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## Find Out What's Happening

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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.

# New Starts Money Could Fund BART

There is \$660 million available in a Federal New and Small Starts reserve that could be used to help pay for the BART extension to Livermore.

The money is part of the MTC Regional Transportation Fund strategy. During a Joint MTC/ABAG meeting held earlier this year, these two bodies approved a motion by Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty that sets the money aside to support transit projects that are located in East and North Bay counties

Art Dao, general manager of the Alameda County Transit Commission, stated, "As far as I know, there is no project that would be eligible for New Starts funding."

The availability of the money answers one of the concerns raised with regard to Measure B1, the transportation tax on the November ballot. Opponents say that the \$400 million earmarked for a BART extension to Livermore isn't enough to build the project. They doubt money would ever be available.

The estimated project cost is between \$800 million and \$1 billion dollars. Dao said that the exact cost isn't known. He is hopeful that value engineering will reduce the cost even further.

Dao points out that the \$400 million from the sales tax plus another \$112 million from AB 1171 funds (bridge tolls) adds up to over \$500 million of identified funding. "That's more than half of what is needed to build the project to Isabel."

Dao explained that within the Plan Bay Area (30-year

Regional Transportation Plan) developed by MTC and ABAG, there is an Transportation Investment Strategy to guide how the region will spend all of the transportation funding that could come to the region in the next 28 to 30 years. Designation of the \$660 million in New Starts money for the Livermore extension would close the funding gap.

Dao pointed out that New Starts money helped finance the San Jose and San Francisco Airport extensions. Asked about parking at

the proposed Livermore station, Dao said that is one of the elements of the station to be studied as part of the environmental impact review. Ridership generation, circulation and accessibility to riders will be part of the review needed to study parking. "There is nothing written in stone. There has to be a parking study to determine the size of the parking facility at the station. I hope that folks in the Tri-Valley will make sure their wants and desires are addressed."

## Council Puts Brakes On Amgen

The Livermore City Council opted Monday not to participate in this year's Amgen Tour of California bicycle race.

The vote was 4 to 0 with Mayor John Marchand absent.

Marchand is representing the city in Russia to celebrate the naming of the new element Livermorium.

The Amgen Tour operators had asked the city to apply again to be a host city. The decision not to take part in the Amgen was based on the cost. Staff had requested the city council to authorize the expenditure of \$100,000.

Councilmember Stewart Gary said given the current economy, it is too much money. "I realize there is an enormous economic impact. However, the money is a huge, huge impact on the general fund." He suggested deferring participation until the following year. During that time, staff could work to develop partnerships to raise private donations.

Economic Development Director Rob White estimated there was between a half million to a million dollars in positive economic impact, including worldwide exposure via television.

Councilmember Bob Wornner suggested that participating each year could result in overexposure.

White said that was a possibility. He said that the city council reapply for the 2014 Amgen.

Gary said, "The city is running a structural deficit. We asked residents to raise funds for the fourth of July. We had to struggle to add police officers. It's time to take a time out."

## Clarification

Residents interested in participating in SolarCity's benefit program to support Rotary Assisting Veterans Education (RAVE), can visit [www.solarcity.com](http://www.solarcity.com), call 1-888-765-2489, or contact SolarCity's Kendrick Shu at (650) 963-4752. Participants must reference "Las Positas College Veterans First Program" to ensure that \$400 will be donated to RAVE for each residential installation.



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Storm clouds provided a dramatic backdrop for vineyards on Reuss Road in Livermore. Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## Zone 7 Votes to Freeze Water Rates for Next Year

Zone 7 Water Agency directors enacted a freeze in water rates for next year, to be followed by a 2.65 percent increase in calendar year 2014.

The increase in 2014 would amount to \$1.04 for the typical household, if the four water retailers who buy from Zone 7 do not pass on the increase to customers.

The board voted 6-1 for the new rate structure. Angela Ramirez Holmes was opposed. She favored another alternative offered by (See RATES, page 5)

## School Board Again Denies Portola Academy Charter Petition

By Patricia Koning

At last week's meeting of the Livermore Board of Education, the trustees voted unanimously to deny the petition for the Portola Academy (PA) charter school submitted by the Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC). In January, the trustees rejected a previous version of the PA petition

that was submitted in 2011; that 2011 petition was also rejected by the Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) and State Board of Education (SBE).

District staff recommended that the trustees deny the 2012 PA petition for two reasons: because it fails to provide a comprehensive description of the proposed

educational program; and because the petitioners (TVLC) are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program described in the petition. Attorney Sarah Sutherland, serving as legal counsel to the District, presented the factual findings to the Board.

According to the executive summary of the 2012

PA petition, the intention of Portola Academy is to serve students who reflect the ethnic and/or socio-economic background of schools within the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District with particular attention to traditionally underserved students.

"We found that the petitioners have no success-

ful track record in serving the student population they are targeting. It seems that they are attempting to use the same education program from their existing K-8 school," said Sutherland. "Their plan lacks details on food service, transportation, discipline, and other elements related to this population." (See CHARTER, page 2)

## Livermore School District Rethinks Paper Towel Usage

By Patricia Koning

Over the past two years, the Livermore School District's Conservation Committee has been looking for ways to reduce consumption of energy, water, and materials to save the District money and help the environment. "Absolutely everything is on the table," says David Darlington, a consultant to the District

and member of the Conservation Committee.

Established in early 2011, the Conservation Committee arose from the District's desire to reduce operational expenses and to funnel those funds back into the primary mission of education. The Committee has already implemented numerous projects that have generated over \$200,000

in annual savings. These include upgrading lighting, adding occupancy sensors to vending machines, and switching older computers to "Slim Clients."

Now the committee has set its sites on paper towels. "This is absolutely an area of waste," Darlington says. "There are over 1,000 paper towel dispensers across the (See PAPER TOWEL, page 9)

## Charter High School and Las Positas College Collaborate on Middle College Program

By Patricia Koning

This year, some students at the Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory High School (LVCP) are earning college credit through Las Positas College (LPC) for their US History, Calculus, and English classes.

"Our goal is to offer our students the option of fulfill-

ing their college freshman year requirements while at LVCP," explains LVCP principal Lauren Kelly. Next year she hopes to offer the third semester of college English, a college-level science course, and another college-level humanities course in addition to the three courses already of-

ferred.

Called Middle College, programs that offer high school students the opportunity to earn college credit through a community college are fairly common. Alameda, Fremont, Los Altos, Mountain View, Redwood City, San Mateo, San Pablo, (See MIDDLE, page 3)



Placing used paper towels in recycling bins is practiced by students, including Raven Jones. Photo - Doug Jorgensen

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Tux- a female tuxedo kitten with siblings-Boots, Socks, & Tiger. She has a loving personality and cannot live without her toy mice! How can you say no to such an adorable face? For more information, call 925-426-8656 or go online to [www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org) or [www.facebook.com/ValleyHumaneSociety](http://www.facebook.com/ValleyHumaneSociety) to see other adoptable dogs and cats. Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Photo by Ken Jacoby

## Award Goes To Sandia for i-GATE Work

Sandia National Laboratories has won four awards from the Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC) for Sandia's efforts to develop and commercialize innovative technologies.

One of the awards, the Outstanding Partnership Award, recognized the i-GATE regional public-private partnership in California, an organization that supports small businesses and helps maximize the economic potential of green transportation and clean-energy technologies. i-GATE (Innovation for Green Advanced Transportation Excellence) creates a link between national laboratories and entrepreneurs, industry, venture capital, universities and economic development resources to accelerate the commercialization of energy technologies and grow a cohesive innovation ecosystem.

The i-Gate National Energy Systems Technology (NEST) incubator opened in June 2011 to help small companies work with advanced transportation or renewable energy technologies that can leverage technical assistance from Sandia National Laboratories' site in California or Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The i-GATE NEST has helped create 62 direct and 118 indirect jobs.

The award recognized Bruce Balfour, i-GATE president and a member of Sandia's Technical Business Development group; Rob White, City of Livermore Economic Development director and CEO of i-GATE; Louis Stewart, deputy director of Innovation and Entrepreneurship for the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development; and Buck Koonce, director of Economic Development for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

## Pleasanton Okays Funds to Purchase Pleasanton Ridge Ranch

The Pleasanton City Council authorized the \$1 million from the Alameda County Landfill Open Space Fund to assist in the purchase of land on Pleasanton Ridge.

The East Bay Regional Park District is the buyer.

The \$1 million provides partial funding of the \$6.2 million purchase price of the 1,368 acre Robertson property. Other money to finance

the purchase will come from a 2008 regional park bond measure and grants. The purchase will be finalized in December.

Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park is currently 7,500 acres. With the additional acreage, the park will cover an area approximately 14 square miles.

The Altamont Open Space Advisory Committee had voted in support of

expenditure. The money will be withdrawn from the 20 percent of the funds reserved for grants in the western area.

The Robertson property has extensive frontage along Palomares Road and includes the 2.163 foot high Sunol Peak. Its ridgetop consists of open grasslands and rock outcrops suitable for foraging by raptors, including golden eagles, red-

tailed hawks and prairie falcons. The canyon slopes are densely vegetated with a mixture of oak/bay woodland and coastal shrub.

According to the East Bay Regional Park District, the property provides opportunities for wildlife viewing and expansion of the park's trail network for bikers, hikers and equestrians.

Earlier this year, the park district announced plans to

add new entrances along the ridge from Dublin Canyon Road to Sunol. This will include a new entrance at West Las Positas Blvd. and Foothill Road with a 75 car staging area.

A new trail head will also be added on Dublin Canyon Road at Devany Canyon. A new staging area is planned for Tyler Ranch near Niles Canyon and Sunol for a 90 car staging area.

## CHARTER

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tion. It's hard to harmonize their promise to serve the underserved with a petition that doesn't have the elements to get those students there and ready to learn."

District staff felt that issues they raised in their denial of the 2011 PA petition and the concerns of the ACOE were not addressed in the 2012 PA petition. District staff also questioned the financial and operation plan presented in the 2012 PA petition, raising concerns about cash flow, proposed teacher salaries, startup costs, special education, facilities, and other operating expenses.

School board member Kate Runyon said the finances are her deepest concern. "There are way too many questions left unanswered for me to vote for us to take on oversight of this school," she explained. "I don't want to be anywhere near anything that might fail."

John Zukoski, the treasurer for the TVLC board of directors, said he was hurt by assertions in the District's report that "petitioners lack the appropriate skill requisite to properly budget for the proposed charter school" and pointed out several errors in the District's analysis.

"This corporation is about children and giving them opportunities to learn. It's all about the kids," he added. "Whatever you read or hear about us doing this for any other reason is untrue."

Livermore High School (LHS) teacher Cate Sarraille

presented a letter signed by 43 other LHS staff members asking the Board to deny the PA petition. "I don't believe they have the expertise or the current success that they claim to have," she said.

Dawn Whalen, an LHS and Junction K-8 parent, said she opposes the petition because it doesn't create anything unique. Shelly Fields, president of the Livermore Education Association, stated that the

petition does not describe the full range of services for special education.

Libby Mihalka, a parent of a child at St. Michael School, said she would love an opportunity to send her son to PA. She has entered her child into the LVCS lottery for the past four years. He has never won a spot.

"Charter schools offer a great alternative," she added. "I don't think you've given this petition a chance.

I think the two petitions are very different and as a financial analyst, I think the numbers look great. I'm puzzled by what I am hearing tonight. There is a great deal of fear and miscommunication. I expect more, a lot more, from people who are supposed to be public servants."

TVLC is now preparing to submit the PA petition to the ACOE.

The District's report on

the PA petition is available in the agenda for the Oct. 16, 2012 Regular School Board Meeting, which can be found in the School Board section of the District web site ([www.livermoreschools.com](http://www.livermoreschools.com)). The 2012 PA petition and TVLC's response to the District's report can be found on the PA website at [www.portlaacademy.org/stories/tvlc-responds-lvjusd-staff-report-re-pa-petition](http://www.portlaacademy.org/stories/tvlc-responds-lvjusd-staff-report-re-pa-petition).

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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## Down Payment Assistance

The City of Livermore has announced the availability of down payment assistance funds for low income, first time homebuyers through the City's CalHome Mortgage Assistance Program.

The City recently received a \$1 million CalHome Program grant from the State of California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) to fund the City's Mortgage Assistance Program. The CalHome Program is funded by the State through Proposition 1C, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006.

The City has been the past recipient of CalHome funds and has assisted 25 households to achieve the dream of homeownership. The City's CalHome Mortgage Assistance Program (MAP) will provide low interest deferred payment loans of up to \$40,000 to low income, first-time homebuyers purchasing homes in Livermore. CalHome funds can be used towards down payment and closing costs.

Funds are immediately available for FY12/13. The application, qualifications and program guidelines are available on the City's website at: [www.cityoflivermore.net](http://www.cityoflivermore.net). Information can be also obtained from the City's Housing and Human Services Division of the Community Development Department via email ([housing@cityoflivermore.net](mailto:housing@cityoflivermore.net)) or phone (925-960-4580).

## Alameda Creek Restoration

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) has awarded \$6.5 million in federal grants to ten projects in Northern California. These grants, provided to state and local agencies as well as non-profit organizations, will be used to improve water quality and restore habitat throughout the San Francisco Bay watershed. They are funded through the San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund, which has invested \$28 million in various clean water projects since 2008 and leveraged more that \$103 million in additional funds.

Among the projects receiving funds is Alameda Creek Restoration, \$181,270. Project partners are the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Alameda County Public Works, Alameda Creek Watershed Council.

This project addresses three subwatersheds in the Alameda Creek watershed that are important habitat for native anadromous fish and are impaired by sediments and nutrients. The RCD will partner with NRCS and landowners to establish stream buffers; restore channels and riparian areas; and conduct grazing management and/or rural road improvement to manage sediment.

There will be 6 stream miles and 3,840 acres treated with erosion control, ten miles of streams assessed for current condition and recovery potential for native anadromous fish, and long term water quality improvements in the subwatersheds to benefit native fish habitat.

## Property Tax Bills

More than 426,000 secured roll property tax bills for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 amounting to \$2.73 billion were mailed in October 2012 by Alameda County Treasurer and Tax Collector, Donald R. White, to all real property owners of record in the Alameda County Assessor's Office.

The secured roll taxes due are payable by two installments. The first installment is due on November 1, 2012 and is delinquent at 5 p.m. December 10, 2012, after which a 10% delinquent penalty attaches. The second installment is due on February 1, 2013 and is delinquent at 5 p.m. April 10, 2013, after which a 10% delinquent penalty and \$10 cost attaches. Both installments may be paid when the first installment is due.

There are several payment options: by mail or in person at the County Tax Collector's Office, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, holidays excepted; by credit card, available 24 hours a day by telephone at 510-272-6800, or online at [www.acgov.org](http://www.acgov.org); by Echeck, available 24 hours a day online at [www.acgov.org](http://www.acgov.org); or by KIOSK, located in the Tax Collector's lobby area allowing taxpayers who visit the office to make payments via credit card and/or Echeck.

Real property owners who do not receive their tax bill by November 16, 2012 should contact Tax Collector's Office by calling (510) 272-6800, writing to the office, or downloading an internet copy at [www.acgov.org](http://www.acgov.org).

Tax bills received for property no longer owned should be forwarded to the new owner or returned to the Tax Collector's Office.

## Add Postage to Mail-in Ballots

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters is reminding voters that additional postage is required to mail in Vote-By-Mail ballots in all parts of the County due to the fact that voters are being asked to complete multiple ballot cards for the November 6 Presidential General Election. Most voters in Alameda County are required to complete either two or three ballot cards, and therefore need to pay 85 cents postage to mail in their Vote-By-Mail ballots.

Voters are reminded that they can avoid paying postage by dropping off their Vote-By-Mail ballots at several locations that will be receiving ballots up until the close of the polls at 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6.

The nearly 800 polling places that will be operating in Alameda County on Election Day. For a list of sites, go to [www.acgov.org/rov](http://www.acgov.org/rov). Ballots may be left at the City Clerk offices in Berkeley, Dublin, Fremont, Livermore, Union City, Alameda, Hayward, San Leandro, Emeryville and Pleasanton.

Please note that Vote-By-Mail Ballots dropped off at any of the above locations must be sealed in the yellow or light green Vote-By-Mail envelopes and signed by the voter on the signature line on the outside of the envelope. For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters at 510-272-6973.

# MIDDLE

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and Santa Clara all provide Middle College programs.

"Our intent when setting up this school was to offer a more robust college prep program than Advanced Placement classes," says Bill Batchelor, chief operation officer of the Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC), which oversees both LVCP and the K-8 Livermore Valley Charter School.

LVCP's Middle College program offers students semester-for-semester college credit; for each semester of a college credit class, students receive a semester of transferable college credit as well as high school credit. With AP, students can typically earn high school credit for one semester class if they pass the AP exam after a year-long AP class. Some AP exams, such as languages, offer more college credit. Students can also earn more credit for high scores on specific tests.

"We are also offering AP Calculus A/B this year for the students who weren't quite ready for a college-level class. We will continue to offer AP classes as they meet the needs of our students," she explains. "We have students all along this spectrum of college work. We encourage them to take only what they can handle and still keep their lives in balance with sports, fun, homework, and all the rest that high school can offer."

Last year Batchelor and Kelly began working with LPC president Kevin Walthers on the Middle College program. He agreed to the program with the understanding that LVCP would fully fund the courses and that each student enrolled would meet the LPC assessment standard. LVCP students do not pay extra for the college credit classes, but they do purchase their own books.

The LCP classes are only available to LVCP after LCP students have been admitted.

LPC adjuncts, part-time faculty members, teach the LVCP classes.

"This is a great benefit to Las Positas College in that it provides additional opportunities for adjuncts to provide courses during this time when we don't have sufficient state funding," says Walthers. "It's no cost to LPC and the small amount added for reimbursement actually helps us offset costs on campus, giving us greater budget flexibility."

All LVCP students must also fulfill the UC "a-g" Subject Requirements in order to graduate. Kelly expects to receive "a-g" approval for LVCP's current classes by this spring. As a new school, LVCP could not apply for "a-g" approval until it had been granted initial candidacy for accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). In

February, WASC granted LVCP initial candidacy for three years; candidacy can be granted for one, three, or six years.

"I was thrilled," says Kelly. "It's really a nod in the favor of this school and our academic program that we were approved for three years right out of the gate."

LVCP opened in the fall of 2010 and will graduate its first class in 2014. Next fall, when the school has its first senior class, Kelly will submit the senior-level classes and any new classes for "a-g" approval.

For more information on LVCP, visit [www.lvcp.org](http://www.lvcp.org). LVCP is holding an Open House for prospective students and their families on Wednesday, Nov. 14 from 7 to 8:45 pm. Future open house dates are Dec. 12 and Jan. 9.

More information at [www.fpc.us](http://www.fpc.us)

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# EDITORIALS

## Proposition 30: Yes

There are two measures on the California November 6 ballot that promise to provide more money for education.

Proposition 38 increases taxes on earnings for twelve years using a sliding scale. Revenues go to K-12 schools and early childhood programs, and to repayment of the state debt for four years.

Proposition 30 increases taxes on earnings over \$250,000 for seven years and sales taxes by ¼ cent for four years, to fund schools. It guarantees public safety funding. Revenues would be available for the state budget.

The League of Women voters points out that Proposition 30 begins to move California toward financial stability and adequate funding for services.

Proposition 38 fails in funding education in that it does not support community colleges. It is important that there be affordable educational opportunities beyond K-12.

The Independent is recommending a "yes" vote on Proposition 30.

## Peace Foundation

Pleasanton has approved plans to establish a peace foundation.

The concept would have the foundation focus on developing an environment of tolerance, non-violence, peaceful issue resolution, military veteran well being and social justice. The idea would be to work with schools, military veterans groups, nonprofits and the community overall.

Hopefully, the discussion will include all viewpoints and not become a platform only for those who oppose all military action.

Peace is not necessarily achieved through an anti-war stance. An atmosphere of tolerance and acceptance of all different races, religions, and cultures needs to be established where differences can be discussed rather than fought over.

Hopefully, the peace foundation will achieve that goal.

## Two Propositions Back School Revenue

Propositions 30 and 38 on the November 6 ballot deal with providing funding for state public education.

If both propositions pass, the one with the higher number of votes goes into effect.

Proposition 30, sponsored by Gov. Jerry Brown, would raise the state's sales tax of 7.25 percent to 7.5 percent for four years. It would increase the income tax on people earning more than \$250,000 for seven years.

Prop. 30 allocates a major portion of the temporary tax revenue to education. Of the funds going to schools, 89 percent would go to K-12 education, and the remaining 11 percent to community colleges.

Funds could not be used for administrative salaries. School boards would make the decisions on how the money would be spent.

Prop. 30 also would also provide more money for the state's general fund to make up the budget deficit.

Proposition 38, put on the ballot by wealthy Southern California attorney Molly Munger, designates the majority of its funds for schools and early childhood education programs.

Unlike Prop. 30, which would fund school needs this year, Prop. 38 would not begin providing school revenue until next year.

Prop. 38 would increase state income taxes for most Californians, on a graduated scale, from 0.4 percent for the lowest individual at \$7316 to 2.2 percent for individuals earning over \$2.5 million.

The tax would expire after 12 years, unless voters renew it.

During the first four years, some 60 percent of its revenue would go to K-12 education, 30 percent to repaying state debt, and 10 percent to early childhood programs.

After the four years, 85 percent of the revenue would go to K-12 schools, and 15 percent to early childhood programs.

The state could not redirect the revenue. K-12 funds would be allocated on a per-pupil basis, subject to local control, audits, and public input.

The Livermore and Pleasanton school boards endorsed both measures.

Livermore endorsed Prop. 30 by a 3-2 vote. Belia Martinez, Bill Dunlop and Anne White were in favor of the proposition. Voting no were Chuck Rogge and Kate Runyon.

The Pleasanton School Board unanimously endorsed Prop. 38. Trustees voted 4-1 against endorsing Prop. 30. Jamie Hintzke was the lone negative vote.

In supporting Prop. 38, she said that she liked the fact Prop. 38 would create a new revenue stream, and yield more money in the long run, while not being subject to any direct manipulations by the state.

Other trustees said they were concerned that Prop. 38 money would still leave the district with a \$5 million shortfall this year. Further, the state sometimes has ways of cutting back on other school funding, which could offset some gains of Prop. 38. Voting for both propositions, instead of just one, may ensure that at least one of them will pass, said trustees.

## Stark Took in More, Spent More Than Swalwell

The campaign contribution period from July 1 to Sept. 30 saw a boost in donations for both Rep. Pete Stark and Dublin Councilmember Eric Swalwell in the race between the two Democrats to win the seat in the new 15th Congressional District.

Federal Election Commission (FEC) records online show that Stark took in \$376,075 in the quarter ending Sept. 30. He spent \$217,661, during that period. The records show that he has \$537,748 cash on hand, but that is because he began the records period, which started with the April 2011 quarter, with approximately \$535,000 cash on hand.

Since the April 2011 quarter began, Stark collected approximately \$750,500, and spent about \$747,800.

Swalwell took in \$233,936, and spent \$152,294, which left him with \$161,116 cash on hand. Swalwell's FEC records online begin for the October 2011 quarter. Since then, Swalwell has collected \$646,434, and spent \$484,957. He began the October quarter of 2011 with \$69,526 cash on hand.

