



Character Of Future Conflict Discussed in Livermore Forum

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 Review of Jekyll and Hyde The Musical; events and authors during National Novel Writing Month; Dublin High School play; Livermore Jazz performance; and much, much more including calendars.

By Jeff Garberson
 Conflict in the future world will be fashioned by factors as diverse as ancient ethnic and religious passions, the increased automation of military systems and the knowledge that no one knows the outcome of a nuclear exchange. That was the view of a senior Livermore scientist who led

a Pentagon agency and has remained active in national defense studies.
 In some ways, the world has gone "back to my grandfather's lifetime" when "the worst thing that could happen was an anarchist throwing a bomb in the marketplace," according to Dr. Jay Davis, speaking last week at a forum at Livermore's

Presbyterian Church.
 In other ways, the march of technology has left the world far more dangerous and uncertain, with Pakistan and India eyeing each other suspiciously, each armed with nuclear tipped missiles that can reach the other in 2-3 minutes, Davis said.
 There is the potential for similar short-fuse confrontations in the Middle East,

where nuclear technology is available and hostilities are driven by tribal loyalties and religious fervor more than by national unity, he added.
 In the meantime, the push to reduce the U.S. nuclear arsenal may leave our allies uncertain whether they can count on us for protection.
 "There are about 15 nu-

clear capable states that chose never to have nuclear weapons because we promised we would cover for them," he said. A world in which "10 nations all have 200 nuclear weapons" faces very different risks than one in which the U.S. and Russia are the predominant nuclear powers.

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Veterans Day Parade Set for November 1

The Pleasanton American Legion Post 237 and VFW Post 6298 will host the 19th Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade for 2015. Traditionally it is the largest Veterans Day Parade in Northern California with over 100 parade entries.

The parade will take place starting at 1 p.m. on Nov. 1 in downtown Pleasanton. It will start in front of the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street and end at St. Mary's Street and Main Street.

Review officers this year will be Maj Gen Nickolas Tooliatos (63rd Regional Support Commander) and Lt Col Drew Jones, Camp Parks Garrison Commander. Our Grand Marshal will be Sgt Coal (K9) and Handler Patrick (Gus) Stueber USMC. Coal and Gus were deployed to Afghanistan 2010 as IED Detectors (IDD Handlers). Sgt. Coal was retired 2012 and released to Gus.

This year the parade will include new features with our traditional marching units. K9 Units, 40/8 Locomotive and Military Vehicles. Bands include US Army 191st Band, Dublin High School Band and Scottish Bagpipe Band.

Marching units will be Color Guards from all branches of the service as well as local Veteran Organizations. The Riderless Horse symbolizing fallen soldiers and accompanied by Camp Parks Soldier is furnished by Alameda County Sheriff's Department and its Mounted Posse Color Guard. A special unit, the

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Pleasanton to Open STEAM Preschool

Pleasanton Unified School District plans to open its innovative STEAM Preschool on Monday, January 4, 2016. Enrollment opens Sunday, November 1, 2015.

STEAM stands for (science, technology, engineering, art and math).

With the understanding that all children are natural learners who actively seek out new knowledge and answers to their natural curiosity, PUSD's STEAM Preschool philosophy is to use children's interests, PUSD's STEAM Preschool philosophy is to use children's interests, a question and comments to plan activities which facilitate learning and comprehension.

PUSD will hold four open houses at the school, 1st and Bernal in Pleasanton. All community members are welcome to attend to learn more about this innovative program. There is no admission charge.

Dates and times are Nov. 12, 4 to 6 p.m.; Nov. 14, 1 to 3 p.m.; Nov. 17, 5 to 7 p.m.; and Nov. 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information on the STEAM Preschool, visit the website at <http://steampreschool.pleasantonusd.net/>



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore Downtown Inc. hosted its annual Halloween Carnival last Saturday. Many unique costumes were seen during the festivities. This Saturday, Oct. 31, the Pleasanton Downtown Association invites little ghouls, witches, princesses and super heroes age 10 and younger to take part in a Scavenger Hunt from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information email events@pleasantondowntown.net.

