanding Medicare Options,** health care reform and what it means for you, presented Oct. 27, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Presented by Kelly Harp, HICAP. Please call 373-5700 for reservations.

**No Rejection Dance,** Friday, November 8, 2013, 8pm-Midnight, will be held at the Marriott Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road, Pleasanton CA. Women will compete to see who dances with the most men that evening, with prizes. The men will compete to see who dances with the most women. This event is sponsored by The Society of Single Professionals, the world's largest non-profit singles organization. The cost is \$20 at the door, which includes dancing to today's hottest hits and the greatest hits of yesteryear. Adults of all ages are welcome. Anyone wishing more information about this and many more events for singles may visit [www.ThePartyHotline.com](http://www.ThePartyHotline.com) or call 415/507-9962.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA.,** Lunch in San Ramon, Oct. 30, 11:45 a.m., RSVP by Oct. 27 to Patti, 510-427-8891.

**Writing Club for Young Adults** led by published young adult author J.L. Powers at the Livermore Public Library. The Club will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays, November 21 and December 19 in the Storytime Room at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The event is free. No registration is required. For more information, please visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website: [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net), or contact Jennifer at 925-373-5576.

**Josefa Higueria Livermore Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution,** meets the first Saturday of the month through May at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel of Asbury United Methodist Church, Livermore. Members are descendants of patriots of the American Revolution. DAR is dedicated to preserving American history, promoting patriotism and securing America's future through patriotism and better education. For information contact [jlhchapter@yahoo.com](mailto:jlhchapter@yahoo.com) or 784-1935.

**Arthritis/Chronic Pain Support Group,** Wednesdays, 4 to 5 p.m. Asbury Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Information, contact Barbara 503-449-3861, or email [bltrey@gmail.com](mailto:bltrey@gmail.com). Free will donations accepted toward room rent.

**ClutterLess (CL)** special open speaker meeting, Oct. 28, Bethany St. Clair will talk on "Organizing Your Space" and how emotions can help or hinder clutter. ClutterLess is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meeting 7 p.m. Mondays at the St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church. Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton. Just come or call a volunteer at 925-525-3992 or 925-200-1943 or visit [www.ClutterLess.org](http://www.ClutterLess.org). No meetings on holidays. Meeting free, optional \$2 to \$5 appreciated.

**Pleasanton Library's Project Read** needs volunteer tutors to help adults with

English skills. Project Read provides the workbooks and study guides as well as teaching volunteers how to develop teaching skills, craft curriculum, and gain experience. Volunteers should be at least 18 years old, and fluent in American English and be able to devote a consistent hour or two weekly to a student for a semester. For more information, email [PennyJohnson@Cityof-PleasantonCa.gov](mailto:PennyJohnson@Cityof-PleasantonCa.gov), or call Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405.

**Bereaved Mothers' Network of the Tri-Valley,** offering support, understanding and compassion to mothers who have suffered the loss (past or present) of a precious child. Safe, confidential, non-judgmental environment. Monthly meeting held at 7 P.M. on the first Tuesday of the month. Livermore Civic Center Library in Community Room "B." Small voluntary donations to help with meeting and outreach costs are appreciated. For further information reach Katie Strube at [katiestrube@comcast.net](mailto:katiestrube@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](http://www.PleasantonNewcomers.com)

**Beginners Internet and e-mail classes,** Free classes for absolute beginners who have never clicked a mouse, used e-mail, or surfed the net. Learn the basics in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Learn to keep in touch with loved ones and access internet sites all around the world. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Tuesdays and Thursday mornings. Four one-hour classes in each series. Registration is required, as space is limited. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400, extension 4. Library programs are free and open to everyone. An ongoing program. Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 for information.

**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](mailto:aril.tamayo@cril-online.org). All services are free.

**Lawyers in the Library,** program offers free legal information and referral. The program is co-sponsored by the Alameda County Bar Association the third Tuesday of each month at the Pleasanton Library. Each person will have a 15 to 20 minute free consultation with a member of the Alameda County Bar Association. Appointments are by lottery. Register from 5:30 to 5:45 p.m. Names will be selected at 5:50 p.m. Must be present when names are drawn. Appointments begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. For more information, call Merry Luskin, 931-3400, extension 4.