Most of Stark's dona-

tions came from committees. Committees sent Stark \$198,000 in the period, the total of 94 donations from 84 individual committees. Many were in the health care field, in which Stark has written legislation. Others were from congressional members' campaigns. There was one from the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts for \$2500, and one from the National Association of Realtors for \$2500.

Among the big committee donations were those from the American College of Surgeons PAC, the Ob-GYN PAC, American Letter Carriers PAC, DRIVE (Teamsters PAC), Federation of American Hospitals PACm and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, all at \$5000.

Other major donors were the American Ophthalmology Inc. Political Committee, the American Association for Justice, and the American Hospital Association PAC, all at \$4,000.

Stark received donations from 80 contributors, with 41 of them with connection to the district, or 51 percent of his donors. The district includes Livermore,

Pleasanton, Dublin, Sunol, San Ramon, Union City, Hayward, Castro Valley, Ashland and Fairview. Part of Danville, Fremont, and a sliver of the Oakland hills north of Castro Valley are in the district.

### SWALWELL HAD 271 INDIVIDUALS GIVING

Swalwell listed 271 individual contributions in the recent period, with 129 of them, or 70 percent, in the district.

Swalwell received most of his committee contributions during the recent period, when he took in \$38,250. There were 24 total donations from 22 committees. Only one was in the district, the power generating firm Calpine in Dublin, which gave \$1000.

Among organizations donating to Swalwell were the Electrical Contractors Political Association Committee, and pharmaceutical maker Merck & Co. Political Action Committee, both at \$1000.

Among individual contributors are some people whose firms brought business before the Dublin City Council during Swalwell's term.

Anthony Macchiano of

M&M Land Co. and Pleasanton Garbage Services, donated \$250 during this period, bringing his total donations to \$5500.

Macchiano is a partner in AVI, which won a contract from the Dublin City Council to haul contractors' construction site trash.

Bruce Myers of Pacific Union Holdings donated \$1000 during the period, bringing his total to \$1500. Swalwell voted with three others on the council to go ahead with an environmental study in Doolan Canyon, where Pacific Union would like to annex to Dublin and build 1900 units of senior housing. Originally, Swalwell was the only councilmember who voted against the project.

The city council is considering rezoning the proposed Promenade upscale shopping center to 82 units of residential housing. The application was by Charter Properties.

James Tong of Fremont, who operates Charter Properties, has given \$5000 to Swalwell, though none of it in this period. Jennifer Tong of Fremont gave \$2500 during this period, and \$2500 previously.

## Hart Leads Quarterly Dublin Campaign Fund-raisers; Haubert Has Most Money

Incumbent Kevin Hart was the leader in campaign donations for the most recent reporting period July 1 to September 30 in the Dublin City Council election.

There are six candidates running for two council seats in Dublin.

Hart raised \$9767 during the period, and spent \$7935. He began the period with \$1249 cash on hand and now has \$2830 cash on hand.

School board trustee David Haubert raised the second highest amount at \$2147. However, he has by far the most money, because of \$25,271 that he transferred when he terminated his campaign committee for the nomination for the

16th Assembly District seat in May.

Candidate Haubert reported \$20,140 cash on hand, after expenditures of \$7272.

Among his expenditures was \$2908 for lawn signs from a Wisconsin firm and \$2101 for costs at a Dublin printing company.

Haubert also gave \$500 each to two fellow Dublin school board members, Dan Cunningham and Greg Tomlinson, who are running for re-election.

Doreen Wehrenberg is the only other candidate who has raised more than \$1000, and therefore filed Form 460.

Wehrenberg lists \$1000 at the start of the latest re-

porting period. She added \$725 in donations. The only contribution over \$100 was from James Tong of Charter Properties, who gave \$250.

Tong also donated \$250 to Haubert's city council campaign during the latest reporting period. Tong gave \$250 to Haubert's Assembly committee, which raised a total of \$51,000, before he paid off expenses for that office, terminated the committee, and moved money over to the city council campaign.

Haubert's abbreviated campaign for Assembly drew 131 donations, with 43 of them, or 33 percent, from Dublin.

Haubert's city council campaign lists seven donors

during the quarter. Supervisor Nate Miley donated \$200, and former Pleasanton Mayor Ken Mercer, \$100.

Hart's filing showed nine donors at \$500 and 11 at \$250. Frank Capilla, a principal in Acacia Partners, gave \$250; the partnership donated \$500.

Sheriff Greg Ahern gave \$500. Hart is a retired Alameda County deputy sheriff.

Among other donors were San Jose Construction, Dublin Active Investors, which is located in Danville, and developer Sid Corrie, all at \$500; Alameda County Firefighters Association at \$250; and Supervisor Nate Miley and attorney Marty Inderbitzen at \$100 each.

## MAILBOX

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### Vote for Measure B1 Matt Vander Sluis Senior Field Representative, East Bay, Greenbelt Alliance

Greenbelt Alliance is pleased to announce our support for Measure B1, the proposed reauthorization, increase, and extension of Alameda County's ½ cent transportation sales tax. Greenbelt Alliance is a membership-based, nonprofit public benefit organization that brings people together to make the San Francisco Bay Area an even better place to live. We help create great neighborhoods that can meet the needs of new and existing residents while defending the Bay Area's iconic natural and agricultural landscapes from the threat of poorly-planned development.

As members of the broad coalition that came together behind a "Community Vision Platform," we worked with you to craft a measure that would best meet the needs of Alameda County's residents. While the final measure is not perfect, on balance, we believe that it points Alameda County in the right direction.

If Measure B1 passes in November, it will provide an unprecedented infusion of resources for transit, street repair, walking and biking infrastructure, and transit-oriented development. These investments are critical to support the creation of new homes, shops, and offices in walkable neighborhoods that are well-served by transit within our cities and towns.

Done right, this development can strengthen the quality of life for residents of all income levels, position our economy to prosper in the twenty-first century, reduce global warming pollution, and minimize the pressure on our region's open space resources.

We look forward to educating voters about the benefits of Measure B1. We also look forward to continuing to partner with ACTC to ensure that more of our transportation investments reward those places that are doing the most for sustainable and equitable development. In the short term, we encourage ACTC to enact clear transit-oriented development policies that prioritize mixed-income development and community stabilization. Together, we can harness the power of transportation and land use policy to create a brighter future for the residents of the East Bay.

### Voting David Pastor Pleasanton

Webster's defines Troika as a "triumvirate," three people with authority. This term was used to identify 3 Russians with the power to run their country during the communist rule. The same term can be used to identify the three Californians who run this State: Brown, Perez, and Steinberg. Budgets concocted in secret, high speed rail, demands for more taxes, continuously unbalanced budgets. You have seen the results of "vote my way or else" pressuring the elected democrats in the Senate and Assembly.

Wake up California. Voting your party line as you and your parents and grandparents did through the years won't cut it now. Wealthy Californians are leaving the State and taking their taxes with them. Businesses are moving to Texas. There is a 1,000,000 net decrease in taxpaying residents in our State. Sacramento is not listening to you. Unless you abdicate

your responsibilities, you are their boss! Choose not to act and your standard of living will decline and more jobs will leave the State. Vote for those who will work to right our State. Maybe in our lifetime we will again be the envy of the other 49 States.

### Thorne for Mayor Jack O. Balch Pleasanton

Please vote Jerry Thorne for Mayor of the City of Pleasanton on November 6th. Jerry served as a Park & Recreation Commissioner for 10 years and strongly supports the City's park and recreation facilities and programs. Jerry was instrumental in the City acquiring the Bernal property and continues to work so that it benefits everyone, from kids to seniors. Jerry believes we should honor the commitments we have made - he has continued to work towards the goal of a sustainable public employee pension program - one that is affordable and funded. The "Great Recession" has challenged much of "normal"; Jerry has been active, involved and most importantly engaged! Jerry's leadership draws upon a great many experiences; from being a former business executive to his broad community and volunteer service resume and military service. He truly is a voice of honesty, experience, and confidence in our community and beyond.

Please visit [www.jerrythorne.com](http://www.jerrythorne.com) to find out more! Your vote for Jerry Thorne will help preserve our quality of life here in Pleasanton!

Thank you for your consideration.

### Vote for Karla Brown Brian and Christine Bourg Pleasanton

We strongly support Karla Brown for Pleasanton City Council. Karla believes that we need to preserve the charm of our unique Historic Downtown, its surrounding neighborhoods and vintage homes. As an active mem-

ber of PHA (Pleasanton Heritage Association), Karla has worked with the group to publish a monthly newsletter. She believes growth should be slow and smart. Protection of our ridgelines and open space are also important issues for Karla. She led the effort to put ridgeline protection before voters, who voted overwhelmingly for strict protections.

Karla is an open minded, creative thinker, whose willingness to listen to all citizens will enable her to work with other council members to maintain our quality of life, while working cooperatively with neighboring cities regarding traffic, water quality, and regional land uses.

Vote for Karla Brown on November 6.

### Yes On Measure I Dale Eldridge Kaye Pleasanton

Las Positas College is an asset owned by the citizens of the Tri-Valley region. Since it was founded over 35 years ago, it has provided a quality education at a reasonable cost to thousands of students. Be those students on a transfer path to a four year institution, pursuing a certificate in a career technical field or simply seeking to enrich their lives, the value that they have received at LPC far surpassed what they paid for their education. At least that was the case until recently.

As part of the impact of the great recession that began in late 2008, the state of California has been forced to curtail the funding that has underpinned student educations at Las Positas College. Fees in that period have risen from \$26 per credit hour to \$36 and, most recently, to \$46. While the course fees are still relatively reasonable - under \$1400 per year as compared to over \$7,000 for the CSU campuses and almost \$14,000 for UC - the increase has affected many middle and lower income learners.

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# WATER RATES

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staff: no increase in either year.

Zone 7 has been able to keep costs down through a soft hiring freeze, employee wage concessions, and other economies. Zone 7 should pass those savings along to the public, she said.

A press release from Zone 7 said the savings since the 2009/10 fiscal year has amounted to \$4 million.

If there were no rate increase in 2014, it would cost the district \$400,000, which would be taken from reserves. However, in the light of the overall savings accomplished, it would be worth it, said Ramirez Holmes.

"When a public agency takes in more than it spends, I think the public expects a reward. In this case, that would be no increase in their rates," said Ramirez Holmes.

This was the first time Zone 7 has committed to a two-year rate-setting time frame.

Directors like it. It eliminates one budget preparation by staff every two years, saving time and money. The retailers like it, because it helps them accomplish the same thing.

However, some directors were cautious about that second year, in case inflation or some other factors require a higher rate that year. Directors Dick Quigley and A.J. Machaevich pointed out that in the past interruptions from the state have halted water delivery. In the future, there could be a halt replenishment of water underground, which would have to be made up later, and paid for then.

Inflation and a resulting rise in future costs for Zone 7 could occur, said Sandy Figuers.

The board also raised the residential connection fee by almost 2.5 percent, starting in 2013. The new fee will be \$23,500 in the Zone 7 area, and \$21,750 in Dougherty Valley in San Ramon.

The Dougherty Valley rate is lower because residents there pay the ongoing cost of infrastructure and

water treatment to Zone 7. They don't use the same source of water that residents inside Zone 7 boundaries use.

The Dougherty Valley water water rights were purchased by developers directly from a district in the Central Valley. Zone 7 just wheels the water to DSRSD, which is the retailer serving Dougherty Valley. The deal was controversial in the Valley at the time.

James Paxson, general manager of the Hacienda Business Park, asked Zone 7 in a letter to delay any increase of the connection fee until the Zone 7 staff researches a nexus between actual costs and the connection fee, instead of relying on an inflationary index to set it.

Part of that study would involve a look at Zone 7 policy in regard to its reserve funds and how they are used. That was supposed to be discussed at the meeting Oct. 17, but staff said all the material was not ready yet. The board postponed that item.

Ramirez Holmes, who lives in Pleasanton, said that in view of the new housing that Hacienda Park will be adding as part of the city's rise to meet regional housing obligations, it would be important to look at the Zone 7 reserve policy, and how it might affect the connection fees.

However, no one else backed that view. Director Bill Stevens pointed out that no one from Hacienda showed up at the meeting.

The board proceeded on the item, because of the time required to put it into effect at the start of 2013.

### BOARD ADJUSTS RELIABILITY POLICY

The board also changed the policy on its books that said it will guarantee customers 100 percent reliability.

The old policy was adopted more than a decade ago in response to residents who were worried about the possibility of mandatory rationing.

General manager Jill Du-

erig told The Independent that the old policy was statistically impossible. The new policy is based on predictors of chance.

Duerig summed up the staff report by saying, "Even if there were a bad year for the state water project, maybe once every 10 years, we might ask you to practice conservation. The conservator level could be as much as 15 percent."

The staff report uses a 20 percent cutback as an example. "In that instance, you would have all of your indoor water, and two-thirds of your outdoor water. We would ask you to cut back from watering twice a week to once a week," said Duerig.

"When we've asked for 10 percent voluntary conservation (from the public), people have given us 19 percent," said Duerig.

The board also voted to request the state appellate court to publish its decision by a three-member panel in a case that upheld Pleasanton's lack of vulnerability to a \$1.5 million lawsuit by a cyclist injured in 2009 on the Alamo Centennial Trail. The suit said the man's bike

hit a pothole, and threw him over the handlebars. His teeth were fractured, and his brain was damaged, according to the background in the 11-page opinion.

Pleasanton owns the trail. It is on Zone 7 land alongside a flood control arroyo.

The decision protects Zone 7 from the claims, and

also includes the city in that protection.

If the court publishes the decision, it could be used by other courts as a reference in deciding similar cases.

## Conversations with Supervisors Airs on Community Television

Find out what's going on in Alameda County. Join host Tom Morrison for "Conversations with Supervisor Scott Haggerty" and "Supervisor's Report with Nate Miley." These new half hour programs are airing through the month of October on Tri-Valley TV30 and 29. In addition, they may be viewed via Video on Demand anytime on the website at [www.trivalleytv.org](http://www.trivalleytv.org).

"Both of these programs are very informative and will provide residents with a better understanding of the connection between the County and Local/State government," said Melissa Tench-Stevens, Executive

Director, Tri-Valley Community Television.

Supervisor Haggerty's District 1 includes the cities of Livermore, Dublin, most of the city of Fremont and unincorporated areas of East Alameda County. Supervisor Miley's Fourth District includes the City of Pleasanton, including the adjacent unincorporated Castlewood and Happy Valley areas; the Lower Hills, South Hills and Elmhurst areas of Oakland; the unincorporated communities of Castro Valley, Cher-

ryland, and Fairview; and most of the unincorporated community of Ashland.

Tri-Valley Community Television, a 501c3, provides programming over channels TV28, TV29, TV30 on Comcast Cable and on AT&T U-Verse via channel 99.

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# SPORTS NOTES



The Livermore High School girls water polo team won all five of its games at the Western States Tournament in Modesto October 12th and 13th. They maintained a strong defense with Amber Mills, Kaela Moehle, Jules Davis, Leah Taulton, Jennie Smith, Mariana Garza, Jessica Floyd and Faith Badertscher as goalie. Katie Johnston, Maddie Suoja, and Jessica Elfin had numerous steals and assists. Michelle Hawkins, Mikayla McNair and Sadie Serdahl scored 10 goals total in a final win over Hanford High. This is the third 1st Place trophy the girls have brought home this season with Coach Sue Johnston. Their record so far is 16-3. Team members are Jules Davis, Jenni Smith, Katie Johnston, Faith Badertscher, Mikayla McNair, Amber Mills, Michelle Hawkins, Maddie Suoja, Sadie Serdahl, Kaela Moehle, Coach Sue Johnston, Jessica Elfin



The Livermore Aquacowboys competed in the "Pumpkin Plunge" in Moraga. Orinda Aquatics hosted the event on October 20-21, 2012. There were 1008 total swimmers with 5272 total entries. The Livermore Aquacowboys sent 24 swimmers. Competing for LAC was Jessica Akins (8), Shahini Ananth (15), Annemarie Arnold (13), Jacqueline Arnold (11), Jared Brandley (14), Amanda Butcher (12), Faith Carroll (7), Tori Carroll (12), Annelise Combitsis (8), Shelby Diehl (15), Caroline Eckel (11), Matthew Hayes (12), Nina Hayes (17), Minhnha Kawamura (7), Josh Ledbetter (15), Stephen Mackanic (17), Nicolette McConn (13), Bryce McLaggan (16), Jessica Paul (16), Kylie Peters (10), Brandon Siu (13), Meadow Walton (9), Megan Wilcox (12) and Hunter Woffinden (12). Many new personal bests times were



The West Coast U13G Wildfire easily corralled the ACC Mavericks in a huge 7-0 win in Norcal Premier league play. The Wildfire outplayed and out-manuevered their opponent on all fronts to achieve a rare double hat trick. West Coast forwards Sydney Schultz and Paolo Samaniego played off each other to pick apart the Mavericks' defense. Both Sydney and Paola claimed the two hat tricks in the game. The Wildfire are top of their division and remain undefeated heading into their final three games. Pictured is West Coast Forward Sydney Schultz going to goal.



Five students from Livermore Martial Arts Academy earned their junior Black Belt last Sat., Oct. 20 in Traditional Blended Martial Arts. The students started at 7 a.m. demonstrating their physical fitness that included a 1 mile run up a hill at Lake Del Valle combined with 250 squat thrusts (up downs). They returned to the studio to demonstrate their self defense, Jiu Jitsu and sparring skills which were followed by an additional physical fitness test. The students concluded their day with a graduation ceremony that included each reading an essay where they described their Black Belt Journey. Pictured from left to right are the newly minted Blackbelts and their instructors: Aaron Dhillon, William Steinberg, Professor Divina Bonifacio, Rylie Fields, Professor Erick Bonifacio, Nico Medina and Daria Orlova.



Pictured is Hannah Gossett of Pleasanton Rage White. Photo - Juvy Erickson

### Pleasanton Ballistic

Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club U8: Wildcats vs. Wolverines: Top Offensive Players: Aaryansh Gaid, Petar Bilik, Razin Choudhury; Top Defensive Players: Holden Pipp, Blake Isozaki, Dylan Gray

### Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage U12 Orange Crush lost their first game of the season 3 - 2 against a strong P-Town United team. The Orange Crush got off to a slow start and P-Town was on their offense side of the field for most of the first half. P-Town had several breakaways that led to 3 - 0 halftime advantage. At halftime, the Orange Crush was determined to make a game of it and came out strong in the second half. Mollie McKay scored 2 goals halfway through the second half to cut the lead to 3 - 2. Orange Crush kept up the offensive pressure for the remainder of the game, but were unable to get the equalizer as the final whistle blew. Top Offensive Players: Marissa Fredricks, Mollie McKay, Megan Gees-Orange Crush; Top Defensive Players: Alyssa Wu, Lindsey Schroeder, Noe Jue - Orange Crush

Pleasanton Rage White '00 girls commanded the field in Saturday's game against Lamorinda United's '00 team, ending the match 6-0 in Rage's favor. Pleasanton's Isabella Clark started off the action with three shots in three minutes, before Hannah Gossett hammered in the first goal in the fourth minute, off an assist by Clark. As Lamorinda's team tried hard to equalize the score, Rage defenders Regan Mah, Emma Monsen and Julianna Pereira held them off. Hunter Faria fed the next winning assist to Gossett, who scored again in the 12th minute. Five minutes later, Gossett, on a break-away, secured her first hat trick of the season. Lamorinda rallied to hold off additional scoring during the first half as Rage midfielders Jasmine Erickson, Ashley Lopez, Jessica Stubbs and Devyn Baldus controlled the ball, regularly feeding shots to Cierra Lofthouse-Wolf and

Katie Murphy. Following the half-time break, Gossett quickly scored the fourth goal in the 37th minute. In the 55th minute, defender Zoe Moura, taking a penalty kick after Faria was fouled in the box, added a fifth point to Rage's lead. In the 62nd minute, Rage's Emily Esparza found an open corridor, dribbling the ball up the side, before crossing it to Stefanie Angelo, who scored the sixth and final Rage goal of the game.

U9 Pleasanton Rage Orange beat the HSC Wolfpack 8-0 with a great team effort at Donlon Elementary School on Sunday morning. The Rage Orange was constantly on the attack in the first half. Leila Lyons started the scoring by scoring on a cross to get the Rage Orange on the board. Then Caitlin Currie took it the length of the field to add the Rage Orange 2nd goal. Sophia Minnite scored the 3rd goal of the half on another cross. The Rage Orange kept up the scor-

### Livermore Fusion

Livermore Fusion Soccer Club results:  
**Fusion Red U14B:** Fireballs vs. Real Madrid: Real Madrid won 6 to 3. This was a very fast paced game with excellent passing and great teamwork. Both teams battled hard for nearly every goal. Leading the Fireball offense were Danny Forbes and Spencer Kramm. Leading the defense were Hayden Brackett, Justin Pettis and Leah Rawashdeh. Leading Real Madrid's offense were Ernesto Torres and Julio Alvedo. Notable for defense were Arduin Porrata and Brandon Ramos.

**U10 Girls Select:** The Livermore Fusion Tigers (U10 Select Girls) continued to climb up the NorCal Premier League standings with two key victories this past weekend. On Saturday the Tigers in a hotly contested match defeated the Dublin United Firecrackers 1-0. The game winning goal was scored by Nina Fillari and was assisted by Arianna Hatton.

On Sunday the Tigers came out on top of a seesaw match against Castro Valley United, 3-2. The first goal scored for the Tigers was by Delaney Cummins on a free kick, assisted by Kaylie Cummins. The 2nd goal was scored off a direct free kick by Caitlyn Foster. The Tigers winning goal was scored in the dying minutes of the game by Nina and assisted by Kaylie.

Key defensive plays through the weekend were provided by Hannah Goodman and Gretchen Krenz. Creative midfield play was provided by Peyton Dinwiddie, Morgan Kuempel, and Ariel Van Buuren. Outstanding goalie play was provided by Grace Boyd and Alei Tuia.

**Fusion Rec U10B:** Strikers vs. Fireballs: Fireballs won 5 to 1. Leading the Striker offense were Nico Lamanna and Carter Purl. Notable on defense were Elias Ramos and Jesse Haight. Leading the Fireballs offense were Jason Ziaa and Ryan Shepherd. Notable on defense were Landon Janson and Skyler Steel.

**U8 Boys:** Flying Circus vs. Shrieking Scorpions: The Flying Circus had a great game with Tyler Trudea on killer offense and Parker King on defense. On the Shrieking Scorpions, Keven Rangel made lots of stops as goalie. Massimo Agrella really hustled on defense.

**U7 Girls Fusion:** Rock Stars vs. Barbie Blockers: Rock Stars: Audrey Belmessieri, Katy Canaan, Isabella Draghi, Olivia Draghi, Kiara Franklin, Kara Gee, Terra Kubiak, Ariana Reyes, Marina Rivera. Barbie Blockers: Jasmine Branda, Emma Dunn, Mia Lenicka, Jennessa Maselli, Alyssa Randhawa, Monica Rasmussen, Madilyn Reis, Mackenzie Salamida. Goal by Rock Stars player Terra Kubiak with assists from Olivia Draghi and Kiara Franklin. Goal by Rock Stars player Katy Canaan with assists from Terra Kubiak and Kiara Franklin. Great maneuvering and footwork as forward by Marina Rivera. Fantastic

defensive moves by Rock Stars players Marina Rivera, Kara Gee, and Olivia Draghi. Goals by Barbie Blockers player Jasmine Branda with assists by Monica Rasmussen and Jennessa Maselli. Great defensive plays by Barbie Blockers players Mackenzie Salamida and Emma Dunn who blocked some great goal attempts.