Livermore City Council Agrees to Discuss RFP Extension

The Livermore City Council has agreed to discuss at its next council meeting an extension of a request for proposals (RFP) for the development of property in downtown Livermore.

The city put out two RFPs for the development of 8 plus acres in the downtown. Uses could include a hotel-conference center and residential units, plus some retail and commercial.

Colliers International-DZT/Cushman Wakefield, hired to market the site, issued the RFPs in September.

The original cutoff date of November 2 for submit-

ting RFPs has been extended to November 18. However, an Ad Hoc Advocacy Committee asked that the date be moved to Jan. 15.

At Monday's council meeting, members of the Ad Hoc Committee, as well as other interested parties, asked the council to place the matter on the November 9 agenda. Councilmembers Bob Woerner, Steven Spedowski and Mayor John Marchand agreed to do so.

Council procedures require three members of the council to agree in order to place an item brought up under matters initiated on a

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Zone 7 Boosts Water Rates for 3 Years

Zone 7 Water Agency directors have raised water rates with a package that will include 13 percent boosts every year for three years on the water rates charged to the Valley's four water retailers.

The retailers are the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, Dublin San Ramon Services District, and California Water.

The vote was 6-1, with director Angela Ramirez Holmes voting against it.

There also will be a one-year drought surcharge,

which will sunset at the end of calendar year 2016, the board decided at its meeting Oct. 22.

The surcharge will help replenish Zone 7 coffers because water conservation last year and so far this year has exceeded goals. The retailers ordered less water, and therefore paid less, requiring a heavy reliance on reserves costing Zone 7 \$16 million this year out of its reserves and \$9 million last year.

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Pleasanton Seen As a Good Place to Conduct Business

Nine in ten respondents to a survey of local businesses find Pleasanton to be an excellent or good place to do business, in large part due to its positive business environment, convenient location, and friendly people.

Focus groups and a telephone survey were used to assemble data in the 2015 survey.

The findings were compared to a similar survey conducted in 2012.

Pamela Ott, Director of

Economic Development, presented the results at last week's Pleasanton City Council meeting. She stated, "Only two areas showed a drop in satisfaction since 2012."

Ott told the council that

the 2015 survey found noticeable and statistically significant decreases in ratings of Pleasanton's location in terms of attracting qualified employees, retaining qualified employees, and finding appropriate business

space. She explained that the city's consultant suggested the changing economy has meant a decrease in vacancies, as well as fewer people looking for work.

The second decrease fo-

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School Board Moves Ahead with Solar Project

The Livermore Valley Unified School District Board approved participation in a solar energy project at last week's meeting.

Up to nine sites are proposed for solar installations, including Granada and Livermore High Schools, Junction K-8 School, Croce Elementary, Altamont Creek, Christensen Middle School, Arroyo Seco, Jackson Avenue and Marilyn Avenue.

The vote was unanimous, with Chuck Rogge a "reluctant" supporter. He was concerned about approving

a 20 year contract.

Rogge noted the contract would end in 2036, during that time technology will have changed. The panels being installed may be out of date.

Board President Kate Runyon pointed out that the district is committing to purchase electricity at a rate substantially better than what it is now paying. She said that there is a long history of escalating rates. Plus, incentives to install solar

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Foothill High School Band Review was held last Saturday for the 41st time. Bands from middle and high schools took part in the parade, concert and field show competitions. Pictured in the parade competition on Main Street in Pleasanton is the Wells Elementary School band.