**Assistance League® of Amador Valley** invites all visitors to join this 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 Parkway, 100 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, go to [www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org](http://www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org), e-mail [assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com](mailto:assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com), or call (925)

461-6401.

**Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group** meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the second floor conference room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore All are welcome. Contacts are: Sandra Graftrath 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: [gloriosos4@comcast.net](mailto:gloriosos4@comcast.net)

**Operation: S.A.M.** "Supporting All Military" is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued support of deployed troops. Preparation of comfort packages takes place every other week - all year long. Providing morale support for those deployed. All information provided is confidential and is not shared for security purposes. To submit a name and address, inquire about donations or helping, please visit [www.operationsam.org](http://www.operationsam.org), email [operationsam@comcast.net](mailto:operationsam@comcast.net) or call 925 443-7620 for more information and the calendar of events.

**Good News Bears,** nonprofit with a mission to distribute stuffed animals to social services, emergency services, medical facilities and anyone who needs a hug. Based in Livermore, the group reaches around the Bay Area and the world. Volunteers needed to hold collections of gently used teddy bears and other stuffed animals, assist with fund-raising and deliver the animals to organizations supported by the group. Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at the Livermore Police Station. Log on to [www.goodnewsbears.org](http://www.goodnewsbears.org) or call 373-7982 for more information.

## RELIGION

**First Presbyterian Church,** 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore, 9:00 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel, 10:30 Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program. For more information [www.fpcl.us](http://www.fpcl.us) or 925-447-2078.

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

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

**Congregation Beth Emek,** 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055.

**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](mailto:EastBaySecularJews.org).

**First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore,** services 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at Third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

**Sunset Community Church,** 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

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

**Our Savior Lutheran Ministries,** 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, 9 a.m. worship (semiformal); 10:30 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school; 11 a.m. worship (informal). For information, call 925-447-1246.

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

**Calvary Chapel Livermore,** Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. 545 No. L Street Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - [www.calvarylivermore.org](http://www.calvarylivermore.org).

**St. Matthew's Baptist Church,** 1239 North Livermore Ave., Livermore. Services on Sunday at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Prayer each Wednesday at 7 p.m. followed by Bible study at 7:30 p.m. 449-3824.

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

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

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

**Faith Chapel Assembly of God,** 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School for all ages 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Intercessory prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Please call office at 846-8650 for weekly programs.

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

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

**St. Innocent Orthodox Church,** 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details please see [www.stinnocent.net](http://www.stinnocent.net) or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

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

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church,** 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. Sunday Services: Contemplative Eucharist 8:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:20 A.M. Choral Eucharist with choir 10:30 A.M.; Childcare for children under 5 available at 10:30

service.

**Tri-Valley Church of Christ** at 4481 East Avenue, Livermore, worship service 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Sundays, all are welcome. 925-447-4333 (a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

**Little Brown Church,** United Church of Christ 141 Kilkare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. [www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org](http://www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org) 925-862-2580

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

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

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

**Unity of Tri-Valley Church -** Sunday services are at 10:00 a.m.; all are welcome. Ongoing small groups, weekly activities, choir, classes, and Children's church. 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley (2 miles west of Stoneridge Mall). (925) 829-2733, [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com) Rev. Karen Epps.

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

**Lynwood United Methodist Church,** 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Sunday worship at 9:00 and 10:30am with childcare and Sunday school at 10:30am. (First Sun. of month is informal with guitar.) Located across from the aquatic center. Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer minister. All welcome. [www.lynwood.org](http://www.lynwood.org), 925 846-0221.

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

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

1301. [www.thecrossing.org](http://www.thecrossing.org)

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

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

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

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

**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, please call the office at (925) 479-1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10:00am - 3:00pm, and Thursday 4:00pm - 6:30pm. 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 11:00am to 12:30pm. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

**Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat,** an informal gathering to discuss ideas, Café Rumi, 4799 Heyer Ave., Castro Valley. The topic is "What would a utopian society be like? Is it possible to create a utopian society?" 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 3 and December 15 with topics to be announced. For information, please contact (925) 240-5612.