**U6 Boys:** Ninjas vs Jets: The Ninjas showed strong teamwork in Saturday's game. Austin Dankwardt and Isaac Cortes made key offensive plays, while Preston Timmons and Hayden Hobbs were defensive standouts.

### West Coast Soccer

West Coast Karma U16 girls team won their first preliminary State cup game on Sunday versus Pleasanton Rage Premier 2-1. It was a hard fought assist highlighted by tremendous goalie play by Amanda Valentine who recorded 15 saves for the game. The first Karma goal was scored 25 minutes into the first half on a perfectly placed free kick outside the 18 yard line by Shayla Bannert. Ten minutes into the second half, defender, Rachel Esser, added to the lead with a rainbow shot from the 40 yard line that went in untouched. Pleasanton scored late in the second half to bring the final score to 2-1.

West Coast Fury U10G battled two of the toughest teams in their Norcal Premier division to remain on top. In a home game in Livermore, the Fury hosted the feisty Castro Valley Green team. Castro Valley put up a tough defense but ultimately succumbed and gave up 3 to West Coast. The Fury girls then hit the road to Danville to go head to head with a very competitive Mustang team. Both teams played hard and ended the game in a stalemate 0-0. With two games left to go, the West Coast Fury girls remain the only undefeated team in one of the toughest divisions in the league.

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ing in the 2nd half. Maddie Benson scored off a cross from Olivia Soble. Avery Clark scored. Benson, Currie and Minnie ended up with two goals each. The Rage defense was tough to beat with standout performances from Hayden Jolley, Olivia Martin, Isabella Guerrero, Maggie Nostrand and Ashley Belshie. The victory keeps the Rage Orange tied for first place in the Norcal Gold division.

## Livermore Jr. Football

On October 20, the last games of the regular Livermore Junior Football League season were played. Playoffs begin on October 27.

**Senior Division:** Packers 28, Giants 8: The Giants closed out league play with a 28-8 loss to the league champion Packers. The Giants came ready to play driving the ball the length of the field early in the game before the Packers showed why they had earned the title by intercepting a Giant pass at the goal line and pulling away to a 28-0 halftime lead. Still, the Giants showed good character by pressing the attack in the second half rallying for a touchdown and shutting down the high-powered Packer offense for the final 30 minutes. Quarterback Daniel Crisp continued his season long improvement and made a number of excellent touch passes into heavy traffic that kept the offense moving. Eventually he lofted a perfect deep ball to Parker Hall hitting him in stride on the left sideline which Hall then took the length of the field for the touchdown. Crisp converted the extra point on a quarterback keeper and showed his versatility throughout the game by recovering a fumble on defense and another on special teams on a designed outside kick play. Logan Koch and Trent McIntosh had solid games on the offensive line and demonstrated their skills by fielding kickoffs and rumbling over or through Packer defenders to give the Giants several good drive starts.

On the defensive side of the ball, Jonathan Cantu and Michael Moore were active from their linebacker posts while Ryan "The Rhino" Katusich applied pressure on the defensive line. The Giants will have the opportunity to erase this loss when they once again meet the Packers in round one of the LJFL playoffs.

**Steelers 12, Saints 6:** The game was tight until the end with both teams defense playing a key role in keeping the scoring to a minimum. On the first play from scrimmage Saints successfully completed a reverse for a touchdown by Bryce Disbrow. Saints attempt at a two-point conversion was unsuccessful. First quarter, for the Steelers, Grant Riddiough caught a pass for a 25 yard gain and Tai Phan had a 20 yard run.

2nd quarter Steelers controlled the ball with Will Mohler having a couple of nice 10 yard runs for first downs. Steelers quarterback, Jason Frost, threw a 12 yard pass to Tai Phan for a touchdown. Two point conversion was unsuccessful. Steelers held the Saints on their next drive with a good defensive led by Stephen Mohler and Tyler Felgenhauer. On the Steelers next drive, starting from their own territory, Tai Phan completed a 20 yard pass. A tight offensive line led by Basim Elmashni, Brian Mahoney, Luke Hottinger, and Nicholas Ratinho gave Jason Frost time to throw a 42 yard pass to Will Mohler for a second touchdown. Steelers take the lead 12-6. Jason Frost had a nice tackle on the kick-off return. Will Mohler and Tyler Felgenhauer put good pressure on the quarterback. Jack Lutz stopped another attempt of a reverse by the Saints in

the back field.

3rd quarter started off with a 35 yard kickoff return by Tai Phan. Steelers fumbled with the Saints recovering in their own territory. Saints were not able to capitalize on the fumble recovery. Later, Saints, Jordan Mello, got an interception. Steelers, Raymond Carlson's open field tackle of Bryce Disbrow, slowed their momentum. Key tackles made by Steelers, Zachary Stewart and Jack Lutz to prevent Saints from scoring.

4th quarter Saints drove down to Steelers 1 yard line where a host of Steelers, Julian Chavira, Jack Lutz, Tai Phan, Will Mohler, and Zachary Stewart, prevented a Saints touchdown. Taking over on the 1 yard line, Tai Phan had a 28 yard run to give the Steelers some breathing room. Will Mohler had a significant run getting them into Saints territory. Saints, Jordan Mello, intercepted the ball and ran it back a few yards before being tackled by Grant Riddiough. On the last Saints drive, first down, they recovered their own fumble. Tyler Gonzales of the Steelers, intercepted to help secure the win.

**Intermediate Division:** Broncos 16, Jets 6: This game had first place on the line and a chance to play in the Championship game. Outstanding performances by everyone today and great coaching gave the boys the opportunity and confidence to perform. The Bronco's offense pounded the ground today with six ball handlers combined for over 221 yards. At the helm, Xavier Pelican was able to execute his offense behind a solid front line. Brad Archer, Elias Gonzalez, Colby Ritchie and Colton Berlinn played key roles creating the holes. Jared Tavares had a big day as well, with key blocks beyond scrimmage. Troy Wentworth had 14 carries for a hard fought 122 yards. Jacob Peebles had 30 yards (nine yard TD) and Braden Jackson had an 11 yard TD with four minutes on the clock. Also, in the mix were Jacob Peebles, Kyle Winkler and Colton Downs. Pelican and Wentworth each had extra points.

The blue and orange crushed the line and covered the field. The Jets running game and ability to go big in the air kept the defense busy. Pass coverage was outstanding with near picks from Braden Jackson (OLB), David Woodridge (OLB/DB), Cameron McGee (DB), Ryan Escover (LB), Jackson (OLB), Connor Sterritt (DL), John Bennett (DL) all had four or more tackles and held firm against the run. Ryan Carlson (LB), Chase Dunn (OLB), Jay Chok (DE) and Ryan Mitchell (DB) were disruptive play makers with two or more tackles.

**Falcons 0, Ravens 0:** In a game dominated by awesome defense by both teams, the Ravens and the Falcons shut each other out and ended with a 0-0 tie game. There were many stars on defense this game with every player contributing. Bryan Torres had 9 tackles and a fumble recovery, Zack Macintire had 6 tackles and a fumble recovery, and Nate Wilson had 9 tackles and a fumble recovery. Malini Tia was just as outstanding on defense as he was on offense. He contributed 8 tackles, a fumble recovery, an interception for a 28 yard run, rushed for 44 yards and 40 receiving yards. Other offensive standouts included Kyle Betz who got a 7 yard reception, and Trey Micheletti who worked hard on offense as he has all season. Dominic Shepard had a great defensive game with 5 tackles. Seth Davis had 5 tackles, Zach MacDonald had 7 tackles, and Michael Trafion had 6 tackles. The Ravens defense played their hearts out and had their best game of the season to shut out the Falcons.

**Colts 26, Bears 20:** In an excit-



Pictured are U7 Fusion Rock Stars players Isabella Draghi, Katy Canaan, Marina Rivera, and Barbie Blockers player Jasmine Branda.



Livermore Mystics 7th grade team was undefeated in the South City Bulldawgs tournament this past weekend. The Mystics opened up the tournament with a 33 to 28 win over the host team. The next opponent to get through was CalStars. Mystics dominated throughout the game and ended the day with a win, 59-36. SurfCity tried to shut down the Mystics, but playing well on both sides of the ball, the Mystics offense and defense could not be stopped. Mystics took the final game with a score of 41-19. Pictured are (from left) Emily Trask, Sydney Pournaras, Taylor Sullivan, Regan Wiedenfeld, Sierra Marshall, Arianna Salcedo, Ashley Lamb, Gigi Cole, and Nicole Bartels.

ing game, the Colts grabbed their first victory. Reid Heffron snagged a 43-yard bomb for a touchdown to lead the Colts.

**Junior Division:** Raiders 19, 49ers 0: The Raiders beat the 49ers on Saturday afternoon at Livermore High School. The Raiders took an early lead as they took the opening drive of the game in for a touchdown and converted the extra point for a 7-0 lead. The 49ers gained great field position later in the first half thanks to a some great punting by Nick Hill, including one punt that started the Raiders near their own one yard line. The Raiders were not able to gain a first down and a third down sack by Dylan Clinton forced the Raiders to punt from very deep in their own territory. The 49ers were not able to get the ball into the end zone. The Raiders struck a major blow at the end of the first half by scoring a 35 yard touchdown on the last play to take a 13-0 lead into halftime. In

the second half, the 49ers had some success moving the football behind some nice blocks by Logan Tucker and Todd Beatty, but they were unable to get the ball into the end zone. The Raiders scored their final touchdown in the fourth quarter, which built their lead to 19-0. The 49er defense was highlighted in the second half by a very strong tackle by Donovan Holmes, and multiple tackles from Elijah Hodgers, Jacob Hager, Sam Carbonaro, Dylan Clinton, and Cameron Adriaens.

**Texans 13, Vikings 7:** The Texans took on the Vikings Saturday afternoon in classic smash mouth battle, which ultimately ended with the Texans prevailing, and handing the Vikings their first loss of the season.

In the first quarter, the Texans defense dominated as they held the Vikings offense to no points, and no first down conversions. The defense was concrete in not only standing up the Vikings offense, but also creating



West Coast Wave U11G defeated Heritage SC Extreme, 5 to 2, in their Sunday morning game. It followed win Saturday in an afternoon game in Livermore against San Ramon Azuri. Savannah Seals scored 4 goals on assists from Allison Jamison, Monique Reil, Kara Kolte, and Jessica Carlson. Goal Keeper Carlson recorded 10 saves, and with the help of defenders Kaila Vasconez, and Allison Jamison only allowed one goal for San Ramon Azuri. Ending the first half 4-1. West Coast fought hard to keep the lead in the second half. With Seals netting 2 more goals on assists from Reil, they did just that. The game ended in a 6-4 win over San Ramon Azuri, and moved Wave up to first place in their NorCal League play. Wave currently have an undefeated season with a 6-0-0 record. Pictured is Monique Reil on a breakaway as she quickly moves the ball up the field.

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# SPORTS NOTES



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**Amador Valley High School took on the the Matadors of Granada High in an EBAL varsity football game last Friday. The Dons got past Granada by a narrow 34 to 28 margin. In games featuring other local teams, California defeated Livermore 56 to 28, San Ramon Valley downed Foothill 31 to 21.**

a turnover. Matthew Polaski came up with not only some big tackles, but a fumble recovery on a Vikings 3rd down, giving the Texans the ball back. The Texans special teams also contributed with a turnover, via recovery of their own punt.

In the second quarter, the Vikings offense found their rhythm, converting several first downs on a time consuming drive; however, the Texans defense stood tireless and unrelenting as they ended that drive without giving up any points. Everyone stepped up and contributed to the stand. Anthony Rivalie, Jason Sanders, Anthony Shepherd, Paul Buxton, and Justin Torres were keys to its success. The drive was ultimately ended when Matthew Polaski and Dennis Derham leaped to knock down a Vikings 4th down pass. At the end of the half it was Texans 0, Vikings 0.

At the start of the third quarter the defense was right back at it. Germaine Cox, Deegan Rabino, Romon Saleh, and Myles Anderson stood in the gap to shut down the Vikings offense. Joseph Barton made a great solo tackle to end the drive with a 3 and out. In the ensuing punt, Matthew Polaski grabbed the ball out of the air and didn't look back, taking the ball all the way back to the end zone for a Texans touchdown, behind some fantastic blocking from members of special teams. After a Vikings score, Dylan Silva fielded the kickoff and had a great run back, giving Texans offense great field position, as they exited the 3rd quarter. Texans 6, Vikings 7.

The pressure was high at the start of the fourth quarter, with time running short, and a tight score. The offense went back to work on a methodical

march, converting 3 first downs. Mitchell Mau, Joseph Bartoni, and Yash Hammond got physical with the defense, opening up lanes for some great carries by rushers Miles Rasmussen, Dylan Silva, and Zach Gooby. The defense came up big yet again, with a heads-up fumble recovery, giving their offense the ball back, and putting them in position to make their move. The offense took full advantage of the situation, as Tyler Blue, Robert Mullineaux, and Jake Herweg put the Vikings defense on their heels, leading to a spectacular long run by Edward Vilchis, which would ultimately become the game-winning score for the Texans. Dylan Silva converted the point after, and it became about the defense protecting their lead, as they watched time expire. The defense thwarted two "Hail Mary" attempts inside of 10 seconds to come away with the victory, improving their record to 5-1 to end the regular season.

### Phantom Lacrosse

**Spring Registration Now Open:** Registration for the Livermore Phantom Lacrosse Spring 2013 season is now open. U9 co-ed, U11 girls, and U11-U15 boys teams are forming for players born between September 1, 1997 and August 31, 2005. The season runs mid-January through May. Discounted early registration closes Oct 31st. Register on-line at [www.phantomlacrosse.org](http://www.phantomlacrosse.org).

### Race to the Flagpole

The Livermore-Granada Boosters will host the 3rd Annual "Race to the

Flagpole" on Veterans Day weekend, Saturday, November 10, 2012. This year's event offers several new runs. In addition to the one-mile fun run there will be a 5K run/walk, 10K run and a half marathon.

All runs start at Independence Park and go through Livermore's scenic Sycamore Grove Park. The half marathon goes through Holdener Park in the rolling wine country and continues through Sycamore Grove. These events are open to all ages and abilities.

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

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

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

### Fundraising for Sports

Livermore High School baseball and basketball are hosting a Bowling Tournament to raise money for their programs. The "Gator Bowl" is on November 10th from 6:30-8:30 at Granada Bowl. The cost is \$15 per person. There will be a raffle at the end with a grand prize of a set of tires from Big O Tires.

Please visit [www.pokesbaseball.com](http://www.pokesbaseball.com) for more info or call Coach Dave Perotti at 925-586-2811

### Girls Softball

**PGSL Registration:** 2013 Registration is now open for all divisions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League. All girls in grades K-12 living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol are eligible to play. Two ways to register: 1) Online - visit our website at [www.pleasantonsoftball.org](http://www.pleasantonsoftball.org); 2) By check & postal mail - Download a registration

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**PGSL Player Evaluations:** Player Evaluations will be held December 8-9, 2012, for all players in grades 3-8. No prior experience required. Exact times and location are to be determined and will be published on the PGSL website ([www.pleasantonsoftball.org](http://www.pleasantonsoftball.org)). Remember to register by December 1, 2012 to avoid the late fee.

### Halloween Spirit Run

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton will host their 2nd Annual Halloween Spirit 5K Run & Walk and Kids' Challenge, held on Sunday morning, October 28, in downtown Pleasanton, at the Main Street Arch.

Proceeds of the Halloween Spirit Run benefit local and international goodwill projects of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton. This year, the Spirit Run will benefit their Wheelchairs for the Needy program, in partnership with The Wheelchair Foundation. To date, the Rotary Club of Pleasanton has donated more than one million dollars to various charities. The Rotary Club of Pleasanton will also donate \$5 of each registration to a designated Pleasanton Unified School District school or school club.

5K Run or Walk is flat and fast certified course, which includes closed and monitored streets and a portion of the nearby Arroyo Trails, part paved and part trail surfaces. The 5K start will just be a few hundred feet west of the arch, on Main Street, with the finish line set up right underneath the arch. The Kids' Challenge is a number of age-specific 100-yard dashes (for children ages 2-8) on the closed portion of Main Street, also finishing underneath the arch.

Trophies will be awarded to the top male and female finishers, as well as the top male and female Masters (over 45-years old) winners. In addition, medals are given three deep in designated age groups for both male and female participants. Each child participating in the Kids' Challenge will receive a finisher ribbon.

The Halloween Spirit Run will utilize the most advanced chip-timing system available, provided by On Your Mark Events. Race results will be posted at [www.spiritrun.com](http://www.spiritrun.com) and [www.onyourmarkevents.com](http://www.onyourmarkevents.com).

Entry Fees: Pre-Registered: Kids' Challenge - Ages 2-8 - \$5; 5K Run/Walk - Elementary & Middle School Students - \$20; 5K Run/Walk - High School Students & Adults - \$30; All Events - Families of 4 or more - \$20

each. Race Day: Kids' Challenge - Ages 2-8 - \$10; 5K Run/Walk - Elementary & Middle-School Students - \$25; 5K Run/Walk - High School Students & Adults - \$35; All Events - each for four or more - \$25

All participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt, refreshments, and will each receive a ticket to a huge after-race raffle with over \$1,500 in prizes to give away. The 5K Run and Walk will start at 9:00 a.m. The Kids' Challenge events will begin around 10:15 a.m. Check-in and race-day registration will open 6:30 a.m.

For more Halloween Spirit Run information and/or to download an application, contact On Your Mark Race Events at 209-795-7832, or visit their website. Participants can download applications at this website. Online registration is available via [active.com](http://active.com).

### Little League Registration

Livermore National Little League registration dates are the following:

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Nov. 14th at Mountain Mikes Pizza on Vasco from 6:30 to 8:00

Dec. 12th at Mountain Mikes Pizza on 1st St from 6:30 to 8:00

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District. We want to reduce and recycle as much as we can."

To this end, there are several different pilot programs happening at different sites. Lisa Wilson, a fourth-grade teacher at Arroyo Seco, was awarded a \$1,500 grant from the Altamont Education Advisory Board to purchase compost containers for classrooms, bathrooms, and outdoor areas for "Seco Rots," a paper towel composting program.

Seco Rots is a follow up to the green waste recycling program, which started as a pilot at Arroyo Seco in the spring of 2011 and was implemented District-wide in the 2011/12 school year. The green waste recycling, says Darlington, could save the District over \$30,000 this school year.

Wilson applied for the grant after she observed the impact of composting paper towels at home. "I was able to order a small garbage can, which saved me money," she says. "I want our school to compost paper towels and save money on an even larger scale. It is wonderful to divert all these paper towels out of our landfill."

At the start of the current school year, Wilson led student assemblies to introduce Seco Rots. The program is simple - instead of throwing paper towels into the trash, they go into the compost containers. Students then empty these containers into larger rolling carts outside in the school courtyards. The custodial crew bags the paper towels into clear, compostable liners and deposits them into the Waste Management food waste composting dumpster. The food waste and paper towels eventually are made into fertilizer for use by local farmers.

At first, students mistakenly put recyclables into the composting bins. Some of Wilson's students volunteered to become "Seco Rotters" to help younger students sort their waste at recess. Wilson also asked other teachers to help spread the basic message that if something were once alive, it can be rotted.

"Paper towels come from trees that were once alive, so they can be rotted. An apple core came from a fruit that was once alive, so it can be rotted. Plastic was never alive, so water bottles and wrappers can't be rotted," she says.

Each week, Wilson photographs contents of the regular and composting dumpsters to capture the change in the amount of trash. The regular dumpster, she says, used to be full each week and now is about half

to three-quarters full. The composting dumpster is always full.

The District is also testing out replacing paper towels with hand dryers at two sites. Consolidated Electrical Distributors, located in Tracy, donated a Dyson Airblade hand dryer to the District for a pilot project. The dryer will be installed in a girls bathroom at one of the high schools, replacing the paper towel dispenser.

"The Airblade costs about 8 cents for 1,000 uses, which is well below the cost of paper towels and associated maintenance with dispensers," says Darlington. "We want to see how well this works in a busy bathroom on a high school campus." Consolidated Electrical Distributors also loaned the District a cart-mounted Airblade unit that will be tested in the District office for several weeks.

Regina Brinker, a science teacher at Christensen Middle School, is using a grant from the Altamont Education Advisory Board to purchase hand dryers for her site. Darlington is working with the District's maintenance department to determine the exact brand, but it will be a less expensive and less rugged dryer than the Airblade. The idea, says Darlington, is to evaluate if this type of dryer is suitable for a middle or elementary school.

Del Malaca, the head custodian at Christensen, suggested the hand dryers to Brinker, as paper products are the biggest expense in the budget. He served as her advisor on the grant.

"For the past eight years, I have worked to make students more aware of the impact they have on the environment, and give them opportunities to have a positive impact on their school campus," explains Brinker. "This was my motivation for applying for the grant, to bring a positive, visible change to campus. By using air driers instead of paper, the students can quantify the difference they make both in reducing both cost and the amount of waste."

Superintendent Kelly Bowers describes the pilot programs to reduce the consumption of paper towels as examples of the collaborative efforts of District employees. "By reducing our use of paper towels, we will reduce material costs, labor costs, and solid waste costs. It will provide a cleaner environment at schools and demonstrates responsible behavior to our students," she says. "No single solution will work at all sites, so we are using multiple approaches to bring about maximum results."

## PLEASANTON

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ing contests, parades, social events, seminars and community interaction. It would be inclusive, working with schools, military veterans groups, nonprofits and the community overall.

As proposed by staff, the work of the commission would not be related to an anti-war stance or boarder national issues.

On Tuesday, Norman said he was leaning towards a foundation, because it would provide more autonomy. It would also have the ability to expand beyond Pleasanton.

Norman stated, "Peace and nonviolence are important issues that should be discussed and acted on at a local level, not reacted to when it is too late."

Speaking in favor of letting the next council decide the issue was Frank Brandes. He was concerned that any organization would become politicized. "I respect and appreciate Mr. Norman's viewpoint. It's a real borderline thing as to how a local government becomes involved. The idea warrants

a great deal more public discussion."

Councilmember Matt Sullivan stated, "Kicking the decision ahead is an insult to Fred. It is appropriate to talk about peace when we send our kids to war." Sullivan preferred the establishment of a commission. He explained that a foundation is private, and could be less inclusive. He wanted the discussion to be in a public setting, where anyone could participate. He added that he was flexible and would support a foundation, as long as the council moved forward.

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio felt that the foundation provided more opportunities for participation. A commission made up of 5 to 7 members is not very inclusive, she stated. Cook-Kallio said that if the foundation were nonpolitical it would likely attract more members. The issues appeal to young adults as well.

Mayor Jennifer Hos-terman declared, "I think this is a good idea. I think the community is hungry for a

platform to discuss peace and nonviolence. This is an idea whose time has come."

### GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Pleasanton revised its growth management ordinance to take into consideration housing numbers allocated by ABAG.

The city is required to zone for housing at a variety of income levels. There is no requirement to build the housing.

The current growth management limits housing approvals to 350 units per year. Housing numbers are issued every seven years by ABAG. Pleasanton was assigned 3,277 units during the last cycle, which would result in 468 units per year under the new policy. Starting in 2014, the draft numbers for Pleasanton call for 2058 units over seven years, or 295 per year.