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PET OF THE WEEK
 One year old Molé is a striped grey tabby with a spicy streak! Are you looking for a gentle, playful companion full of love and affection? Adopt Molé today and take home the whole enchilada! Molé is one of the specials at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, Valley Humane Society is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am - 4pm. For more information, visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656. Photo - Valley Humane Society/G. Subramanian

Sandia Work to Extend Life of Nuclear Warheads

Sandia National Laboratories is doing what it hasn't done in decades: extending the life of a nuclear warhead, at the same time the U.S. Air Force develops a replacement cruise missile that will carry the weapon.

The goal of the W80-4 Life Extension Program (LEP) is refurbishing the W80 warhead with replacement components for aging technology and components that have limited lifespans. Sandia's California site is responsible for development of non-nuclear components and subsystems and for systems integration. Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory is responsible for the

refurbishment of the nuclear explosive package and joint development of detonators with safety features.

A life extension program refurbishes aging components that are reaching the end of their service life. Scientists and engineers make decisions to reuse, remanufacture or redesign weapons components. A reused component is requalified to go back into a weapon without change. A component that's determined to be past its original life is remanufactured to the original specifications. However, if some components can't be remade to those specifications because the parts

aren't available anymore, Sandia redesigns them using modern parts.

Based on President Obama's budget request, the W80-4 LEP budget would increase in fiscal year 2016.

The W80-4 LEP is likely to become the largest weapons system development and integration effort at the Sandia California site in two decades. The W80 was originally developed by Los Alamos and Sandia, with the first units fielded in 1982.

"The LEP will update the interface between the warhead and the missile to meet current Air Force standards and requirements, assuring nuclear safety and

security," said Paul Spence, who joined the program in February as manager of the W80-4 Systems Integration department. The W80-4 LEP builds on programs that began more than a decade ago. The feasibility study phase, officially known as

Phase 6.2, was approved July 23 by the Nuclear Weapons Council (NWC).

"It's exciting to have the program in the Livermore Valley. It's important ... to collaborate closely with Lawrence Livermore and

production agencies like the National Security Campus in Kansas City," Spence said. "Sandia will also work with Pantex, Savannah River and others. There will be lots of interactions to build on and grow."

Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Summit Planned in Livermore

Retail, hospitality, and tourism business owners, professionals, educators, and aspiring industry leaders, and community college students are invited to the upcoming Tri-Valley Retail, Hospitality, and Tourism Summit on Tuesday, November 3, 8:30am-3:00pm at the Robert Livermore Community Center located at 4444 East Avenue, Livermore.

The event is designed to help participants increase their industry expertise, develop innovative strategies needed in this ever-changing industry, and gain tools necessary for them to enhance their careers in retail, hospitality, or tourism.

The program includes workshops on a variety of topics, an expert panel of speakers, and networking opportunities, as well as breakfast and lunch prepared by Del Valle Continuation High School and Village High School in Pleasanton.

The event is a joint collaboration involving the cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, Danville, and Dublin, Las Positas College, Skyline College, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, Visit Tri-Valley, and Livermore Downtown Inc, among others.

Admission to the event is \$25 (valued at \$125), which includes breakfast and lunch. The event is made possible through the Bay Region: Retail, Hospitality,

and Tourism "Learn and Earn" Grant, awarded to Skyline College, which is part of the California State's Chancellors Office "Doing What Matters for Jobs and the Economy" Initiative. The grant was awarded to advance and develop high quality Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Educational Programs, pathways, professional development and industry partnerships within the 28 Bay Region Community Colleges.

According to Andrea Vizenor, Deputy Sector Navigator Bay Region Community College Retail, Hospitality and Tourism, "The Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Industry is vital to California's economy, an industry that generated revenue of over \$95 billion dollars in 2012 and is

experiencing growth today that far exceeds that. With a projected 347,000 career opportunities available in this sector in the state of California by 2017, California Community Colleges has an exciting opportunity to be a catalyst in building programs that address skill's gaps, provide cutting-edge training to ensure individuals advance their careers and have increased opportunities along with high quality industry partnerships that build pipelines of talent who thrive from constant change in the workplace and have a strong desire to give exemplary customer service."