**Prayer, practical help,** free talk 7:30 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 14. First Church of Christ, Scientist, 263 S. N Street, Livermore. John Adams, teacher of Christian Science healing and international speaker will present the program. Free child care provided. Information at [www.christiansciencechurchlivermore.com](http://www.christiansciencechurchlivermore.com).

**Labyrinth Walk, Day of the Dead/** All Saints Day. 6:30 to 9 p.m. Sat., Nov. 2 St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Face painting, coloring sheets, make an ofrenda memorial, walk the indoor candle-lit labyrinth, remember saints past. Walk begins at 7:30 p.m., Procession with ofrendas to altar at 8:30. All ages welcome. [www.saintbartslivermore.com](http://www.saintbartslivermore.com).



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# Milestones

## Romance



### 65th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Planned

Chuck and Donna Neuenschwander, long time residents of Livermore, were married on October 24, 1948, in Napa, California. A celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary will be held on October 27 at The Clubhouse at Las Positas.

Chuck and Donna met at a roller skating rink in 1947. It was love at first sight. Little did Chuck know that Donna was only 15 and a junior in high school, but love prevailed and they were married the following year. Donna went on to graduate from Napa High School in June of 1949 and followed

Chuck to their first home in a logging camp in Oregon. They returned to California in the fall of that year, living in Oakland and Vallejo before making Livermore their final home in 1952. They had two daughters, Sheran, who died in 1965, and Debra, who lives nearby in Diablo Grande.

Chuck worked in the Engineering Department at LLNL for 35 years and for most of that time, Donna was a stay-at-home mom. When Debra went off to college, Donna got a job with the City of Livermore



**Chuck and Donna Neuenschwander today (above left) and on their wedding day (above right).**

as Secretary for the Fire Department. Chuck and Donna retired in 1988 and enjoy playing golf and spending

time with their daughter and husband Rusty, granddaughter Laura, great grandson Aiden and grandson Ben.



### May Wedding Date Announced

Wedding plans have been announced for Faris Christina Sanchez, the daughter of Jesse R. and stepmom Christi Sanchez and Laura and stepdad Wes Dodd; and Brian James Tischler, the son of Janice and Jim Tischler.

Faris is a 2002 graduate of Granada High School. She is currently attending Las Positas College in Livermore.

The groom is a graduate of Willow Glenn High School and Fullerton College. He is from San Jose.

The wedding will take place in Danville on May 30, 2014.

## Community



**Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty presented a commendation to Christine Wente during the Board of Supervisors meeting on Oct. 15 in recognition of the 130th Anniversary of Wente Vineyards.**

### Anita Jimenez Joins Valley Community Bank

Valley Community Bank welcomes Anita Jimenez as Vice President/Relationship Manager at the bank's Livermore office located at 2300 First Street, Suite 100, in Livermore, Calif.

Jimenez's position encompasses all aspects of commercial real estate lending and business banking. She comes to Valley Community Bank from 12 years with U.S. Bank, where she held the position of Business Banking Officer.

Previous experience includes positions at Fremont Bank, San Francisco Federal Savings Bank and Bank of America, where she began her banking career. Jimenez has more than 20 years' managerial experience and 15 years of project management experience. During her career, she has received many bank industry awards for excellence.

Jimenez was urged to join Valley Community Bank by her former and current colleague, Valley Community Bank First Vice President/Manager Barbara Varnell. She said, "Over the years, Anita has gained a reputation for having a wealth of experience, an honest, straightforward manner and the highest level of integrity."

"The level of service we are able to provide here far exceeds that of the large institutions," Jimenez adds. "Valley Community Bank's underwriting guidelines give us the flexibility to approve more loans, so we are able to help more business owners and investors."

Jimenez is active in the business community. She is a new member of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce and its Hispanic Business Council.