It is anticipated that further review of growth management would focus on identifying mechanisms for allocating units in the event

the number of applications exceeds the available unit allocations. One potential method would be to adopt a point system that takes into account amenities provided by a project such as infrastructure improvements, green building, design quality, etc.

The vote to change growth management was unanimous.

### HOUSING ELEMENT

The council approved changes in its housing element last week by a 4 to 1 vote. The housing element will now be sent to the state for certification.

Cindy McGovern voted "no." She objected to inclusion of wording that would allow 100 percent affordable projects. "The state has gone way too far in making every city do everything the same way." She preferred Pleasanton's previous inclusionary ordinance that provided affordable housing within market rate developments. Her concern was the stigma that may be attached to living in an affordable project.

## Valley Humane Society, Hope Hospice Team Up

Recognizing the sound of your car as it enters the driveway, your dog heads straight to the front door to greet you with tail wagging and body wiggling as soon as you open the door. Or maybe you're a cat person. After you've finished a challenging day at work, your cat lovingly rubs against your leg, and automatically, almost magically, your stress level decreases.

Pets provide unconditional love and are often viewed as part of the family. What happens when a beloved pet dies and there is no longer a four-legged creature to greet you at the door? Many people report feeling a deep sadness and emptiness akin to loss of a human family member.

The grief that people experience following the loss of a pet can be devastating and just as painful as the grief they experience following the death of a human loved one. Because each person handles grief differently, each grief journey is unique. Some people benefit from extra support during this journey. Hope Hospice and the Valley Humane Society have expanded their partnership to support people who may benefit from special care following the death of a

favorite companion animal.

A new Pet Loss Support Group meets twice a month at the Grief Support Center at Hope Hospice in Dublin.

Michele Shimamura, a licensed marriage and family therapist at Hope Hospice, has provided grief support for individuals and groups for 11 years and facilitates the bimonthly Pet Loss Support Group. Shimamura says that she has enjoyed the unconditional love of her own pets for more than 60 years. With every pet's death, she admits that she has mourned in different ways, learning and growing from each experience.

For the past five years, the two Tri-Valley non-profit organizations have worked in partnership to offer pet services to hospice families: walking and feeding patients' pets, placing beloved pets in new homes following the death of patients, and bringing pet therapy dogs to visit patients. The new Pet Loss Support Group is an extension of this successful partnership to support pet lovers.

The Pet Loss Support Group meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Avenue, Suite 100, Dublin.

The group is open to the community. There is no fee

to attend; however, attendees should call Hope Hospice at (925) 829-8770 or (510)

439-4917 to participate in a phone interview prior to attending.

## OBITUARIES

### Dave Curtis

Dave Curtis, 49, a long-time Livermore resident passed away unexpectedly on Oct. 9, 2012.

Dave was a beloved and active member of the Livermore community, involved with business,

politics and sports. Dave was a father of three, and had a natural, playful, friendly way with kids, who universally adored him. Dave was instrumental in passing Livermore's Measure D, a bond measure that helped build the new Livermore library and refurbish Livermore's schools. Dave was a patient and faithful soccer coach for many years who always named his team "The Goal Getters."

Dave was a well-liked

social presence, organizing block parties, poker games, and winning the neighborhood chili contest. Dave was generous with his time and was always ready to help a neighbor hang curtains or fix a leak with his handy skills and extensive toolset. Dave kept a stocked fridge in his open garage, and had a standing policy that any neighbor could help themselves whether he was home or not. Dave was an entrepreneur and founded his own wireless communications business WeCare Networks, where he committed to donating 10% of the company's revenues to educational charities. Prior

to that Dave was a successful sales executive with Verizon.

Dave is survived by his three vibrant daughters Clara, Olivia and Audrey, his loving parents Dorothy and Alan, his brother Lee and his loyal dog and constant companion Molly. Although Dave has left us, his legacy will live on, as his work and commitment to youth and education have benefited an entire generation of Livermore students. He will never be forgotten.

A Life Celebration will be held on November 10, 2012 from 3:00-5:00pm at Granada High School's small gym.



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# MAILBOX

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Our community's college was once available to virtually all who wished to study beyond high school. That is no longer the case. With many now unemployed and underemployed, higher education at Las Positas has become, for many, a luxury beyond reach. And the problem is growing.

State support for all of California's community colleges has been reduced just when the demand for their services has increased. This year alone, our local college and its sister institution in Hayward, Chabot, has seen its yearly budget slashed by \$300 million. Some might say that that is good; waste has been eliminated. Such individuals would be wrong. Waste was not cut; classes were cut. Students can no longer expect to graduate from Las Positas in two, or even three, years. Even without work or family obligations, students may be required to spend 4 to 6 years in pursuit of their "two year" degrees because classes needed for graduation requirements have been eliminated and faculty and support staff have been laid off.

As citizens of the Tri-Valley, we have an opportunity to help Las Positas College students and those at LPC's sister college, Chabot. For a flat cost of just \$28 per parcel (NOT per assessed evaluation) per year for a maximum of six years - that is less than \$170 total! - we can ensure that LPC and Chabot will continue to excel. Measure 'I' on the November 6 ballot asks just that small investment in the future citizens, taxpayers and fellow members of the Tri-Valley region.

Please join me in supporting our community asset, Las Positas College. Vote Yes on Measure 'I' for our future.

## Vote for Karla Brown Kelly Cousins Pleasanton

Karla Brown has my vote this November as she is the only candidate for slow and smart growth for Pleasanton. She has been endorsed by many including local papers pointing to Karla's experience helping to save the ridgelines (Measure PP). She has worked for many neighborhoods including the preservation of our historic homes and downtown. Karla was a member of the Hacienda Task Force and currently serves on the East Pleasanton Task Force, to help develop a plan for the largest remaining undeveloped land in Pleasanton. Karla has shown that she can work cooperatively with many stakeholders and has a good grasp of the details needed to make important decisions about our City's future growth.

I have been impressed by Karla's understanding of the budgetary issues facing our City and our long-term debt. Another important consideration for choosing Ms. Brown is she does not take campaign contributions from special interest groups, including labor unions, PACs, or developers. Karla is not beholden to these groups and can negotiate labor contracts and consider land development in the best interest of the community. Karla stands out as a clear leader among the other candidates.

Go to [www.vote4karla.com](http://www.vote4karla.com) for more information.

## No on Measure A1 Friends of the Arroyos

Measure A1 is opposed by the California Native Plant Society and Alameda Creek Alliance.

This measure is not what the zoo is claiming it is--all about humane animal care. It's about getting Alameda county taxpayers footing the bill for the big ridgeline expansion and 34,000 sq. foot visitor center, restaurant, and office complex that zoo management insists they will be building on unspoiled Knowland Park, Oakland's largest park and an area of amazing plant and wildlife diversity." Read more below!

<http://www.berkeleydailyplanet.com/issue/2012-09-21/article/40239?headline=Vote-No-on-Alameda-County-Measure-A1--By-Laura-Baker-East-Bay-Chapter-of-the-California-Native-Plant-Society#.UH1b51HbdE>.email

## Reject Liberals Bill Daily Livermore

We don't typically associate slavery with contemporary liberal political agendas. But President Obama, like so many others, wants to replace our current form of government with a socialist state and a communist regime. Why is this slavery? When a government promises to provide overreaching entitlements and programs and nationalize the private sector (health care, banks, auto, etc.), it can only do so in exchange for the freedom, rights, and property of its citizens. This agenda is engineered to enslave the population so that we become dependent on the government. That's the power of a socialist regime. There are so many examples of this. Why are we appalled by the treatment of people in China, Cuba, and N. Korea but then vote in that same type of government?

Norman Matton Thomas the six-time presidential candidate for the Socialist Party of America is credited with saying, "The American people will never knowingly adopt socialism. But, under the name of liberalism, they will adopt every fragment of the socialist program, until one day America will be a socialist nation, without knowing how it happened... I no longer need to run as a presidential candidate for the Socialist party. The Democrat Party has adopted our platform."

Obama has close ties to radical communist "intellectuals" and activists. If you love this country and want to live free, then don't vote for Obama or other liberal politicians.

## Thorne for Mayor Dave Melander Pleasanton

Jerry Thorne, as a member of our Pleasanton City Council, has proved himself to be an effective, responsible leader and an independent thinker. He is a man of integrity, known for his "grass roots" efforts, who listens and works with us. His strong and experienced voice has helped bring more consensus and cooperation to the City Council resulting in decisions and actions that serve well Pleasanton's people, businesses, and government.

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

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

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

## Jonas for School Board Stewart Gary Past LVJUSD Trustee Livermore City Council Member

I believe David Jonas is a strong choice for one of the two open positions on the Livermore Valley Unified School District Board. I support David because he is well rounded, thoughtful and will partner with others to do what is best for kids. We need Trustees with the broadest possible background.

David has been a teacher; a successful technology professional in the private sector, operates a small business and recently served on the LVJUSD Parcel Tax Oversight Committee. He combines fiscal responsibility and business practices with his understanding and passion for teaching our youth. He is a very good listener and collaborator.

Livermore deserves the best possible school trustees; please vote for David Jonas on November 6.

## Pentin for Council Jack Parker Pleasanton

As a 43 year resident of Pleasanton, I am pleased

to give my support to Jerry Pentin for Pleasanton City Council. I met Jerry over 20 years ago when he and his family moved to Pleasanton. Over the years since, I have worked with Jerry on a number of charitable and community projects. You can be assured that Jerry works hard to fulfill the commitments that he makes.

As a local business owner, he understands the need for co-operation between the city and the local business community. His work with the Callippe Golf Committee, the Parks and Rec Board and with the City Planning Commission has shown his commitment to Pleasanton and has given him a good understanding of the issues facing Pleasanton today. Please vote for Jerry Pentin on Nov. 6th.

## Vote for Martinez Stewart Gary Past LVJUSD Trustee Livermore City Council Member

I was extremely pleased to see Belia Martinez appointed to my remaining term on the Livermore Valley Unified School District Board. I now ask you to keep her on the Board by voting for her on November 6. I support Belia because she is passionate about working with our youth. She has served our country, worked successfully in our community with youth programs and is a huge volunteer in the Junction K-8 school community.

She has shown since being appointed to the LVJUSD School Board the ability to critically listen and be a positive part of a governance team in doing what is best for our kids. Belia is fiscally responsible and knows how to build partnerships in our community to help our schools thrive. Livermore deserves the best possible school trustees; please vote for Belia Martinez on November 6.

## Opera Review Patt Mann Livermore

The review of "La Boheme" was so very good, I look forward to reading more reviews by this writer. Sarah Bobson evaluated every aspect of the opera as well as adding information about the production that enriches one's experience of the opera.

## Cook-Kallio for Mayor Dolores Bengtson Pleasanton

I am supporting Cheryl Cook-Kallio for Mayor. Cheryl has superb communication skills and a clear understanding of how all levels of government work. She displays a willingness to make hard decisions based on what is best for the entire community. Quite simply, Cheryl will provide the strongest leadership for our community as we address critical future issues.

Pleasanton is not an island. Whether we like it or not the future of Pleasanton will depend to a certain extent on the ability of our leaders to work successfully with our city neighbors, the county and the state. Only by working together will we be able to protect those values so important to us all while meeting our commitments and addressing common concerns. Cheryl enjoys the respect of local and regional leaders of business, unions and all levels of government. That good relationship will be of tremendous value when we need to sit at the table with those leaders to discuss and solve mutual problems.

Our children's education and development is my highest concern. Cheryl has spent her career as an educator and understands the importance of close and supportive city/school relationships. I trust Cheryl to work closely with the District to forge the highest level of City cooperation possible but to also serve as an advocate for those City services and programs that contribute so significantly toward the development and health of our youth.

Exercise your right to vote - vote Cook-Kallio for Mayor.

## Elect Karla Brown Paul Ebright Pleasanton

Pleasanton voters, if you want to continue to protect those beautiful hills that

surround us from decimation by greedy developers, you must vote for Karla Brown. Karla was a leader in passing an ordinance restricting development up there. Karla led the referendum of the city council's approval of development up there. A majority of Pleasanton residents supported the referendum and the hills were saved. "Hallelujah!" She is also a staunch advocate of growth that is controlled and reasonable.

In criminal investigations it is often said that to solve the problem you should "follow the money." There is a candidate for council who has received at least seventeen donations of at least \$1000. It is interesting to note that thirteen of them are from out of Pleasanton. Most are from real estate development and related businesses, from as far away as San Francisco. This candidate is Erlene De Marcus. Electing her would be a crime.

By the way, 86% of Karla Brown's donations are from Pleasanton residents.

Elect Karla and "keep 'em honest."

## Easy Choice for Mayor Shankar Kumar Pleasanton

I am writing this letter in support of Cheryl Cook-Kallio. Cheryl was instrumental in the passage of the job stimulus Measure B1. She has spearheaded the development of affordable housing in Pleasanton for families and our senior citizens. While she really understands regional issues and has always been for sustainable economic growth, she has helped maintain Pleasanton as a truly green and environmentally friendly town for all of us to enjoy.

Cheryl's knowledge of government coupled with her desire to teach our children is reflected in her outstanding effort to inculcate young minds with a strong sense of community service and dedication to our country; she has been an outstanding teacher for over thirty years. As a teacher, she understands that the prosperity and the security of our Nation lies in what our children learn today and she will bring this emphasis on education to Pleasanton.

Cheryl's willingness to listen and help, her accessibility and her capabilities as a problem-solver and, furthermore, her understanding of what is really important and how best to achieve that makes her an easy choice as Mayor of Pleasanton.

## Reform First Robert Atkinson Pleasanton

Let's face it, Proposition 30 will not bring reform to California's high tax rate, liberal entitlement benefits and excessive regulations. Public Unions have overrun the statehouse and the most powerful of those is the California Teachers Association.

Prop 30 is trying to be presented as a benefit for our schools but in actuality it is a backfill for the teachers union insolvent pension fund, which is projected to be \$65 billion over the next 30 years. This could mean that the school districts could be liable for \$3.5 billion to \$10 billion annually for the next 30 years.

In a Sacramento Bee article a comment by the California School Boards Association said, "We want to make it clear to the public that the governor's initiative (Proposition 30) does not provide new funding for schools. Instead, it bolsters the General Fund with new revenue."

The Legislative Analysts office report on Prop 30 stated, "The new tax revenues would be available to fund programs in the state budget."

Since state law requires that half of all general fund tax revenues go to education, if Prop 30 passes schools are in for a \$3 billion to \$5 billion windfall. But those monies will not reinstate programs in music, sports, the arts or increase the school year. Instead the schools will have to use the money to cover their pension and retiree healthcare benefits.

But, the bigger issue is that Proposition 30 is not going to solve California's long running fiscal problems. "Without reforms,

tax hikes will not only be permanent but will form a new base from which even higher taxes are demanded." A quote from Economic Professors Michael Boskin and John Cogan, at Stanford University.

Brown earns credit for some spending cuts but fails to embrace a bold reform agenda to save money, improve services and restore confidence among the troubled tax payers and bond holders. He needs to break the special interest grip (public employee unions, trial lawyers, teacher unions and extreme environmentalists.)

We need meaningful reform not increased taxes. Vote No on both Prop 30 and 38.

## Thorne for Mayor Joanne Gunson Pleasanton

Having worked with Jerry Thorne for a number of years on Pleasanton's Community of Character Collaborative Board, I know him to be a man of integrity, motivated by nothing more than a sincere desire to maintain and strengthen the quality of life that we love and enjoy in Pleasanton. He is a man who cares about a safe and enriching life in which families and individuals can strengthen and thrive.

Many cities are faced with bankruptcy. It is important for Pleasanton to have a leader who knows how to work with businesses and work to have a balanced and strong local economy. Jerry has had experience in the business world as well as two terms on the City Council that provide him with the knowledge and vision so important for our city to be financially strong.

In the many years of service to Pleasanton, Jerry has worked to help maintain the wonderful quality of life we enjoy in Pleasanton. As you look at our beautiful parks and sports venues, it is important to know that Jerry had a part in bringing many to Pleasanton.

Jerry will devote his full time to the job of Mayor. It is a rare individual who gives his full time, "heart and soul" to his city at a time in his life that offers him a multitude of choices.

Jerry deserves to serve as our Mayor and he will be an outstanding choice.

## Brown and Thorne Anne Fox Pleasanton

Please join me in voting for Karla Brown for Pleasanton City Council and Vice Mayor Jerry Thorne as Mayor. Both are long-time residents who have circulated petitions that have helped keep Pleasanton a great place to live. Karla, the only Pleasanton candidate endorsed by the Sierra Club, was a proponent for an initiative overwhelmingly adopted by Pleasanton voters for preserving ridgelines and has been very involved in Pleasanton's Transit-Oriented Development and East Side Specific Plan task forces. Jerry, very active in civic activities, has circulated a petition for an initiative to build much needed sports facilities for Bernal Park, as well as supporting local families of troops serving overseas and welcoming military personnel returning home to the area. Both are very visible and approachable, thus are contacting the public the old fashioned way--through walking neighborhoods, dropping fliers and being at the Farmers Market.

Two of their challengers are inundating Pleasanton residents' mailboxes and phones with expensive mailers and phone push polls. For example, City Council candidate Erlene DeMarcus, formerly a consultant for James Tong and Charter Properties, has a significant number of contributions from developers and developer-interested parties. According to preliminary financial reports, several of DeMarcus' campaign contributions have come in a series of \$1,000 cash contributions from, for example, Hong Yao Lin/Kevin Lin of Hillsborough CA [the Lins have filed multiple lawsuits against the citizens of Livermore, Alameda County (County Measure D Urban Growth Boundary) and multiple lawsuits against the City of Pleasanton]. Others contributing \$1,000 each to DeMarcus' campaign include Fremont developer James

Tong, Fremont resident Jennifer Tong, Dublin residents Celestin Tong and Michael Tong and Ronald Tong, San Francisco resident Rebecca Tong, Landmark Exchange Management (James Tong, listed as agent on State of California business portal), as well as John Wong of Mission Peak Homes in Fremont.

Thorne's challenger, city council member Cheryl Cook-Kallio, rather than seeking the support of many Pleasanton residents, seems to have focused on obtaining endorsements from multiple unions, state officials, members of county boards, and officials from other cities.

If residents want Pleasanton to continue to have small-town charm rather than uncontrolled growth of Dublin and Fremont, please join me in voting for officials that will represent Pleasanton - Karla Brown and Vice Mayor Jerry Thorne.

## Vote No on A1 Clint Logan Pleasanton

I urge you to vote no on ballot Proposition A1.

The Oakland Zoo (the corporation) is a privately operated area attraction with an annual budget of \$11.3 million. It had a profit of \$1 million in the last year reported.

I oppose A1 for three main reasons:

1) Proposition A1 would tax each real property parcel (the people) in Alameda County to support the corporation. Please stop and consider if this is how we wish to spend tax revenue.

2) The Oakland Zoo's planned expansion will destroy threatened native wildlife habitat contained in Knowland Park.

3) Prop. A1 provides for no oversight by the people. There is to be an appointed board but no elected official has any role in assuring that the money is spent as the people intend.

## Council Benefits Patty Robins Livermore

I appreciate the City council discussing lowering benefits, thus costs, for their City Councilmembers. In these challenging times, everyone on the city payroll needs to participate and be part of the challenge to make budgets manageable. Ms. Turner stated "she wasn't in a position to run for office IF she didn't receive current benefits." I wish I would have known that during the election period.

I think we can get in trouble when city positions are applied for, possibly based on, the benefits these positions offer. WE do know this happens and has happened.

Referring to her father-in-law, Dale Turner, stating "he might not have been able to take on the positions" for his Mayoral and city council position without the paid benefits. Even during and after his successful Real Estate and business career?

These positions are first and foremost for the benefit of all citizens in Livermore, and of course, to be included in city budget discussions, not for the profit and financial security of those voted in to office.

## Protect Deduction Larry Spiteri Realtor

I manage a local real estate office in Pleasanton. During my 20 years in the real estate industry, I have helped many families buy homes in Pleasanton, Livermore and the Tri-Valley. A few months back, I had the opportunity to see and listen to Congressman Pete Stark at a local Realtors Marketing Meeting. I asked Rep. Stark what his thoughts are about the elimination of the home mortgage interest deduction. I as well as many of the attendees were shocked and dismayed when Rep. Stark responded with bewilderment, asking why, is the mortgage interest deduction a concern to Realtors. I am deeply concerned by how out of touch Rep. Stark is on the mortgage interest deduction that was established in 1913 and how important it is to help families realize the American Dream of home ownership.

Tri-Valley families deserve a Member of Congress who knows the issues and will stand up to protect the mortgage interest deduction and private home-ownership rights!

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 470380-1

The following person(s) doing business as: (1)ShakabukuNow.com (2) ShakabukuNow, 2985 1st Street Unit 1206, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tawnya Sargent, 2985 1st Street Unit 1206, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

Signature of Registrants: s/ Tawnya Sargent

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 2, 2012. Expires October 2, 2017.

The Independent Legal No. 3321. Published October 11, 18, 25, November 1, 2012.

### NOTICE OF INVITING BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed competitive bids will be accepted in the office of the GSA-Purchasing Department, County of Alameda, 1401 Lakeside Drive, 9th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612.

### MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE, N. County

- Project #13003 JOB ORDER CONTRACTING ADA PROJECTS; Project #13004 JOB ORDER CONTRACTING MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND TENANT IMPROVEMENTS; Project #13005 JOB ORDER CONTRACTING MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND TENANT IMPROVEMENTS Thursday, November 01, 2012 at 1:00 PM - Lakeside Plaza, 1401 Lakeside Dr., Conference Room 201, Oakland, CA 94612.

### MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE, S. County

- Project #13003 JOB ORDER CONTRACTING ADA

PROJECTS; Project #13004 JOB ORDER CONTRACTING MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND TENANT IMPROVEMENTS; Project #13005 JOB ORDER CONTRACTING MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND TENANT IMPROVEMENTS, Friday, November 02, 2012 at 2:00 PM - City of Dublin Council Chambers, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568. **Attendance at one of the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference is required. Response Due by 2:00 pm on November 19, 2012 County Contact: Gary Russell at (510) 208-9586 or via email: gary.russell@acgov.org**

Information regarding the above may be obtained at the Alameda County Current Contracting Opportunities Internet website at www.acgov.org. 10/25/12 CNS-2397067# THE INDEPENDENT Legal No. 3322

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 470742

The following person(s) doing business as: K & B Enterprises, 867 Keystone Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1)William D. Bailey (2)Mary Kathleen Bailey, 867 Keystone Way, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by Husband and wife. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/1/2012. Signature of Registrants: s/ Mary Kathleen Bailey This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 12, 2012. Expires October 12, 2017. The Independent Legal No. 3323. Published October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2012.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 469937

The following person(s) doing business as: Residential Ap-

praisal Services, 6768 Edgewater Lane, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hildred J. Crawford, 6768 Edgewater Lane, Livermore, CA 94551

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7/20/2012. Signature of Registrants: s/ Hildred J. Crawford

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 21, 2012. Expires September 21, 2017.

### NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO)

Randolph A. Hintzen, Jr.

### YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

Alex Yiannakopoulos

**NOTICE!** You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in a proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a non-profit legal services program. You can locate these non-profit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

**AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tien 30 DIAS DE CAL- ENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en lacorte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Sino conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte

## MERCHANDISE

### 127) LOST/ FOUND

**LOST**  
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If found, please call (925)321-8920.

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Found at the corner of Hillcrest Ave & Findlay Way on park bench.  
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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): **HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE 24405 AMADOR STREET HAYWARD, CA 94544**

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): **ALEX YIANNAKOPOULOS 21041 WILLBEAM AVE., #A CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546 (510)552-1204**

DATE: (Fecha): September 17, 2012

s/ Judge Gail Brewster Bereola

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 470780

The following person(s) doing business as: Molylla, 1264 Hillcrest Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1)Dean Holunga (2)Virginia Holunga, 1264 Hillcrest Ave, Livermore, CA 94550

### ANIMALS

#### 2) CATS/ DOGS

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

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

### FERAL CAT FOUNDATION

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### EMPLOYMENT

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## THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY/ NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION HAS COMPLETED A FIVE-YEAR REVIEW FOR THE LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY'S LIVERMORE SITE

The U.S. Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration has completed the fourth Five-Year Review of its environmental cleanup at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Livermore Site.

### THE REVIEW PROCESS

Superfund law requires that the protectiveness of cleanup actions be evaluated every five years when contaminants remain at the site above levels that allow unrestricted access. The purpose of the Five-Year Review is to evaluate the progress of the cleanup remedy towards achieving the Site's cleanup objectives, and whether the remedy continues to be protective of human health and the environment.

The Five-Year Review report summarizes the nature and extent of contamination and describes the U.S. Department of Energy's progress in cleaning up the Livermore Site. The final Five-Year Review report for the Livermore Site is now available to the public at the Laboratory's Environmental Repository in the Livermore Public Library located at 1188 South Livermore Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, [telephone (925) 373-5500]; the Laboratory Discovery Center, Greenville Road at East Gate Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, [telephone (925) 422-4599]; and online at <http://www.envinfo.llnl.gov>.

### SITE HISTORY

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Livermore Site is an applied science laboratory operated by Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC. The Livermore Site is located approximately three miles east of the downtown area of Livermore, California. The 800-acre Livermore Site was converted from agricultural use into a Navy flight training base and aircraft assembly and repair facility in 1942. In the 1950s, the Atomic Energy Commission converted the site into a weapons design and basic physics research laboratory. Initial hazardous materials releases occurred at the Livermore Site when the site was the Livermore Naval Air Station. There is also evidence that localized spills, unlined landfills, and leaking tanks and impoundments contributed volatile organic compounds, fuel hydrocarbons, metals, and tritium to the ground water and unsaturated sediments in the post-Navy era. By 1987, a plume of volatile organic compounds had migrated offsite about 2,200 feet west of the current Laboratory property. These past operations resulted in the Livermore Site being placed on the Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List in 1987. A Record of Decision was signed in 1992 that established the cleanup remedies and cleanup standards for the Livermore Site. Previous Five-Year Reviews were completed in 1997, 2002, and 2007.

### CLEANUP OBJECTIVE

The Livermore Site remedial action objectives are: (1) prevent future human exposure to contaminated ground water and soil, (2) prevent further migration of contaminants in ground water, (3) reduce contaminant concentrations in ground water to levels below Maximum Contaminant Levels, and reduce the contaminant concentrations in treated ground water to levels below state discharge limits, (4) prevent migration in the unsaturated zone of those contaminants that would result in concentrations in ground water above Maximum Contaminant Levels, and (5) meet all existing permit discharge standards for treated water and soil vapor, and to treat vapor so that there are no measurable atmospheric releases from treatment systems.

### FIVE-YEAR REVIEW RESULTS

The remedy at the Livermore Site is protective of human health and the environment for the site's industrial land use. The cleanup standards for ground water are drinking water standards. Because drinking water standards do not differentiate between industrial and residential use, the ground water cleanup remedy will be protective under any land use scenario upon completion.

The U.S. Department of Energy strongly believes that the remedy at the Livermore Site is protective of human health and the environment both in the short-term and the long-term. Although the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has indicated that the long-term protectiveness of the remedy has not yet been demonstrated, the U.S. Department of Energy is committed to undertaking the necessary evaluations to prove the remedy is protective in all cases.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For further information, please contact: Phil Wong, Federal Project Director, Livermore Site Office, P.O. Box 808, L-293, Livermore, CA 94550 (925) 422-0765 or [phil.wong@mnsa.doe.gov](mailto:phil.wong@mnsa.doe.gov)

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# SHORT NOTES

## Autumn Birds

Autumn Birds is the topic of the Sun., Oct. 28 Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff program. Meet Ranger Pat Sotelo at 8 a.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Rd. Join this relaxed walk to observe winter visitors as they arrive to take advantage of the Bay Area's moderate "Mediterranean climate" and of the Grove's numerous habitats. This birdwalk will last about two hours. Don't forget binoculars and field guides. There will be a few to lend.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

## Medicating Teens

Medicating Teens, Making Difficult Decisions is the topic of a Mon., Nov. 5 presentation at the Pleasanton Library. The program begins at 7 p.m.

The last twenty years of psychiatry were marked by fast rise of psychotropic medications. Nowadays, medications are marketed as a quick solution to complex life problems. These problems might be parenting a difficult teenager, academic failure, lack of motivation, and drug abuse.

Dr. Michael Levin, who has been practicing in the East Bay for twenty years, will try to answer questions at this free seminar.

He holds an MS degree in Pharmacology from New York Medical College and a medical degree from New York University School of Medicine. He is a pediatrician with advanced training in Developmental Pediatrics and Psychopharmacology from UCLA-Neuropsychiatric Institute.

This free program will be held in the Pleasanton Library's meeting room.

For more info regarding the program call the Reference Desk at 931-3400, ext 7. The program is free and open to all. No registration required.

## Using e-Books

Livermore Public Library staff will present a program on using e-Books from the library at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, at 10am on Saturday, October 27, 2012. A presentation and demonstration of finding, checking out and downloading e-Books from the library will be followed by more information and help in small groups divided by eReader, tablet or smartphone used. There is no charge for this event.

Workshop attendees are being asked to bring their iPads, iPods, iPhones, Nooks, Sony Readers, Android smartphones, Kindles, Kindle Fires and other e-reading devices, so they may receive more individualized help after the presentation. Adobe, Amazon, Apple, and Barnes & Noble account information is also helpful to get started with certain devices during the workshop.

## Farmer Storytime

Storytime with the Farmer will be held Mon., Oct. 29, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Forest Home Farms Historic Park.

The event will include stories, sing songs and a Halloween craft. The Pumpkin Patch will be open to visit after the program. Children must be accompanied by an adult, but only children need to register.

Pre-registration is required. For more information please call (925) 973-3200 or register online at [www.sanramonrecguide.com](http://www.sanramonrecguide.com) for activity #82327. Cost is \$5 for residents and \$6 for non-residents. Ages 3-5 only. Space is limited.

Forest Home Farms Historic Park is located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., just south of Pine Valley Road in San Ramon. For more information about Forest Home Farms Historic Park call (925) 973-3284 or visit [www.SanRamon.ca.gov](http://www.SanRamon.ca.gov).

## STEM Grants

National Security Technologies LLC, (NSTec), is offering \$50,000 in grants to local school teachers for innovations in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), the company has announced.

The management and operating contractor for the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS), NSTec employs more than 2,200 scientists and engineers who carry out the missions of the NNSS supporting homeland security and national defense.

The new grants, known as STEM Innovative Instruction Grants, are available to teachers in grades kindergarten through 12 in Alameda County. There are no specific restrictions on the grant except that the money must be used in support of STEM programs and must be requested by a teacher.

Grant requests will be accepted until Oct. 31 at [NSTecSupportsEducation@nv.doe.gov](mailto:NSTecSupportsEducation@nv.doe.gov). Awards will be announced by December 13, 2012. For more information, contact Jennifer Mankins at (702) 295-5247 or Shari Morrison at (702) 295-2843.

## Candy Buy-Back

Pleasanton Pediatric Dentistry will host the annual Halloween Candy Buyback the day after Halloween on Thurs., Nov. 1 from 4 to 6 p.m.

All kids with parent permission are invited to donate unopened Halloween candy for cash and the chance to win a prize. Candy will be shipped in care packages to cheer our troops overseas. Pleasanton Pediatric Dentistry at 1443 Cedarwood Lane, Suite D, in Pleasanton

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# Bob Cooley Brings World Title Home to Pleasanton

## First Gold for U.S. in Competition

**By Carol Graham**

For the first time ever the Star-Spangled Banner was played at the Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) World Championships in Serbia in September, heralding two trailblazing wins by Pleasanton's Bob Cooley.

"This is the first world championships gold for the U.S.," said Cooley, who took first place in the men's over-70 category for best 80-meter race and for best overall. "It felt pretty good."

ARDF, also known as radio orienteering, is an amateur racing sport that combines radio direction finding with the map and compass skills of orienteering. Competitors in the timed race use a highly-detailed topographic map, a magnetic compass, and radio direction-finding apparatus to navigate through diverse wooded terrain while searching for radio transmitters.

"You're going as fast as you can. There are spiders hitting you in the nose, then looking you in the eye. You're tripping over stuff, and trying to stay out of the poison oak," he said. "I had to find four foxes (transmitters). Only three people out of 26 found all four."

The 16th biennial World Championships were held in Kopaonik, a resort town in central Serbia. Representatives from more than 30 countries participated. ADRF originated in Northern and Eastern Europe in the late 1950s, and was

promoted to teach important civil defense applications during the Cold War. The sport remains popular in Eastern Europe, Russia and China where it's a part of physical education programs in schools. "The Russian, German and Ukrainian teams are supported by their governments who also send along a doctor and a masseuse," said Cooley, noting that the twelve U.S. competitors pay their own registration, travel and lodging expenses - sans physical therapists.

Efforts that began in 1996 to promote the inclusion of orienteering in the Olympic Games have so far been unsuccessful. Supporters recognize that the sport is neither spectator nor TV-friendly, yet attempts to develop a format suitable for Olympic competition have focused on park (versus forest) orienteering, micro-orienteering and short-distance relays.

Cooley first began orienteering in 1980, then branched out to ADRF in 1999. "I like radio orienteering better," he said. "You have to do more. You have to use orienteering and you have to analyze all the signals while you're running. There's more to accomplish than can generally be done, so it's pretty frantic."

High levels of fitness and running speed are required to compete successfully on the international, elite circuit. Cooley trains almost daily, either running or cycling yet remains

humble about his abilities. "You peak physically in your early 30s and then you start to fall off," he said. "Around 70, there's this nasty corner where things really start to go to hell. Fortunately, I haven't hit that corner as hard as most 70 year olds have. I'm still doing okay where a lot of my competition is falling apart. In the past, I wasn't so competitive, but there's a window of opportunity here now."

The sport's employment staggered start times. For his gold-winning performance, Cooley finished nearly four minutes ahead of the silver medal winner's time.

Cooley currently makes maps for the Bay Area Orienteering Club. "There are about 300 members. We have meets every two weeks in places like Sunol, Morgan Territory and Calero Reservoir," he said. Those interested can email Cooley at [maps@baoc.org](mailto:maps@baoc.org) or visit [baoc.org](http://baoc.org). He hopes to get enough people interested in radio orienteering to start a Bay Area club; currently, he travels to Southern California for ADRF events.

Cooley plans to attend the European championships in Poland next year and will defend his world championship title in the mountains of Kazakhstan in 2014. As for outperforming the eastern European bloc this year, Cooley said, "Everyone was amazed."

Did he do a little victory dance on the podium? "No," he said, with a smile. "I'm too old."



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Bob Cooley sets off on radio guided search.

## Brenda Hillman, Matthew Zapruder to Read at Ravenswood

Acclaimed poet and non-violent activist Brenda Hillman will be sharing the platform with award-winning poet and essayist Matthew Zapruder as part of the ongoing series Poetry at Ravenswood on Sunday, Nov. 4, 2-4 p.m.

The series, sponsored by Poet Laureate Cher Wollard and the City of Livermore, is held at Ravenswood Historic Site, 2657 Arroyo Road, Livermore. The event is open to the public. Admission is \$5. Students with ID are admitted free.

An Open Mic will follow the readings.

Brenda Hillman has published eight collections of poetry, all from Wesleyan University Press: *White Dress* (1985), *Fortress* (1989), *Death Tractates* (1992), *Bright Existence* (1993), *Loose Sugar* (1997), *Cascadia* (2001), *Pieces of Air in the Epic* (2005), and *Practical Water* (2009), for which she won the LA Times Book Award for Poetry, and three chapbooks: *Coffee*, *3 A.M.* (Penumbra Press, 1982); *Autumn Sojourn* (Em Press, 1995); and *The Firecage* (a+bend press, 2000).

Tom D'Evelyn, managing editor of Single Island Press, wrote: "Hillman's voice echoes with otherness. Subject to continual breakdown—and breakthrough—



**Brenda Hillman**

her voice is grounded in resistance and wonder, absurdity and joy. Her political voice is pitch perfect and I want her to run for president...."

Hillman has also edited an edition of Emily Dickinson's poetry for Shambhala Publications, and co-edited, with Patricia Dienstfrey, *The Grand Permission: New Writings on Poetics and Motherhood* (2003). She co-translated, with Diallah Haidar, *Poems from Above the Hill: Selected Poems of Ashur Etwebi*, one of Libya's most significant poets. In 2010 she co-translated Jeongrye Choi's book of poems, *Instances*, released by Parlor Press.

Among her numerous awards are the 2005 William Carlos Williams Prize for poetry, and Fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the

Guggenheim Foundation. Hillman is the Olivia Filippi Professor of Poetry at Saint Mary's College in Moraga, where she teaches in the undergraduate and graduate programs.

She is also a member of the permanent faculties of the Napa Valley Writers' Conference and of Squaw Valley Community of Writers.

Hillman is involved in non-violent activism as a member of the Code Pink Working Group in the Bay Area. She is married to former U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Hass.

In her essay titled "Split, Spark, and Space," Hillman writes about the emergence of different kinds of lyric impulses in her writing.

"The sense of a single 'voice' in poetry grew to include polyphonies, oddly collective dictations, and the process of writing itself," she writes. "This happened in part because of a rediscovered interest in esoteric western tradition and in part because I came to a community of women who were writing in exploratory forms...A poetic method which had heretofore been based on waiting for insight suddenly had to accommodate process, and indeterminate physics, a philosophy of detached looking."

Zapruder is the author of three collections of poetry:



**Matthew Zapruder**

*American Linden* (Tupelo Press, 2002), *The Pajamaist* (Copper Canyon, 2006), selected by Tony Hoagland as the winner of the William Carlos Williams Award from the Poetry Society of America, and *Come on All You Ghosts*, published by Copper Canyon in Fall of 2010.

*Come On All You Ghosts* was the 2010 Goodreads Readers' Choice selection for poetry, and was also selected as one of the year's top 5 poetry books by Publishers Weekly, as well as the 2010 Booklist Editors' Choice for poetry, and the 2010 Northern California Independent Booksellers Association poetry book of the year.

He is also co-translator of *Secret Weapon*, the final collection by the late Romanian poet Eugen Jebeleanu

(Coffee House Press, 2007). His collaborative book with painter Chris Uphues, *For You in Full Bloom*, was recently published by Pilot Books in 2009.

His poems, essays and translations have appeared or are forthcoming in many publications.

His work has appeared or is forthcoming in many anthologies, including *Third Rail: The Poetry of Rock and Roll*, *Legitimate Dangers: American Poets of the New Century*, and *Best American Poetry 2009*.

He was a 2007 Lannan Literary Fellow in Marfa, Texas, and a recipient in 2008 of a May Sarton prize from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Currently he teaches poetry as a member of the permanent faculty of the Juniper Summer Writing Institute at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, and is a member of the core faculty of the low residency MFA program at University of California, Riverside-Palm Desert.

The recipient of a 2011 Guggenheim Fellowship, he lives in San Francisco, where he is an editor for Wave Books.

For information, contact Cher Wollard at 925 824-4824 or cherw@livermorelit.com. Or check the website at www.livermorelit.com

## 'Fools' Opens at College on Nov. 2

Las Positas College Theatre Arts Department will stage "Fools," a comic fable by Neil Simon as its fall production.

Performances will be Nov. 2, 3, 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 4 and 11 at 2 p.m. in the Black Box Theater at the Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts. The play is directed by Wendy Wisely.

This romantic farce was written by one of the most produced and popular American playwright in history, Neil Simon.

When an eager young teacher lands a teaching job in an idyllic Russian village he discovers the entire town has been cursed with stupidity for 200 years. He can only break the curse by teaching someone anything within 24 hours of his arrival. If not, he'll become a victim of the curse himself. A problem arises when he falls in love with a young woman so stupid that she has only recently learned how to sit down. Will he be able to break the dreaded curse or succumb to it in order to stay with the woman he loves?

The play is described by CBS TV as "The brightest, freshest, funniest, wittiest, warmest and happiest to-do on Broadway in many a day."

Tickets are \$12 general admission, \$8 students, seniors, LPC faculty and staff. They are available at the door or in advance at brownpapertickets.com or call Brown Paper Tickets at 800-838-3006.

Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore.

## SF Shakespeare Festival Plans Performance at Library

The Pleasanton Library and the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival will present a performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the library on Sun., Nov. 4 at 2 p.m.

This will be a free 55-minute presentation of Shakespeare's wacky tale of love and magic.

The course of true love does not run smooth for two sets of couples whose romantic intentions are com-

plicated and confused by their encounters with fairies and mechanicals in an enchanted wood.

Shakespeare's quintessential comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, delights with fun-loving humor while examining the nature of love, reality and illusion, reason and imagination, and change and transformation.

Stay for a Post-show Playshop with Cast at

3:00PM (a one-hour interactive lesson for students). The cast will field questions from the audience at the end of the show.

The program is free and open to all. No registration required.

For more information, call John Western, 1/415/865-4422.

The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue in Pleasanton.





Moonrise Over Hernandez, Ansel Adams, 1941



Photo by Phillip Hyde

## Exhibition Focuses on the 'Golden Decade of Photography'

By Carol Graham

There is a moment of time in San Francisco that lingers like a black and white photograph etched on the mind.

The winds of war had exhausted themselves, and everyone else, as soldiers returned home from the European and Pacific theaters in 1945 and considered the rest of their lives. Many had passed through the City on their way to or from war, and it isn't a city easily forgotten. From its rip roaring jumpstart in the mid-1800s, San Francisco remains a city that attracts and embraces the ambitious, the unique, the restless, the hopeful, and the artistic.

Following WWII, nearly a hundred years after prospectors first surveyed the California landscape, GIs looked to pursue their own dreams in the City by the Bay. A Photography Department, the first program of its kind, opened at the California School of Fine Arts with Ansel Adams at the helm.

For 10 years, it produced some of the most talented photographers in history.

On Sunday, November 4th, Livermore's Figurehead Gallery will be hosting "Golden Decade Photographers, The Legacy of Ansel Adams & Minor White," a reception to celebrate the talent nurtured at CSFA from 1945-1955.

"There was this one decade, this one period after the war when there was all this excitement, all this activity," said Ken Ball, who owns the gallery with his wife Victoria Whyte Ball. "Right after World War II, students came on the GI Bill. It changed the country. All of these people receiving educations in different fields is what helped build up the country."

Victoria added, "It was a heady time. That first decade of the program gave rise to a unique group of photographers who went on to become accomplished artists and important contributors to visual culture. The exhibit focuses on how students influenced and supported each other during, and in the years following, their time at CSFA. The show explores how the school was not only an academic force but the birthplace of an artistic

community that continued to flourish for years."

Victoria's late father Don Whyte was one of the department's early students and is among the 35 artists featured in "The Golden Decade, Photography at the California School of Fine Arts, 1945-1955," a 350-page book compiled by Ken and Victoria that showcases the students of Ansel Adams and Minor White.

Adams, an American photographer best known for his black and white photographs of the American west, particularly Yosemite National Park, was born and raised in San Francisco. At four years old, an aftershock occurring several hours after the 1906 earthquake sent him face first into a garden wall, breaking his nose. It was never reset and remained artistically askew his entire life.

Adams' aptitude and talent led him to develop the Zone System, a photographic technique for determining optimal film exposure and development, providing photographers with a method of precisely defining the relationship

between the way an artist visualizes his subject and the final results.

"The importance of the school and its influence has been far-reaching, lasting well into the 21st century," said Victoria. "Along with 100 or so photographs by 20 different photographers at the exhibit, several Ansel Adams photographs will be on loan for display."

The photographs will remain on exhibit until December 1st at the Figurehead Gallery, located in the Old Theatre Mall near the Livermore flagpole. Admission is free, with the reception on Nov. 4 held from 1-4 p.m. Wine and finger foods will be served.

"For anyone who's interested in black and white photography, or in the history of photography, this will be a wonderful show to see," said Ken. "It's also a great opportunity to collect vintage pieces."

Victoria said of the school that was founded in 1871 and renamed San Francisco Art Institute in 1961, "The CFSA was an amazing facility. Several of the photographers, now in their 80s and 90s, will be in attendance. They are the all-stars in the pioneering of photography."

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## Review

# A Powerful "Incident" in Danville

by Susan Steinberg

Arthur Miller is not a man for mirth. His hard-hitting dramas are world-famous for attacking controversial issues with incisive clarity.

"Incident at Vichy," Role Players Ensemble's latest production, is no exception. While most audiences know his most famous works ("All My Sons," "Death of a Salesman," "The Crucible"), few have seen this seldom-performed play, being given its West Coast Premiere here.

A later work, "Incident" was written in 1964, after Miller had personally witnessed the Nazi War Crimes Trials in Europe, which concentrated on the magnitude of a slaughter that merited the charge of "crimes against humanity." But such huge numbers can be numbing, and Miller felt that the tragedy of individual victims was being lost in the enormity of Holocaust statistics.

With this intimate drama, he focussed on just a handful of ordinary people trapped in a Nazi roundup, waiting anxiously to learn their fate. In a small dingy room, the detainees agonize about their chances for survival, and try to comfort themselves with shreds of hope.

At first they imagine reassuringly that this is just a routine check for valid identity papers. After all, they reason, so many refugees have streamed into Vichy France, the southern, supposedly free French zone, seeking a safe haven from the Nazi juggernaut. But this is only an illusion. In fact, German authority trumps ordinary law, and has become increasingly brutal in arresting "undesirables", the code word for Jews, gypsies, and homosexuals.

Each potential victim copes with the uncertainty in

a different way, representing the actual mindset of people of that time. The wealthy businessman, played with wonderful pompous self-confidence, by Michael Fay, is sure that his bona fide papers and important government contracts will keep him safe.

John Blytt as a quivering actor, is a marvel of twitches and unconvincing smiles while relating a string of self-deluding comforts: the happy letters from cousins "enjoying" Auschwitz (an actual Nazi ploy to allay suspicions), and his experiences at German concerts, with the audiences' rapt sensitivity a guarantee of their civilized humanity and behavior.

A disheveled artist, wildly inhabited by Damien Seperi, keeps harping on his family's missed opportunities to escape to America, and his own stupidity in venturing out of his safe room for a morning walk. Brooke Robinson as a railroad engineer, hopes that his "Special Worker" status will protect him. As a Socialist he denounces the business classes he feels have empowered Hitler, and puts his faith in the proletariat to rise against him and set the world right again.

A riveting stage performer, Robin Taylor, a waiter, sits apprehensively still, looking dead behind his eyes. Having served daily breakfasts to the German army officer on duty, he assures the others that the man is "really nice." Counting on this tenuous "friendship" with the Major to protect him, he is undone by the officer's curt dismissal, and visibly shrivels into corpse-like paralysis as the play progresses.