To register for this event, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tri-valley-retail-hospitality-tourism-summit-tickets-18210923362?aff=es2>

Class to Focus on Raising Children in an Anxious World

First Presbyterian Church of Livermore will be offering three new classes under its Wednesday Night Live program. Classes are free and open to the public.

The current series will be offered Wednesday evenings, Nov. 4, 11 and 18th. A light dessert and welcome starts at 6:40 pm, with class commencing at 7 pm.

The Nov 4 class will look at Raising Children in an Anxious World. The three week class will explore the contemporary climate that has contributed to a rise in anxiety in children (and

adults). Examining Madeleine Levine's book The Price of Privilege, there will be a discussion of what parents and communities can do to help young people navigate the choppy waters of the current culture, and how faith informs parenting.

This class will be led by Linda Taylor, who has worked as a School Psychologist for over 25 years serving students from age 3 to 22.

Interested parties are asked to register by calling the church office at (925) 447-2078.

Draft Report on Proposed Mission Peak Staging Area Released by EBRPD

The East Bay Regional Park District has released the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Stanford Avenue Staging Area Expansion Project at Mission Peak for public review.

The EIR examines two options to expand the existing Stanford Avenue staging area, in order to provide additional parking and restrooms to better accommodate visitor demand. By expanding and improving the staging area, the Park

District anticipates that existing noise, trash and safety issues on the neighborhood streets will be reduced, and that park visitors will be better served.

Both options include 300-space maximum parking areas, new restrooms, a kiosk, picnic tables, landscaping and storm-water controls. Option A calls for a parking lot northeast of the existing lot, while Option B includes a parking lot southeast of the existing lot.

The Draft EIR can be read at Park District headquarters. The public can comment on the draft through 5 p.m. Nov. 30 by writing to Michelle Julene, Senior Planner, East Bay Regional Park District, P.O. Box 5381, Oakland 94605-0381, or emailing StanfordAveProject@ebparks.org.

The Park District board of directors is expected to discuss and vote on the report in 2016.

Community Invited to Veterans Day Events at Las Positas College

Las Positas College (LPC) invites the public to attend a series of free events focused on honoring veterans and learning about their war adventures. Veterans Day events at LPC kick off on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 with a flyover of a Vietnam H2 Huey helicopter that will land in the parking lot in front of the Mertes Center on the LPC campus between 9:45 and 10:00 a.m.

Shortly thereafter, at 10:00 a.m., three inspirational speakers will take the main stage of the Mertes Center for the Arts, beginning with Brian Thompson who works with the Military Service Department of Education in Washington, D.C. A Tri-Valley native, Thompson is also a former history teacher who will discuss the European and Pacific Theaters in World War II, as well as the GI bill-then and now. Thompson served in the 82nd Airborne Division during the war in Afghanistan.

Joining Thompson on stage will be two special guests, both World War II veterans. John Shirley served in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II and was a POW. Mickey Ganitch was in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Pennsylvania at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor. These two honored veterans will tell of their experiences during this pivotal time in American history. The public is invited to share in this rare opportunity to hear these personal accounts. Last year marked the 70th anniversary of D-Day, and today less than one million of the 16 million soldiers who served in World War II are still alive.

Other events leading up to Veterans Day include a free movie night sponsored by the LPC Student Veterans Organization on Tuesday, November 3, on the main stage of the Mertes Center for the Arts. The featured film will be "Restrepo," a

documentary covering the deployment of a platoon of U.S. soldiers to Afghanistan's Korengal Valley (not recommended for children).

On Wednesday, November 4, LPC Veterans Stories is scheduled in the Mertes Center for the Arts, where student veterans will read their writings and relay their experiences in the military. Refreshments will be served in the lobby from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Stories will be told in the theater beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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PARADE

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Golden Gate Garrison Star Wars Storm Troopers, will be present as well.