The sound of an accordion in the cafe outside reminds him that it is lunchtime, and suddenly jolts viewers into understanding

the unbearable situation of these targeted isolated detainees, soon to "vanish", while normal everyday life goes on for those around them, like the lively cafes of Warsaw, just outside the Ghetto walls.

Within the waiting room, a young boy (an earnest Dustin Katy) convinces himself that he will be freed because of his age, and only seems worried about pawning his mother's wedding ring, all the starving family has left, to buy food. A gypsy who cannot understand the conversation is afraid he is being accused of stealing the old pot he cradles like a protective talisman. Last-minute cast addition William J. Brown III renders the gypsy's few lines with convincing pathos: "No Steal. Find on street and fix. Is MINE."

A huddled old Jew, clutching a feather-leaking pillowcase, his last possession, prays soundlessly as if oblivious to his fate. In a poignant moment actor David Weiner actually chants the "Shema" prayer before being dragged off into the police office.

In contrast, Charles Woodson Parker, the Viennese-trained psychoanalyst Leduc is articulate, rational, and, under no comforting delusions, seems almost abnormally self-disciplined. But even he gradually breaks down in basic instinctive terror, anger at the world's growing inhumanity, and grief at the prospect of his own death, his face grimacing uncontrollably.

The only true voice of reason seems to be that of Von Berg, an Austrian prince, played brilliantly by John Hale, who effectively shatters everyone's wishful fantasies. He assures the engineer that his noble proletariat will not rise against Hitler because they adore

him. While he agrees with the actor that Germans are unusually sensitive to music, this does not soften their brutality. For example, he describes how the Gestapo waited for a gifted cellist he had sheltered in his palace to finish playing before arresting and killing him.

He sadly refutes the argument that the Germans are "not illogical," so must see that killing Jews is of no advantage to them, and would be a stupid waste of time, money, trains, and soldiers. He also rejects the idea that such an immense atrocity seems inconceivable to most (as it did to the whole world). Rather he observes that the power to plan and carry out such an inconceivable and illogical atrocity is exactly what makes the Nazis feel superior. In fact they rely on most people's logic to comply with what seems rational, instead of facing the horrible truth.

Indeed, that was the actual defense used by citizens and governments alike, who never acted decisively to sabotage the death trains or bomb the extermination camps. Even individuals aware of their danger could not bring themselves to flee while there was time and possibility, because normal people living ordinary lives could not believe they would be killed, and could not imagine such an overwhelming evil as the Holocaust.

But the Prince, who has experienced Nazi brutality believes the worst is truly happening, and sees it clearly, from his Hitler-worshipping servants to his fellow aristocrats, unmoved by the murder of his musicians.

As each detainee is beckoned into the adjoining office by a mock-playful "Racial Anthropology Professor", (a delicious turn by veteran actor David C.

McGaffey), everyone realizes that he is there not to inspect their papers, but to determine which of them is a Jew. Tension mounts with each fateful "NEXT."

A wounded German army officer, temporarily assigned to this post and disgusted by its activities, is played by Craig Echner with credible frustration, realistic accent and limp. Although he tries to absent himself, the Professor orders him back to "do his duty." Proclaiming himself "a man of honor" he is driven into a mad frenzy by the prisoners' pleas and his own conscience, but in the end, like most "good Germans," decides he cannot fight the system and returns to work.

When only 2 men remain, the Prince confides to Leduc, how, in despair, he had attempted suicide, and finally left Austria and his life of wealthy ease. He hates the Nazis and seem to be the perfect model of a "good man." But the astute psychoanalyst points out the flaw in his self-righteous stance. Merely trying to shoot himself proved nothing, since he had never attempted to do anything proactive against the evil - not even denouncing his own cousin Baron Kessler, an aristocratic Nazi whom he knew had "cleansed" Vienna of its Jewish doctors, including Leduc.

Faced with the realization of his own passive complicity, the Prince is overwhelmed with regret, as Miller wanted every right-minded person to be. His goal as a playwright was to bring home this hard lesson to his audiences: to feel serious responsibility, not just sympathy, for others. Observing that "all this suffering is pointless," he still predicts that "it will be repeated again and again." In the Holocaust, the Jew

was "the Other," and made to endure terrible pain. But "each man has his own Jew," and every nation has its "Other" to torment: the Russians their bourgeoisie, the Americans their blacks and Indians, and the British "anyone they can get their hands on." And sadly, Miller's dire prediction of future genocides was all-too-prescient.

As he once said, he believed that theater could "change the world," and in this play, he hurls a challenge for future generations to summon the personal courage that could end this tragic cycle. At the finale, someone does summon up that courage, leaving the audience with the hope that each individual might one day make a similar decision and stand up against evil.

In this grim but moving play, the audience becomes viscerally involved with every character, and it is a truly exciting experience. A superb cast of actors, each completely invested in his role, brings each one to life, as people we might know. We care desperately about their fates, and that of those they leave behind. As Miller had hoped, we have come to feel responsible for them.

Congratulations to Director Eric Fraisher Hayes for tackling this rare masterpiece and making it such a vital theatrical triumph. Kudos to Robin Taylor for carefully crafting individual voices, accents, and mannerisms for artistic verisimilitude.

Do not miss the chance to catch this deeply stirring drama, running Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through November 10 at Danville's Village Theatre, 233 Front Street. For reservations call 925-314-3400 weekday 9 to 5, or contact [www.villagetheatreshows.com](http://www.villagetheatreshows.com).





## 'Houses and Origins' at Library

A program with the theme, Houses and Origins: The Work of WA Design, will be presented at 2 p.m. on Sun., Oct. 28 at the Pleasanton Library.

Architect David Stark Wilson will show slides of stunning architect-designed houses alongside images of the natural landscapes that were the original source of inspiration for the designs.

This free slideshow will guide those attending through a number of outstanding houses designed and built by Berkeley firm WA Design. WA Design's founder, David Stark Wilson, cites nature as having the most profound influence on his architecture. Progressive and dramatic, the firm's designs draw heavily on the building's context and the surrounding natural landscape, connecting building to site in a meaningful way. Sustainable and solar features are a crucial component and are seamlessly integrated with the architecture. Wilson's designs have won awards from the Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association, Sunset, and Metropolitan Home Magazine.

Wilson is also the author of two photography books, 'Structures of Utility' and 'Above All'. The architect's books will be on sale at the event.

This free program will be held in the Pleasanton Library's meeting room.

For more info regarding the program call the Reference Desk at 931-3400, ext 7. The program is free and open to all. No registration required.

## Volunteers Sought for Pleasanton Holiday Festivities

The City of Pleasanton will host its Annual Hometown Holiday Celebration on Saturday, December 1 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. along Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. The centerpiece of this free event is a community-based parade followed by the lighting of a huge holiday tree in front of the Museum on Main.

Volunteers are needed to serve as support with barricades, hospitality, stage decoration, parade check-in, parade formation and disband, parade marshals, setup/tear down crew, beautification technicians, and volunteer check-in.



**More than 80 volunteers are involved in planning and logistics for Pleasanton's annual Hometown Holiday Celebration. This year, the event is scheduled on Saturday, December 1.** Photo - Dino Vournas for City of Pleasanton

Youth volunteers ages 13-17 are welcome to participate under adult supervision. Youth groups such as scouts are also welcome to apply provided that a designated number of adult volunteers participate to su-

pervise the group. Eligibility for the specific volunteer activities will be determined and assigned by the volunteer coordinator.

Please visit [www.hometownholiday.com](http://www.hometownholiday.com) to download a volunteer application. For more information, please call (925) 931-5352 or email [hometownholiday@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:hometownholiday@cityofpleasantonca.gov).

## Performance of The Dixie Swim Club Scheduled

A free performance of *The Dixie Swim Club* will be performed by the Asbury Players on Sunday, October 28, 2012 at 2pm, at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

There is no charge for this event.

The story is about five Southern women, whose friendships began many years ago on their college swim team. They set aside a long weekend every August to recharge those relationships. Free from husbands, kids and jobs, they meet at the same beach cottage on North Carolina's Outer Banks to catch up, laugh and meddle in each other's

lives. *The Dixie Swim Club* focuses on four of those weekends and spans a period of thirty-three years.

The Asbury Players is an amateur theatrical troupe that was formed in 1991, performing classic comedies, musicals, mysteries and melodramas. Led by Director Barbara David, the Asbury Players present three productions each year at Livermore's Asbury United Methodist Church.

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

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## Four Freshmen Bring Their Unique Sound to the Bankhead

Known for their smooth and sophisticated close-knit vocal harmonies, the Four Freshmen first came together more than six decades ago, rising to popularity in the 1950s with such hit songs as "Moonglow," "It's a Blue World," and "Mood Indigo."

Performances by the Four Freshmen have highlighted some significant Bankhead Theater milestones. Theirs was the very first show officially held at the Bankhead after it opened in October 2007. The group returned the following year to inaugurate the first annual LVPAC New Year's Eve Gala in 2008. This year, the Four Freshmen will appear at the Bankhead for one performance only on Thursday, November 1, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$34 to \$54 for adults and \$14 for students.

The Four Freshmen evolved in the late 1940s from a harmony singing group originally founded by two brothers at Butler University in Indiana. Reaching the top of the charts in the 1950s, their music served as a musical bridge between the classic big band sound of the 1930s and the blended vocals of early rock and roll. While the Four Freshmen's popularity waned as the British Invasion came on the scene in the 1960s, their musical style had a distinct influence on later groups including the Beach Boys and the Manhattan Transfer.

The current ensemble, now together for more than a decade, features Bob Ferreira on percussion, Brian Eichenberger on guitar, Curtis Calderon on trumpet/flugelhorn, and Vince Johnson on the string bass. As they have always been, the Four Freshmen remains a self-contained musical group; each member is skilled both as a vocalist and instrumentalist and can seamlessly switch between roles. According to long-



The Four Freshman

time percussionist Bob Ferreira, the lively interaction between singers is what has always given the Four Freshmen their unique dynamic and keeps all their music fresh, especially when experienced live.

The group's recent album *Love Songs*, their first new recording since 2009, includes brand-new arrangements of beloved stan-

dards such as "Stardust," "These Foolish Things," and "On The Street Where You Live."

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. The ticket office is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800 or visit [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org)

## Wake the Dead Next in Asbury Live Presents Concert Series

Wake the Dead will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 3.

Asbury Live Presents will host the concert at the Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore.

Wake the Dead performance is described as a romp that flows seamlessly from rock grooves to hot Irish reels, and from haunting airs to achingly beautiful melodies familiar to Deadheads everywhere. "Sugaree" in waltz time, bracketed by an ancient harp tune and infused with a poignant Celtic longing. "Bertha" thundering out of "China Cat" on a mandolin tidal wave. The eerie lilt of the uilleann pipes, giving a glow to "Bird Song" as if

it was always meant to be there. Groove jams to keep the tie-dye swirling. Vocal harmonies that float like clouds. The music takes off, and the band follows, grinning all the way.

The band brings together eight of the best-known and most respected players in the west. Harper Maureen Brennan has performed widely for over 20 years. Her recorded works include three solo CDs and the acclaimed "Harpistry" collection. Bassist Cindy Browne, enlisted from the eclectic world ensemble Next Village, is equally at home in folk and jazz, touring from Jordan to Japan. Singer, fiddler, and fretman Danny Carnahan is a two-time NAIRD "Indie" award winner whose



Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre (PCRT) will open its 2012-2013 season on Friday, November 2, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. with the Disney version of the classic tale, *Beauty and the Beast*. Additional performances at the Firehouse Arts Center will take place at 8:00 p.m. on November 3, 9, 10, 16, and 17 and at 2:00 p.m. on November 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 at 2:00 p.m. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. Tickets are adult \$18, \$29 and \$33; child and senior: \$17, \$24 and \$29. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office. Meet the Princess Tea Parties will be held on Sundays, November 4 and November 11; 12:45-1:45 pm (one hour prior to matinee performances) in the Rudy and Marge Johnson Studio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets at \$10 each may be purchased at the Firehouse Arts Center box office. Favorite character's from Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* invite you to PCRT's production of the beloved classic at the Firehouse Arts Center, opening November 2. Pictured are (left to right) Cogsworth (Ray D'Ambrosio), Wardrobe (Morgan Collazo), Lumiere (Derek Travis Collard), Babette (Sarah Hammond); (front) Belle (Joy Sherratt) and Beast (Joshua Milbourne). Photo by Wally Allert

original Irish-tinged songs (including a collaboration with Robert Hunter) are popular worldwide. Kevin Carr is a musical triple-

threat, renowned in the U.S. and Canada as a dance fiddler, a pennywhistler, and Irish piper par excellence. Percussionist and multi-

instrumental Joe Craven performed and recorded with Jerry Garcia and has toured for the past decade with David Grisman. Sylvia Herold's vocal phrasing can be heard on her two solo CDs and in her concerts with several popular swing bands. Paul Kotapish is known far and wide for his concerts and recordings with Kevin Burke's Open House, and for his blazing guitar and mandolin with The Hillbillies From Mars. And percussionist Brian Rice, with his expertise in Latin rhythm, rounds out the band's groove engine.

Tickets are available online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com). For more information, contact the office at 925-447-1950, extension 4.



Pictured are (from left) Brian Rice, Kevin Carr, Danny Carnahan, Sylvia Herold, Maureen Brennan, Paul Kotapish, and (front) Cindy Brown.

## Review

## West Side Story: A Memorable Performance

By Carol Graham

From the opening scene, the air in the theater changes.

"When you're a Jet you're a Jet all the way . . ." the young men sing out, dancing with a robust, cat-like energy that threatens to burst off the stage. The lyrics, the movements, the music, the lights, and the characters create a timeless mixture of humanity, longing, hope and misunderstanding that holds the audience riveted.

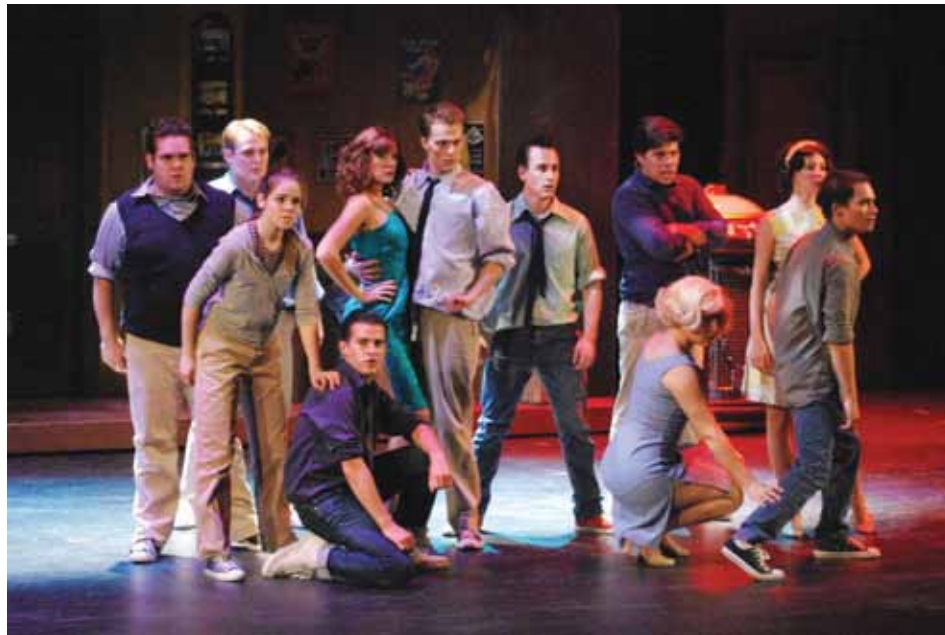
After opening on October 20th, West Side Story Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production offers performances weekends through November 4th at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Curtain time on Friday and Saturday is 8 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m.

"Opening night was nothing short of amazing. The energy of the cast and crew was buzzing," said Katie Pogue-Jaime who plays Anita with a sassy confidence and earthy elegance that makes her impossible not to watch. "There's a release of emotion and a connection with your cast that's indescribable.

"There is nothing like being on stage in front of an audience with a piece of theater that you've been putting your heart and soul into for months."

Except perhaps being part of the audience. West Side Story is often touted as being the greatest love story of all time, largely adapted from the themes of Romeo and Juliet to be reborn in 1950s' New York City.

"I like to be in America! Okay by me in America! Everything free in America. For a small fee in America!"



West Side Story cast performs.

sing the Puerto Rican ladies of the Shark gang, jauntily exposing the underlying conflict between the dreams and realities of settling in a new country.

"My favorite scene and dance number was 'America,'" said attendee Regina Linse. "I loved the choreography, music, costumes and energy of the number!"

Pogue-Jaime agrees. "The scene leading up to 'America' is my favorite. It's the first time the audience gets to see the Sharks in a positive light," she said. "Everyone always loves the Jets, but the Sharks never really get their moment to prove that we too are human and lovable. The witty banter in this scene is also quite fun. All of that builds up into the iconic 'America' piece that is a treat for the actors."

West Side Story is an award-winning classic romantic tragedy with Tony and Maria at its heart, played

gorgeously by Robert Lopez and Kristina Stasi. This is the central relationship that must work if the drama is to be compelling. And it does. Tony is attempting to disentangle himself from his east European immigrant gang the Jets, but still has strong friendships within the gang. Maria's brother Bernardo leads the Puerto Rican gang the Sharks, new to the country and desperate to carve out a place for themselves.

When Maria and Tony meet at a dance, the chemistry is so tender that it's overwhelming.

"Maria! Say it loud and there's music playing, say if soft and it's almost like praying," sings Tony, who begins meeting Maria in secret with the hopes of running away together. But the animosity between the Jets and Sharks is escalating. A rumble is planned to settle the matter of turf. Maria implores Tony to end the

confrontation, but things go terribly wrong. From there, the characters are swept along on an emotional current that leads them toward the heartbreaking climax.

"West Side Story, as a love story, a ground-breaking musical, and a social document, challenges each of us to continue the struggle for understanding and justice even today," said director Christina Lazo.

The play, written and first-performed more than 50 years ago, presents music by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, a book by Arthur Laurents, and choreography by Jerome Robbins.

"This show is one of the most amazing pieces of American musical theater. It has such a powerful message that still resonates today," said Jim Ambler, a visiting New York actor who has played Jets' leader Riff at the La Scala Opera House

in Milan, Italy. "The passion of this show comes through each aspect of the piece.

"The performance at The Bankhead was wonderful! The orchestra was great, and this score is not the easiest to perform. This cast really found the mixture of playfulness and heart."

The production was performed by the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to providing affordable, quality theater, theatrical training, a showcase for talent and a cultural experience in the East Bay. Currently in its 29th year, TVRT productions reach more than 15,000 attendees annually.

"Tonight, tonight, I'll see my love tonight. And for us, stars will stop where they are," sing Tony and Maria with the passion and longing of new love. For audience members, the song lingers for hours and days, along with the image of stars sparkling over two young lovers that don't know yet what fate has in store for them.

"West Side Story is an epic show," said Pogue-Jaime. "So many hours of blood, sweat and tears have gone into creating a show that is one of a kind. Every person in this show couldn't wait to share their story with a full and vibrant audience. There's hand to hand combat, a romantic love story, and most of all, a lot of fun."

For information or tickets, visit the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center website at [mylvpac.com](http://mylvpac.com), or go to [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

The theater is located at 2400 First St. in downtown Livermore.

## Modern Science of Origami

Robert Lang will present his program, *From Flapping Birds to Space Telescopes: The Modern Science of Origami*, at the Livermore Public Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, on Sunday, November 4, 2012 at 2pm.

There is no charge for this event.

Origami, the Japanese art of paper-folding, has been around for centuries. In recent years, modern mathematical techniques have led to the creation of astonishing, realistic, and highly complex origami designs. These techniques provide solutions for real-world engineering challenges. Scientist and origami artist Robert Lang will show how origami has helped to create safer airbags, better telescopes and more.

Robert Lang is recognized as one of the foremost origami artists in the world, as well as a pioneer in computational origami and the development of formal design algorithms for folding. During his work with NASA/Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Spectra Diode Laboratories and JDS Uniphase, he authored or co-authored over 80 papers and 45 patents in lasers and optoelectronics, as well as authoring, co-authoring, or editing 12 books and a CD-ROM on origami.

He is a full-time artist and consultant on origami and its applications to engineering problems. Robert has a Ph.D. in Applied Physics from Caltech and received their highest honor, the Distinguished Alumni Award, in 2009.

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



One of paintings in 'Body of Movement'

## Cuda Ridge Wines Presents Art Exhibit by Linda Ryan

"Body of Movement," an exhibition exploring energy and body by Livermore artist Linda Ryan, hangs at Cuda Ridge Winery through January 6th, 2013. An artist's reception will be held at the winery on Sunday, October 28 from 1-4pm. Refreshments and complementary wine tasting of two of the small lot, handcrafted Bordeaux style wines Cuda Ridge produces will be served. The winery is located at 5385 East Avenue in Livermore.

The exhibition highlights recent work with gels and interference paint on canvas and plexiglass, including revisiting some past work with new mediums, in an integration of her early gel abstract works and her more current abstract figuratives.

According to Ryan, the gels and plexi are especially difficult to work with, as

they are painted in reverse layers on the plexi and into the gels, which at that point are opaque white and only clear when dry. The finished products are framed generally with space between the art and the mat, allowing the shadows and light caught by the gel to reflect back on the matboard and become part of the composition.

Ryan is regularly represented by and exhibits with permission from Figurehead Gallery, 2222 Second St. Livermore, see [www.figureheadgallery.com](http://www.figureheadgallery.com) for information.

Cuda Ridge Wines is an award-winning winery that recently expanded their exhibition space, installed a dedicated hanging system and made the tasting room more art-friendly. Regular Winery Hours: 12-4:30 Fri-Sun; Available by appt. at 510.304.0914.

## ART & ENTERTAINMENT

### ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

**Coming Off the Wall**, Oct. 3-27, new works by Bill Paskewitz, exhibit at Figurehead Gallery, 2222 Second St., Suite 21, Livermore. Artist's reception Oct. 4, 6 to 9 p.m. 337-1799.

**Haiku Meets HiChroma**, display at Prudential California Realty, 1780 First Street, Livermore, Oct. 1 through Nov. 17. Vineyard Paintings of Livermore artist Nova Starling and the Haiku poetry of Hilary DePolo. The exhibition is available for viewing during regular business hours, or by contacting Cher Wollard at 925-824-4824 or [cherw@cherw.com](mailto:cherw@cherw.com).

**Encaustic Paintings by Marge Huffman**, Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. Artwork will be on display in the Estate Winery Tasting Room through October. For more information call 925-456-2305.

**Pleasanton Art Walks**, meet at 9 a.m. in the parking lot next to City Hall, 200 Old Bernal Avenue (adjacent to the public library). Guest leaders Nancy and Gary Harrington, will lead the walk. Nov. 10 and Dec. 8. World Walk to Wellness hosts Saturday morning walks for all who are interested. Contact [walks@worldwalktowellness.org](mailto:walks@worldwalktowellness.org) to receive (free) weekly e-mails of walk locations.

**Livermore Art Association Fall Show**, Nov. 1-30, Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. On view during regular hours. [www.LivermoreArtAssociation.com](http://www.LivermoreArtAssociation.com).

**Golden Decade Photographers**, the Legacy of Ansel Adams and Minor White, Figurehead Gallery exhibition, Oct. 31-Dec. 1, reception Sun., Nov. 3, 1 to 4 p.m. 2222 2nd St., Suite 21, Livermore. 337-1799.

**Seasons of the Valley by Bettie Goodman**, An exhibit of large oil paintings and gicle'es depicting the "Seasons of the Valley" currently on display through November at the Purple Orchid Resort and Spa, 4549 Cross Rd., Livermore. Art can be viewed every day from 8am to 6pm except when an event is being hosted. For more information call (925)606-8855.

**Man at Nature: Using and Leaving**, exhibit Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Nov. 7-Dec. 15. Opening reception, Nov. 8, 7 to 9 p.m. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

### MEETINGS/CLASSES

**Introduction to Paper Folding: Pleating and Simple Fold**, instructor Goran Konjevod. Taking signups for September and October series of 4 classes Friday evenings 7 to 9 p.m. \$80 fee includes materials. Call to sign up 925-353-0419 or stop by the Figurehead Gallery, 2222 2nd St., Livermore

**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 email Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 - [microangelo@earthlink.net](mailto:microangelo@earthlink.net).

**Livermore Art Classes**, Artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst offers art instruction to children and adults. Classes cover painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, collage, animation and construction. For further information please call (925) 216-7231 email [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasin_d@hotmail.com) or visit <http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com>

**Piano lessons**, Private and small group piano lessons available for beginning students. Lessons include playing practice, theory, expression and an introduction to various types of music and composers. Private classes are \$15 per half hour and group lessons are \$12 per student per half hour (up to 4 students). For more information please call (925) 216-7231 email [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasin_d@hotmail.com) or visit <http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/>.

**Young Artists' Studio** has openings in its school year art classes for youngsters in grades 2 through high school and beyond. Classes will begin in October. All kinds of drawing and painting as well as printmaking and sculpture are offered in our large and well equipped home studio. Peggy Frank has been providing art experiences for valley youth for over 30 years. Contact her by email at [frank.a@comcast.net](mailto:frank.a@comcast.net) or by phone at (925) 443-8755.

### WINERY EVENTS

**Traditional Halloween Candy and Wine Pairing**, Cedar Mountain Winery, 7000 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Oct. 27 and 28, noon to 4 p.m. each day. Tasting Fees apply. \$5.00. [www.cedar-mountainwinery.com](http://www.cedar-mountainwinery.com)

**The Winemaker's Pour House**, 2241 First Street, Livermore, Events: Bryersant's Quaterly Report, Oct. 28, 3 to 7 p.m. Flight of three wines, live music. Music/Concerts: Oct. 25, 6:30 p.m. Live with Steve Fread; Oct. 26, 7 p.m. Meredith and the Mercenaries; Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m. Roger Kardinal and the Zombies; Oct. 28, 4 p.m. The McCoustic Duo. (925) 215-2656 <http://www.winemakerspourhouse.com>

**Haunted Tasting** October 27 and 28 at RM Winery. Visit the Haunted Tasting room and enjoy a special witch's brew with each flight. The room will be all decorated to get you in the Halloween spirit all while sipping some hauntingly good ghouls' grog. \$5 and \$10 flights are available. \$10 flights include a free souvenir wine glass. Wine Club free. Saturday and Sunday 12:30-5:00. 3053 Marina Avenue, Livermore, CA 925-443-1998, [www.rmwinery.com](http://www.rmwinery.com), [info@rmwinery.com](mailto:info@rmwinery.com)

**5th annual Muestra de Arte**, Murrieta's Well, Oct. 27, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Works of fine art by local artists and special

library wine tastings at annual Muestra de Arte event in the historic barrel room at Murrieta's Well. Admission is free. Wine tasting is \$10 per person, complimentary for Silver Spur members Unforgettable Estate Blends from California's Livermore Valley 3005 Mines Road, Livermore. [www.murrietaswell.com](http://www.murrietaswell.com)

**Wente Vineyards, November Wine-maker's Dinner** hosted by Karl Wente, gourmet four-course meal paired with the Nth Degree and Small Lot wines by Wente Vineyards. Thursday, November 1, 2012, 6:30 to 9 p.m. \$109 per person, plus tax \$89 Club Wente Members, plus tax. For information call 925-456-2405 or go online shop. [wentevineyards.com](http://wentevineyards.com). Limited seating - Reservations required. Wente Vineyards Event Center, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

**Sunset Sip and Shop**, Livermore Valley Wine Country at the new Premium Paragon Outlets on November 10, 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and include tasting of 15 Livermore Valley Wineries and a commemorative glass. Tickets are limited and can be purchased the day of, at a first come, first served basis. Must be 21 + to taste, ID required. Participating Wineries Include: Big White House Winery and John Evan Cellars, Charles R Vineyards, Concannon Vineyard, Crooked Vine Winery/ Stony Ridge Winery, Eagle Ridge Vineyard, Fenestra Winery, Garré Vineyard & Winery, Little Valley Winery, Longevity Wines, Murrieta's Well, Nottingham Cellars, Rios-Lovell, Rodrigue Molyneux, Wente Vineyards Estate.

**Thomas Coyne Winery Fall Open House**, Nov. 23, 24 and 25, noon to 5 p.m. at 51 E. Vallecitos Road Livermore. Release of five new wines, including the first Sparkling Wine, "methode champenoise." A selection of fine fruits and cheeses will be served. Ginger will be there with samples of flavored Goat Cheese. The goat cheese will be available for sale. Bring a picnic and enjoy the view.

### MUSIC/CONCERTS

**Music every Saturday** in the tasting room from 12 to 4; open every day if the gate is open and for sure on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 11 to 5. Red Feather Winery, 5700 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Information at 449-1871 or [www.redfeatherwinery.com](http://www.redfeatherwinery.com)

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

**Tri-Valley Medieval and Renaissance Collegium** playing session for amateur musicians, Peter Maund, director. Mondays 7:30-9:30 p.m. 7600 Dublin Blvd., suite 370, Dublin. \$25. [informationcollegium2011@gmail.com](mailto:informationcollegium2011@gmail.com) or 925-424-1209 or 925-984-4395

**Authentic New Orleans Style/Danceable Dixieland Traditional Jazz** now at Sunol Jazz Cafe. Comfort food served up with Smokin' Hot Jazz every 1st and 3rd Wednesday Mission Gold Jazz Band. Dinner orders begin at 6 pm; music from 7:30.

**Chris Bradley's Jazz Band**, plays at the Sunol Jazz Cafe (In the Center of Sunol) the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month 7:30-9:30 p.m. The band features real

Jazz from the 1920's.

**Kathy Kallick Band**, Friday, October 26, 2012, Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. [www.asburylivepresents.com](http://www.asburylivepresents.com), 925-447-1950.

**San Ramon Symphonic Band** - Let's Dance, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, Albion Rd., San Ramon; [sanramonperformingarts.com](http://sanramonperformingarts.com). 973-3343.

**Foothill Band Review**, October 27, 2012 over 50 high schools will be on hand for parade, concert and field show competitions. The parade on Main Street begins at 8:30 a.m. 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. The field show competition begins at 4 p.m. followed by the presentation of the field show competition and sweepstakes awards. General admission to the field show is \$10; parade is free. [www.foothillband.org](http://www.foothillband.org)

**Steinway artist Richard Glazier in a "Gershwin Remembrance"**, Sat., Oct. 27, 8 p.m. Las Positas College Music Department fund-raiser. \$25/\$10. Las Positas College Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Advance tickets at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or call 1-800-838-3006. Further information at 424-1100 or [www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts)

**Pleasanton Community Concert Band**, "Chillers and Thrillers" family concert, Oct. 28, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org). Free, donations appreciated.

**Four Freshmen**, Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Livermore-Amador Symphony Pops Concerts**, "Golden Sounds," Nov. 2 begins the celebration of the 50th season. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Doors open at 7 p.m. the concert begins at 8 p.m. Food may be brought in but no drinks; wine, beer, and soft drinks will be sold as part of this fundraiser for the Symphony. Audience and orchestra members are encouraged to attend in costumes in keeping with the theme. Tickets will be available starting on September 15, 2012. All seats are reserved, at \$30 each. Call (925) 447-6454 for reservations.

**Dan Zane and Friends**, Nov. 3, 10 a.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Wake the Dead**, Saturday November 3, 2012, Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. [www.asburylivepresents.com](http://www.asburylivepresents.com), 925-447-1950.

**The Robert Cray Band**, Fri., Nov. 9, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Alexander Schimpf**, piano, Del Valle Fine Arts concert, Nov. 10, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Endless Summer: A Tribute to the Beach Boys** starring the California

## ART &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

Beach Boys. Sun., Nov. 11, 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Rock Drummers and Dancers of Burundi**, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Tribute to the Songs of Johnny Cash** featuring James Garner, Nov. 24, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**Big Bad Voodoo Daddy Holiday Show**, Nov. 25, 7 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, Albion Rd., San Ramon; [sanramonperformingarts.com](http://sanramonperformingarts.com). 973-3343.

**Yuri Liberzon, Classical Guitarist**, Nov. 25, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**Music Department Recital**, Nov. 28, 12:30 p.m. showcasing Las Positas music student performances, free admission. Las Positas College Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Further information at 424-1100 or [www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts)

**Pacific Chamber Symphony**, Fri., Nov. 30, 8 p.m. Handel: Messiah with soloists and the PCS Chorus and grand finale Hallelujah Sing a-long. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

## ON THE STAGE

**Incident at Vichy**, Friday, Saturday 8pm; Sunday 2pm; Oct. 19 – Nov. 10, 2012. Role Players Ensemble presents *Incident at Vichy* by Arthur Miller. The Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville. Tickets \$20 – \$28 – call (925) 314-3400 or buy tickets online at [www.village theatreshow.com](http://www.village theatreshow.com) or at the Community Center, 420 Front St.

**Deathtrap**, Chanticleers Theatre's 2012 season closer, is the longest running comedy-thriller on Broadway and was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Play. Director Gary Wright has put together an outstanding cast to make this mystery an audience delight. Appearing are Chanticleer veteran actors C. Conrad Cady, Lindi Press, Svetlana Coutre, Kai Brothers and John Sellen. Runs Friday and Saturday through November 10th at 8:00 pm with matinees on Sunday October 28th and November 4th at 2:00 pm. Tickets at \$18 general admission and \$15 seniors 60+ and students are at [chanticleers.org](http://chanticleers.org) or 510-SEE-LIVE. Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Avenue, Castro Valley.

**West Side Story**, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre mainstage musical, weekends, Oct. 20-Nov. 4, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**California Theatre Center**, The Sleeping Beauty, 9:30 and 11 a.m., Oct. 31, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Includes lesson guide. [www.ctcinc.org](http://www.ctcinc.org). 800-606-0424.

**Fools, A Comic Fable** by Neil Simon, Nov. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11, 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Sundays.

Las Positas College Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts., 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Advance tickets at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or call 1-800-838-3006. Further information at 424-1100 or [www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts)

**Bay Area Children's Theatre** presents - Lyle, The Crocodile, Nov. 3-11, 11 a.m., 2 and 4:30 p.m. Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon; [sanramonperformingarts.com](http://sanramonperformingarts.com). 973-3343.

**Beauty and the Beast**, Pacific Coast Repertory Theater Presents Beauty and the Beast, weekends Nov. 2 to Nov. 18, 8 p.m. Fri. & Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**Lord what fools these mortals be**, Sun., Nov. 4, 4 p.m. San Francisco Shakespeare Festival presents A Midsummer Night's Dream. 55 minute show, is performed in Shakespeare's original text, by a cast of professional actors in costume, with set, props, and recorded music. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Free admission. [www.sfshakes.org/](http://www.sfshakes.org/)

**Forbidden Broadway**, A wild and wacky view of everything Broadway comes together in a one-of-a-kind evening. Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Particulate Matter**, Chabot College performance explores the building of a Power Plant in the community. Written and directed by Theater Arts instructor, Rachel LePell. Faculty Emeritus Dr. Dennis Chowenhill joins with Rachel LePell as Dramaturg. Reed L. Buffington Visual and Performing Arts Center will be the venue for the first performance starting at 8 p.m. on Nov. 7, and followed with three additional evening performances Nov. 8, 9, and 10. Two matinee performances on Veteran's Holiday weekend will start at 2 p.m. on Nov. 10 and 11. Tickets, available at the door, are \$10 for students, staff, and seniors, and \$15 for general admission, and a \$2 cost for a temporary parking permit (purchase in student lot). 25555 Hesperian Boulevard, Hayward.

**All My Sons**, Douglas Morrisson Theatre closes its "Family Portraits" 2012 season with Arthur Miller's 1947 classic. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third Street, in Hayward. November 15, 2012 – December 9, 2012; November 15 (preview) and December 6 at 8:00 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 PM; Saturday December 1, 2012 at 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Sundays at 2:00 PM. \$10 preview, \$20 Sat. matinee, \$28 Thurs., Fri., Sat. eve., Sun. matinee. (510) 881-6777; [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org)

**Christmas Carol**, Nov. 30-Dec. 15, San Ramon Community Theatre presents Bah Humbug! Scrooge's Christmas Carol, Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon; [sanramonperformingarts.com](http://sanramonperformingarts.com). 973-3343.

## COMEDY

**Comedy@ Firehouse Arts**, Kat Simons, headliner, Dave Mencarelli,

opener, Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 7:30 pm. Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. For tickets, call 931-4848 or go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org)

## DANCE

**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.

**Zydeco at the Bothwell**, Nov. 17, 6 to 10 p.m. dance party and lessons. Featured band Andre Thierry. Doors open 5:30 p.m., dance lessons at 6 and 8 p.m. \$15 at the door. [www.bothwellartscenter.org](http://www.bothwellartscenter.org). 2466 8th St., Livermore.

**Smuin Ballet Christmas**, Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 24, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

## VOLUNTEER

**Livermore-Amador Symphony needs string players** starting this fall—especially viola and cello players. Please contact: [Manager@LivAmSymph.org](mailto:Manager@LivAmSymph.org) or call the manager and leave a message at 925-447-8789. Rehearsals are on Tuesday night at East Ave. Middle School in Livermore. Concert season starts with Pops at the Robert Livermore Community Center in Oct./Nov. followed by 4 concerts: Dec., Feb., March and May at the Bankhead in Livermore. [LivAmSymph.org](http://LivAmSymph.org)

## AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

**2013 Livermore Valley Wine Country Photo Contest**, enter for a chance to win a one-year membership to Livermore Valley Wine Country (that means complimentary tastings for two at more than 40 wineries), 2 tickets to Barrel Tasting Weekend (March 23 & 24, 2013) with a one-night stay at Hawthorn Suites (March 23, 2013). For entry information and entry form, go to the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association website at [www.lvwine.org](http://www.lvwine.org)

## MOVIES

**Genetic Roulette**, will be playing at 7 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 10 at the IBEW Hall; 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. This film alerts us to the growing danger of genetically modified foods in the marketplaces over the past ten years. Round Up pesticide is another shorter focus in this documentary. There will be a potluck before the film and for those who wish to participate, a short discussion follows the film. This event is a non-partisan, public event that is free; although, \$3.00 donations are greatly appreciated. For further information, call 925-462-3459.

**Classic Film Series**, "Make 'em Laugh," hosted by Candy Klaschus, film historian and coordinator of the Humanities Program at Las Positas College; presented by Las Positas College and the Pleasanton Library, Thurs., Nov. 1, 7 p.m. Ninotchka, starring Greta Garbo. Free admission. [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library)

## CHORAL

**Broadway Chorus**, concert theme Saints and Sinners of Broadway, Nov. 9-11, Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre presents, tickets and information at [www.broadwaychorus.org](http://www.broadwaychorus.org)

## OPERA

**Metropolitan Opera Schedule**, screening at Regal Hacienda Cinema in Dublin: Otello, Oct. 27, 9:55 a.m., Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m.; The Tempest, Nov. 10, 9:55 a.m.; Nov. 28, 6:30 p.m.; La Clemenza di Tito, Dec. 1, 9:55 a.m., Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m.; Un Ballo in Maschera, Dec. 8, 9:55 a.m., Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m.; Aida, Dec. 15, 9:55 a.m., Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m.; Les Troyens, Jan. 5, 9 a.m., Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m.; Maria Stuarda, Jan. 19, 9:55 a.m., Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m.; Rigoletto, Feb. 16, 9:55 a.m., March 6, 6:30 p.m.; Parsifal, March 2, 9 a.m., March 20, 6:30 p.m.; Francesca da Rimini, March 16, 9 a.m., April 3, 6:30 p.m.; Giulio Cesare, April 27, 9 a.m., May 15, 6:30 p.m.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Fall 2012 lecture series**, Congregation Beth Emek: Nov. 15 Professor Michael Nacht of UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy, speaking on

non-proliferation challenges in the Middle East. Dec. 5 scholar Ken Cohen who will trace the creation of Tel-Aviv in the early 20th century. Admission is \$10. All lectures will begin at 7:30 pm. Congregation Beth Emek is located at 3400 Nevada Court in Pleasanton. For more information: 510.318.6453. The series is sponsored by Congregation Beth Emek and the Jewish Federation of the East Bay.

## Livermore Downtown Halloween

**Carnival**, Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 1 to 5 p.m. Activities for families with children in the 5th grade and younger. \$5 Fun Passes are available at the booths, day of, at Livermore Valley Plaza and J Street and at K Street. Livermore Downtown Association (925) 373-1795.

**Pleasanton Fall Scavenger Hunt**, Little boys and ghouls will line Main Street for a Halloween scavenger hunt, Museum on Main, 603 Main St., Pleasanton. Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to noon. Hosted by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net).

**Revising Towards a Vision Workshop** with Jose Faus, Oct. 20, noon. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**Earth Tones/Heart Sounds** a Special Poetry Event, Oct. 21, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleas-

anton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).  
**Tea and Talk**, Fri., Nov. 2, 4 to 7 p.m. Bombay Nick's Chai Bar, 4010 East Ave., Livermore. Author Ruth Gasten will discuss her book, "An Accidental American, the story of a young girl's escape from Nazi Germany and her immigrant adventures. [bombaynick-schaibar.com](http://bombaynick-schaibar.com).

**Hometown Heroes**, Sat., Nov. 3, 2:30 p.m. Dublin Senior Center, free admission, refreshments. Wall of Hometown Heroes display. [www.DublinSenior-Center.com](http://www.DublinSenior-Center.com)

**Earlier Than the Bird**, Nov. 17, 7 a.m. to noon, downtown Livermore. 8th annual event hosted by Livermore Downtown, Inc., [www.livermoredowntown.com](http://www.livermoredowntown.com)

**Holiday Boutique**, Sat., Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dublin Senior Center. Handmade arts and crafts. Free admission. 556-4511.

**Small Business Saturday**, Nov. 24, downtown Livermore. [www.livermoredowntown.com](http://www.livermoredowntown.com)

**Francis Slakey**, scientist, author, adventurer, Rae Dorough Speaker Series, Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony**, Thurs., Nov. 29, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Dublin Civic Center.

## Folk Fest Celebrates Ranching Heritage of Sunol Regional Wilderness

The year 2012 marks the 50th anniversary of Sunol-Ohlone Regional Wilderness, an East Bay Regional Park. Before it became a public park, the Geary family ranches on the land for nearly 100 years.

Celebrate Sunol Regional Wilderness' pioneer and ranching heritage at the Pioneer Folk Fest, a free public festival at the park on Saturday, November 3 from 1 to 6:30 pm.

Patrick and Mary Ann Geary were married in the Mission area of Fremont, in the shadow of Mission Peak. In 1865, the couple moved to the Sunol valley—traveling by foot, with their belongings in a cart. The Gearys farmed - and raised their 11 children - at their homestead on Indian

Joe Creek.

Geary descendants continued to ranch at Sunol for decades, even after Willis Brinker bought their land and other homesteads to form the JB Ranch. Brinker died while fighting a fire on the ranch. The land was sold to the Park District, which opened it to the public in 1962.

The festivities on November 3 will feature live music, square dancing, crafts and games. "Barns, brands and bovines" is the theme for the day. Learn about local pioneer and ranching history. Barbeque meals by Dino's Grill will be available for purchase.

Visitors who wish to explore the park may join a free, guided history hike

with Park District naturalists in the morning, or register in advance for a horseback ride through the valley (\$25/\$29). End the evening with an old-fashioned square dance, campfire, and birthday cake.

Sunol Regional Wilderness is located at 1895 Geary Rd., Sunol. Admission is free; parking is \$5.

Additional Activities: Hike 10 am – 1 pm 3 miles, moderately strenuous. Bring water and lunch. No registration required. Horseback riding – 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm; advance registration required, fee (\$25/\$29).

Information is available at 1 (888) 327-2757 or visit [www.ebparcs.org](http://www.ebparcs.org). Day of the event, call the Green Barn Visitor Center at (510) 544-3245.

In 1913, about one hundred years ago, Fred Mathiesen was president of the Livermore town trustees and served with Fred Lassen, Fred Schradler, Patrick O'Donnell, and John Ryan. The town had a population of about 2,000. Life expectancy at the time was 50 years for men and 55 years for women. Woodrow Wilson was our country's President, and the Eiffel Tower was the world's tallest building.

In 1913, the U.S. Post Office started its parcel post service, and the U.S. government collected its first federal income tax. In January the county clerk received voting registration blanks for women. The blanks did not differ from those for men except that they were pink in color. This was the second year that California women were able to vote. PG&E bought the local Livermore Water and Power Company for \$242,000 in April. PG&E continued to supply our community with water until 1927 when the California Water Service took over.

The *Livermore Herald* commented in 1912, "Livermore's fraternal societies are the centers of most of the community's social activities." This was still true a year later: the Dania Society, the Woodmen of the World, the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Eagles, the Red Men, Sons of Hermann, the I.D.E.S., and others. The Foresters started off the year's social calendar with a Mask Ball. The lady's prize for best costume was won by Mrs. Fernandes of Dublin, who was Queen Jane. Her prize was a Victrola talking machine. Many Livermore organizations held dances to raise money for worthy causes. Local police became involved in trying to tone down the "ragging"—jazz dances with lively steps like the grizzly bear, the turkey trot, and the bunny hug. The Underground Athletic

Club held their dance at the Sweeney Opera House at the southwest corner of First and McLeod Streets. No ragging was allowed, except that during one moonlight dance it could "not be altogether prevented."

Sylvan Bordes of the Vasco Grant killed his record-breaking 900-pound Berkshire hog. At the local general stores, housewives could buy sugar for 4¢ a pound, eggs for 14¢ a dozen, and coffee for 15¢ a pound. Meat was available at the butcher shops.

The California Legislature passed the Alien Land Bill. This, of course, did not apply to little green people from Mars. It applied to Asian immigrants—Chinese, Japanese, Koreans. They were not allowed to become citizens and, as aliens, they were allowed to purchase and own land in the state for a maximum of three years. Japanese were not allowed to purchase farmland at all. The Southern Pacific and Western Pacific Railroads continued their daily passenger service to and from Oakland. Riders could also board at Livermore for first class round trips to Denver for \$55, Baltimore for \$107, Chicago for \$72.

One of the most exciting world-wide events in 1913 was the building of the Panama Canal. Many people from around the world traveled to see the "Big Ditch," including two couples from Livermore, the Fassetts and the Crellins. The truly awe-inspiring sight was the nine-mile long Culebra Cut. "Culebra" means snake in Spanish, and it described the twisting turns of the steep cut, as deep as a 25-story building is tall.

H.P. Winegar had built a large enclosed swimming pool at his home on Fourth Street near Holmes. This was a major incentive in persuading the Oakland Oaks minor baseball team to have their spring training in Livermore in 1912

## Do You Remember?

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### One Hundred Years Ago



Livermore High School  
(Photo courtesy of Livermore Heritage Guild)

and 1913. The Livermore Horse Show was held in the first week of March. Many local farmers raised work horses for sale, and this was their opportunity to show off their results to the community and possible buyers from Oakland and San Francisco. Another tradition was the Holy Ghost Festival with a parade on First Street. At their park where the Eagles Hall is now on North Livermore Avenue, the I.D.E.S. held a grand ball and set off fireworks on Saturday night. On Sunday, after a mass in Portuguese at St. Michael's, they gave a barbecue and concert for the town.

Downtown, not far from the flagpole, the Schenone Building was erected. This was designed with two store openings on either side of the front; in the center was the entrance to the movie theater, then called the Bell Theater, which opened on December 27. One of the stores has always been a saloon. Early Livermore has been accused of having many saloons. This was before Prohibition, and I have to admit, applications for liquor licenses came before

the town trustees almost every week.

The Ark Club was a group of local men who fished and hunted for ducks and geese. In 1913 they had their boat, the Sprig, moored on the San Joaquin River. A new state fishing law passed that locals claimed was "an iniquitous measure." The *Herald* said that fishing is a right and not a privilege and should not be taxed. Before the law went into effect, four men from Livermore bagged 97 trout on one trip. Luther Burbank was very busy at this time in Santa Rosa working with various plants. One of them was the spineless cactus, which Burbank claimed had great value as cow and hog feed. Several ranchers, including the Goeckens, the Wentes, and the Concannons, planted it on a trial basis.

Livermore High School seniors gave their invitational hop at the Sweeney Opera House. Several weeks later the nine members of the graduating class celebrated their commencement there.

(to be continued next week)  
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## Bothwell Arts Center to Benefit from Sale of See's Candies

Since it opened in 2006, the Bothwell Arts Center, a wide-ranging creative arts incubator in downtown Livermore, has been broadly supported by the local community. This year, the Center has been named as the beneficiary of an annual holiday fundraising effort by longtime local retailer, Main Street Designs. Now celebrating its 25th anniversary and the opening of its seasonal Christmas shop in a new location, Main Street Designs will sell California's See's Candies from October through December, with the proceeds going to benefit the Bothwell Arts Center.

A consistent presence in downtown Livermore since 1987, Main Street Designs sells a broad range of home décor and specialty gifts. For nearly half that time, they have also operated seasonal Christmas shops in Livermore and other locations. This year the Livermore shop has been relocated to 59 South L Street directly across from the Bothwell's Downtown Art Studios. While See's Candies have previously been sold as a fundraiser at Main Street Designs Christmas Shop, the Bothwell Arts Center was invited to be the recipient for the proceeds.

"We appreciate what the Bothwell brings to Livermore and have participated in the Center's annual ArtWalk since it started," said Sherri Swanson, owner of Main Street Designs. "We're glad to have another wonderful opportunity to support the arts and give back to the community." The See's Candies available at the Main Street Designs Christmas Shop for the Bothwell Arts Center fundraiser include a variety of boxed chocolates and other gourmet treats in regular packaging available now and holiday wrap and gift sets in mid-November.

The Bothwell Arts Center

is a component of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC). The Center nurtures all types of visual and performing arts, providing individual artists and local arts organizations with studio, classroom, rehearsal, performance and event space. In 2006, the Bothwell Arts Center opened on 8th Street. In 2010, the Downtown Arts Studios on South L Street were added, offering artists private and open work spaces that foster interaction. Earlier this year, a monthly event, Art Happens, was introduced. It is held on the second Thursday evening of each month.

In addition to ArtWalk and Art Happens, the Bothwell Arts Center mounts annual fundraising events in support of its facilities and programs, including the popular spring Mardi Gras event, a joyous celebration of art and artisans with a New Orleans theme. Zydeco Dance events began in March, and the next will take place this year on November 17, 2012. Featuring Andre Thierry and Zydeco Magic, the festive event will begin with dance lessons led by Zydeco Ted and include Creole cuisine and a wine and beer bar. Tickets for the Zydeco Holiday Dance Party are \$15 and are available at the door the night of the event.

Bothwell Arts Center Upcoming Events

November 8, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.: ArtHappens with Jacob Hankinson Portraiture at the Downtown Art Studios plus other events throughout downtown.

November 17, 6:00–10:00 p.m.: Zydeco Holiday Dance Party with Andre Thierry and Zydeco Magic at the Bothwell Arts Center.

November 22, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.: Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Bothwell Arts Center.

December 9, 6:00 p.m.: Celtic Christmas Concert and Gathering with live music by Pog Mo Thoin and guests at the Bothwell Arts Center.

December 13, 6:00 -8:00 p.m.: Art Happens with carolers and holiday cheer at the Downtown Art Studios plus other events throughout downtown.

# BULLETIN BOARD

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

## 38th Annual Carnival to Benefit Heifer International

from 3-7 p.m. on Oct. 27 at First Presbyterian Church, intersection of 5th and K Streets in Livermore. Proceeds will benefit Heifer International, an organization that fights world hunger by promoting sustainable agricultural practices in developing countries and the USA. This year's attractions will include games, a cake walk, an animal exhibition, home cooked meals, baked goods, fresh vegetable sales, craft sales, music, and a costume parade. Come in either street clothes or Halloween costumes. Stop by after the Livermore downtown Halloween event.

## Tri-Valley Trailblazers Horse Faire.

Oct. 27 at Robertson Park in Livermore from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parking and admission are free. Fund-raiser to benefit Reins in Motion, an adaptive riding center. The day will include horse trailer safety, horse chiropractic and massage clinics, food trucks, live music, drill teams, kids' petting zoo, vendors, demonstrations. Clinic will be led by Susan Dockter, limited space \$175 for 6 hours of proactive horsemanship. Vendors & sponsors are still needed. Sponsors contact Pat Murray 925-846-2673 or samzpm@sbcbglobal.net Vendors contact Barbara Hoffman 510-589-2572 or birdhousesbybarb@aol.com For more information and registration forms visit: www.ReinsInMotion.com or www.TriValleyTrailBlazers.com

## Heritage Estates Holiday Boutique.

Friday, November 2 and Saturday, November 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Heritage Estates is located at 900 East Stanley Blvd. in Livermore. Shop for handcrafted items made by our talented residents, family and staff. Variety of items including jewelry, jams, scarfs, blankets, baby bonnets and booties, and other interesting handmade items to chose from.

## Livermore Lions 20th Xmas Boutique

Nov. 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Craft and Commercial participants need to contact Lion Jean Beason at 925-373-1131 or jbeason@comcast.net for event fees information about exhibiting at the Bothwell Center. 3 commercial and 3 craft tables still open. The table fees and purchase of food at the event will help support the Livermore Lions' community activities.

**Annual Holiday Bazaar,** Friday and Saturday, November 2-3, from 9am-4pm. Handmade gifts, ornaments, and holiday decorations. Jellies, candies, and baked goods available. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho Street, Livermore. Free admission.

## Livermore-Pleasanton Emblem Club

**Annual Holiday Boutique** is looking for new vendors. Boutique is Saturday, November 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tables rent for \$25 per table. All proceeds from table sales go to fund Emblem Club Projects. Elks Lodge 2117, 940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore. Contact Polly Stonich at (925) 447-5986 or Lodge Office at 925-455-8829, elks2117@comcast.net, for information. Only handcrafted items accepted. Baked goods and lunch are available and sold by the Emblem Club.

## MIB Boutique,

holiday shopping. Thurs., Nov. 8, 7 to 9 p.m. support local mom-owned businesses. Light appetizers & desserts will be available, along with a cash bar and raffle prizes. San Ramon Golf Club - Wedgewood Banquet Center, 9430 Fircrest

Lane, San Ramon. Free admission.

**Holiday Craft Boutique,** Livermore Eagles Hall at 527 N. Livermore Avenue in Livermore on November 10 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Featuring local craft vendors who will present their unique craft items for sale just in time for the Christmas season. Baked Goods will be sold as an additional fundraiser. Christmas music will play.

**Holiday boutique,** Saturday, December 1, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring handmade crafts by local artisans, delicious food, fun arts and crafts, free make and takes for kids and adults, music and all day raffles. First 50 people get a prize. Livermore Valley Charter School fund-raising, 2451 Portola Avenue, Livermore.

**Annual Holiday Boutique,** Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association Unit 287 will present the event on Dec. 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Veterans Building, 522 South "L" St., Livermore. 8 ft. tables available for rent at \$25, call Polly 447-5986. Proceeds go to help service men and women who are overseas, along with veterans at home who are always in need of help. Snack bar run by veterans attending classes at Las Positas College.

## Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring

**Club,** Sat., Oct. 27, 35 miles from Pleasant Hill BART to Martinez, meet 9 a.m., Joan Spiegel, jespiegel925@gmail.com. Sun., Oct. 28, 65 miles Martinez to Davis via Pleasanton Valley, meet 9 a.m., ride back on Capital Corridor Amtrak train, for details contact ride hosts Emma Olenberger 707-479-4549 or Gary Hsueh 510-334-1976. Wed., Oct. 31, 30 miles to Las Trampas and back, meet 10 a.m. Erica Decon, 828-9183. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

## Senior Support Program of the

**Tri-Valley** is looking for Volunteer Drivers to transport seniors to their medical appointments. The Senior Transportation Program supplements existing public and paratransit services by providing rides via volunteer drivers. Volunteers must have a valid driver's license, a registered vehicle, carry automobile liability insurance, and have a clear DMV record. Please contact Jennifer Cullen for more information at (925) 931-5387 or email: jcullen@ssptv.org. Funding for this program is provided by Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) and Measure B Funds.

## Diabetes Self-Management Classes.

This 7 week series will teach how to manage diabetes with exercise, healthy eating and medications, and answer questions about living with diabetes. Tuesdays, October 30 through Dec. 11, 10 am -11:30, Dublin Senior Center. Class is open to adults of all ages (not just Seniors) with prediabetes or type 2 diabetes. Please call the Alameda County Diabetes Program at 510-383-5185 to register. Space is limited.

## Love-A-Doll Club

meets on the second Thursday morning of each month. Share the love, knowledge and collection of dolls and doll related items. For more detailed information, call 925-447-5149.

**Genetic Roulette,** will be playing at 7 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 10 at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. This film alerts us to the growing danger of genetically modified foods in the marketplaces over the past ten years. Round Up pesticide is another shorter focus in this documentary. There will be a potluck before the film and for those who wish to participate, a short discussion follows the film. This event is a non-partisan, public event that is free; although, \$3.00 donations are greatly appreciated. For further information, call 925-462-3459.

**Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated** will host speaker Arkady Faktorovich at the November 8 dinner meeting. Faktorovich

is a very humorous, patriotic, and well-educated man who shares what it was like to grow up in socialist controlled Ukraine and what it took to get to the United States from behind the Iron Curtain. He will also share his thoughts about the direction he feels America is heading. Dinner will be held at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore, 6:00 p.m. \$26 members/\$30 guests. For reservations and information contact Phyllis Couper at coup-clan1962@pacbell.net or 925-462-4931.

**Dance Clinic Fund-raiser,** resented by Granada High School Dance Team. The clinic is 9 a.m. to noon on Sat., Oct. 27. The clinic is open to all elementary and middle school children. It gives the kids an opportunity to interact with the high school team, learn a dance routine and actually perform out on the football field for the Granada/Livermore game. Each participant takes home a t-shirt, CD with music and video and a snack goody bag. The cost is \$40.00 and all proceeds go directly to the GHS Dance Team. Pre-registration is recommended. Walk-ins are fine. Information, email sramirez@braddockandlogan.com

**ClutterLess,** Jane Malmgren, founder of Upward Path Hypnosis, will speak on "Changing Your Attitudes: New Ways to Deal with Clutter and Feel More Relaxed While Doing It" at a special open meeting of ClutterLess on Monday, November 5th. ClutterLess (CL) is a non profit, Self Help Group for for people who face challenges in managing clutter. CL meets every Monday evening, (except some holidays, like Veterans Day) Rm 7 at 7 pm at the St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, 4300 Mirador, Pleasanton. (formerly the Pleasanton Presbyterian buildings). Prospective members are welcome. Meetings are free; an optional donation of \$2 to \$5 will be appreciated. Those who were not at the last meeting, lease make a reservation: Volunteer 925-525-3992 or clutterlesspleasanton@hotmail.com.

**Tri-Valley Basket Brigade,** Saturday November 17 at 10 a.m. All are invited to join the Tri-Valley Basket Brigade for a Thanksgiving food drive. On Brigade Day, participants bring food and clothing items to create beautiful Thanksgiving baskets for families in need. Bags containing food, clothing and personal products are assembled & delivered to the homeless, too. Meet at Valley Montessori School, 1273 N. Livermore Ave., Livermore. For more information or to sign up, please visit www.trivalleybasketbrigade.com or contact Katherine at 925-922-7615

**Pleasantonians for Peace,** candlelight Vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, Wed., Nov. 14, 7 p.m. Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, Nov. 28, between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Call Cathie Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org

**Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner,** between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. over 1000 meals will be served and hundreds more delivered to those unable to attend. Transportation is available to give people rides to and from the dinner. Those in need of a ride or a meal delivered please call 455-9782. Anyone interested in helping out is invited to attend an information and planning meeting on Wednesday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Bothwell Center, 2466 8th Street. For more information please call anytime or check out our web site at WWW.LCDO.ORG.

**Sadie Hawkins Day Dance,** Friday,

November 9, 2012, 8pm-midnight, men are not allowed to say no if a woman asks them to dance. The party is at Handle's at The Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main Street, Pleasanton. Adults of all ages are welcome. \$20 at the door includes dancing to current hits and oldies. Coat & tie/dressy attire recommended. Anyone who wishes more information about this and many more singles parties may visit www.ThePartyHotline.com or call 415/507-9962.

**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 Parkview, 100 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, see our website, www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org, e-mail assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com, or call (925) 461-6401.

**Free computer training classes** will be offered at the Livermore Library during November. Best of the Web class on Monday, November 5, from 1-3:00 PM. Internet for Beginners class on Monday, November 19, from 1-3:00 PM. Searching the Internet on Monday, November 26, from 1-3:00 PM. Classes are hands on, first come first served and take place in Community Meeting Room B. For further information call 373-5505. -1188 So. Livermore Ave.

## Birthright of Livermore Support

**Services,** looking for office volunteers to assist clients weekly on Tuesdays 10-2 (or Mondays), and substitutes for all days. Birthright offers free pregnancy tests, guidance, adoption and medical referrals, baby and maternity clothing, and more. Those in need of services, please visit the Livermore office at 1520 Catalina Ct., or call us at 449-5887. Open M-Tu-W-F 10 am-2 pm and Thurs. 6-9 pm. 1-800-550-4900 Hotline is staffed 24 hours a day. All Birthright services are free and confidential. www.birthright.org

**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, email operationsam@comcast.net or call 925 443-7620 for more information and the calendar of events.

## RELIGION

**First Presbyterian Church,** 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel, 10:30 Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program. 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. 449-4403 or www.Tri-ValleyBible-Church.com.

**Unitarian Universalist,** 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Information 447-8747.

**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.

**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.

**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. 8:30 a.m. worship (semiformal); 9:45 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 N. L Street Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - 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/ 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.

**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.

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

**St. Innocent Orthodox Church,** 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Sunday service at 10 a.m. For details please see our website at www.stinnocent.net or call Fr. Leo Arrowsmith at 456-0845.

**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, Sunday services with Rev. Joyce Parry Moore - Rector. 8:00 am Contemplative Eucharist with Taize music. 9:15 am Godly Play and Adult Bible

Study, 10:30 am Sung Eucharist with choir; child-care available. Youth Group every Sunday from 4:00pm to 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall and youth room; youth oriented programs "Rite 13" and "Journey to Adulthood." www.saintbartslivermore.com/ for more information.

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

**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 925-862-2580

**Pathway Community Church,** 6533 Sierra Lane, Dublin. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday 10:30 a.m. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org (925) 824-4793.

**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 pmjrmueler@gmail.com for more info.

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

**Lynnwood United Methodist Church,** 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Sunday worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am with childcare and Sunday school at 10:30 am. Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer, minister. All are welcome. www.lynnwood.org, 925 846-0221.

**Mass of Remembrance,** remember, and give thanks for all the persons who were loved and who have died, at a Mass of Remembrance on Monday, November 12 at 7:30pm at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. Those attending may bring a small picture or memento of a loved one to place on the memorial table. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

**Talk by Christine Driessen:** "Infinite Resources. Infinite Intelligence. Infinite Supply" Nov. 3, 4 to 5 p.m. First Church of Christ, Scientist, 263 South N St., Livermore. Free, contemporary child care for children to young to attend the talk. www.christiansciencechurchlivermore.com, info@christiansciencechurchlivermore.com, phone (answering machine; leave a message and it will be returned): 925-447-2946. Sponsored by the members of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore. All are welcome.

**Community HU Chant** theme of a non-denominational prayer activity Saturday October 27 at 10:00 AM. The Community HU Chant is held once a month each 4th Saturday at The Heritage Estates, 2nd Floor Activity Room at 900 East Stanley Blvd, Livermore. For More Information contact http://eck-ca.org/ by computer.

**Family Movie Night,** Nov. 9, from 7 to 9 pm. "The Perfect Game," is a movie based on a true story how a ragtag Little League team from Monterrey, Mexico won the Little League World Series in 1957. Donations will fund an outreach to women and children in India. The movie is sponsored by She Is Safe and will be shown at Valley Christian Center, 7500 Inspiration Drive, Dublin. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Joyce at 925-447-9530

## Making a Difference

Although you may not think there are families struggling to make ends meet in this area, that's not the case. That's where Assistance League® of Amador Valley comes to the rescue. As part of a national non-profit organization, this chapter is made up of 75 members who put caring and commitment into action through community-based philanthropic programs.

The largest of these programs, Clothing the Children, falls under our national umbrella of Operation School Bell®. It takes place through October. Every year, Tri-Valley schools identify children in need. This year 400 youngsters are experiencing the privilege of shopping for school clothes individually with a member or community volunteer at Kohl's Department Store. Each child is allotted \$100 to spend and given a \$20 gift card for PayLess Shoes.

Nancy Carter and Carol Sum have led Operation School Bell for many years and have spent countless hours making this a reality, and they agree that observing the excitement of the children and their parents make this program extremely worthwhile. "The \$48,000 is very well-spent," says Carter.

Along with clothing children, Assistance League, through Books of My Own®, supplies new books to K-5 Title 1 students to be used in the classroom and then taken home for personal use. The organization also provides assistance to teen parents at Horizon High School to encourage them to remain in school and earn their diplomas.

Another program, Screening Eyes Early, involves vision screening in youngsters attending Tri-Valley preschools to detect amblyopia, otherwise known as "lazy eye disorder." If discovered at an early age, treatment can begin im-



Pictured is Tamran Girvan.

mediately, and the problem can be corrected. Members are officially trained by Prevent Blindness of Northern California®.

Assistance League volunteers create and provide "Birthday Bags" which include gifts and party supplies to children at the Tri-Valley Haven. Also, Assault Survivor Kits®, composed of comfort items such as toiletries and clothing plus a teddy bear, are given to assault victims.

Senior citizens are not forgotten by members, for volunteers help out at the Snappy Café in the Pleasanton Senior Center, and reading materials are provided for their enjoyment. Special events are planned for the Pleasanton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center as well.

The chapter features two major fundraising events, one being Supporting Our Community Kids. This is a mailer sent to donors in the fall that specifically supports Clothing the Children.

The annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party and program for over 300 ladies is held in the spring. The remainder of the monetary support is acquired through various generous grants, community organizations and local people who know how devoted the volunteers are to serving our Tri-Valley community needs.

"There's much satisfaction in working together to accomplish big goals," says President, Lori Lapedes, "and although we work hard, various social gatherings throughout the year help members form lasting friendships and are an important aspect of this outstanding organization. We're always looking for new members whose lives will also be enriched."

For more information, check the website at [www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org](http://www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org), e-mail [assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com](mailto:assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com) or call (925) 461-6401.

## Daughters of the American Revolution Active

By Cindee Delavara

Daughters of the American Revolution has long celebrated the Constitution, and José Maria Amador Chapter, NSDAR, received a Constitution Week proclamation at the Dublin City Council meeting Tues., Sept. 18, 2012. The chapter's Regent Diane Groome and Registrar Carole Vercellino were present at the regular session of the city's council meeting.

Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti supported the proclamation of Sept. 17-23 as Constitution Week for the City of Dublin by presenting Groome with an official declaration signed by the mayor, Vice Mayor Kevin Hart and Councilmembers Don Biddle, Kasie Hildenbrand, and Eric Swalwell.

The Pleasanton City Council and San Ramon City Council also approved a proclamation affirming the commemoration of the drafting of The Constitution of the United States of America, and gave José Maria Amador Chapter official decrees.

In 1955, the Daughters petitioned Congress to set aside Sept. 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution celebrating our American liberties was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into Public Law #915 on Aug. 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

At its fall meeting Sat., Sept. 8, José Maria Amador Chapter installed new member Cynthia Lowrance Gehl of Pleasanton. Gehl began seeking out her family's roots a couple of years ago and contacted the chapter in an effort to pursue her genealogical interests.

"I have always had an interest in my family history," said Gehl. "I checked out DAR on the internet and was fortunate enough to contact the José Maria Amador Chapter."

Gehl explained that Re-



Pictured is the Dublin City Council presenting DAR Regent Diane Groome with an official declaration.

gent Diane Groome took her under her wing and guided her through the research process. Her patriot is William Lowrance who was born in N.C. in 1763. He served in the Revolutionary War then migrated to KY where he remained until his death in 1852.

Gehl moved to California in 1983 where she met her husband Bob. They have two children, Kevin and Allison. In addition to spending hours on [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) and quilting, Gehl enjoys cooking and traveling.

"I am looking forward to getting involved in DAR," said Gehl.

José Maria Amador Chapter member Phyllis Houghton and her husband Norm volunteered at Stand Down 2012, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds Sept. 13-16. The event, which occurs every two years, helps displaced, homeless and needy veterans and their families by providing a multitude of services.

"We volunteered Thurs. with about 1,900 others," said Houghton. "Nearly 450-600 vets received shelter, showers, pet care, food and resources such as medical, counseling, and jobs over the four days."

Houghton said it was heartwarming to see so many volunteers in the relaxed, loving atmosphere, but sad to see so many vets in need.

Livermore dentist Dr. Deanna Aronoff also offered her services. "I volunteered but they didn't need any more dentists this year," she said.

Four chapter board members journeyed to Gilroy on Wed., Sept. 19, to lay plans for a José Maria Amador Chapter fieldtrip to visit the grave site of its namesake Mr. José Maria Amador (1794-1883). Gilroy Historical Society President Connie Rogers met with the group to survey the Old St. Mary's Cemetery, and locate Amador's grave. The cemetery, which is estimated to have opened in 1866, also contains the grave of John Cameron Gilroy (1792-1869). The group lunched at Tasso's Old House Restaurant on First St., in Gilroy.

José Maria Amador Chapter meets the second Saturday of each month Sept.-May, and welcomes guests and prospective members. For more information about membership, contact Regent Diane Groome at [dggroome@comcast.net](mailto:dggroome@comcast.net)