A ceremony open to the public in the Veterans Memorial Building will follow the Parade featuring Pleasanton's Community Band and keynote speaker Maj Gen Nickolas Tooliatos.

(See today's Independent Magazine for a story about K-9 units.)



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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Computing Systems Subcontract

The National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA's) Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has awarded a subcontract to Penguin Computing – a leading developer of high-performance Linux cluster computing systems based in Silicon Valley – to bolster computing for stockpile stewardship at its three national security laboratories.

Under the terms of the contract, awarded for NNSA's tri-lab Advanced Simulation and Computing (ASC) program, Penguin Computing will receive \$39 million to provide over 7 Petaflops (quadrillion floating operations per second) of "capacity" computing capability to Los Alamos, Sandia and Lawrence Livermore national laboratories. These commodity technology systems (CTS) are designed to run a large number of 'jobs' simultaneously on a single system.

This strategy allows NNSA's more powerful "advanced technology system" (ATS) supercomputers to be dedicated to the largest and most complex calculations critical to stockpile stewardship.

Computing clusters built of "scalable units" (SUs) will be delivered to each of the laboratories between April 2016 and September 2018. Each scalable unit represents approximately 200 teraflops of computing power. These SUs are designed to be connected, much like Legos, to create more powerful systems. Scalable units will be divided among the three labs with each configuring the SUs into clusters according to mission needs.

Advances in computational technology, enabled in part by NNSA's ASC program, have brought down the cost of HPC systems from approximately \$100,000,000 per teraflop (trillion floating point operations per second) in 1995 to less than \$5,000 per teraflop today, a factor of 20,000.

DSRSD Moves to Stage 1

The Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) Board of Directors unanimously decided to lower the "water consumption" charges on customers' bills by moving from Stage 2 to Stage 1 water shortage rates, effective Nov. 1, 2015.

Water shortage rates work in parallel with required water conservation: the Stage 1 rate is designed to achieve up to 10 percent conservation, Stage 2 up to 20 percent, and Stage 3 up to 35 percent. As of Oct. 5, the District has achieved a system-wide reduction in potable water use for the 2015 calendar year (compared to calendar year 2013) of 35 percent, well above its 12 percent target.

"Our customers have done a terrific job and reduced their water use 35 percent, well beyond the state mandated conservation level of 12 percent, so we can relax from Stage 2 water shortage rates to Stage 1," says DSRSD Board President Ed Duarte. "However," he added, "if winter rains and snow don't come, in the spring we may be forced to return to Stage 2 water shortage rates."

In other drought-related actions last night, the DSRSD Board unanimously took the following actions:

- Eliminated the rebate for replacing a lawn with artificial turf, aligning the District's rebate program with Zone 7 Water Agency's rebate program; and,
- Allowed DSRSD customers to use potable water to fill spas and top off pools and spas, and for special construction needs.

EBRPD Buys Land

The East Bay Regional Park District has acquired an important 3-acre parcel on McKay Ave in the City of Alameda that will lead to the expansion of Crown Memorial State Beach.

The acquisition resolves an eminent domain action by the United States government against the State of California and the Park District to seize control over portions of McKay Avenue, the main access road to Crab Cove.

The Park District agreed to a purchase price of \$2,182,500 for the property, which formerly housed the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Board of Directors is expected to formally approve the purchase at its Nov. 3 meeting. In addition, the parties have agreed that the ownership of McKay Avenue will return to the State.

After the USDA offices were consolidated and its employees were relocated, the small parcel of land known as Neptune Point became a hot topic in 2011 when the GSA agreed to sell the property to a private developer who planned to construct 48 homes adjacent to Crown Memorial State Beach.

The United States sued the State of California and the Park District in an eminent domain action in 2014 to acquire McKay Avenue in an attempt to complete its sale of Neptune Point to a private developer. The State Attorney General's office, working with EBRPD attorneys and the California State Parks, fought back and argued that such action should be reserved for public benefit, not the private benefit of a residential developer. In the alternative, the State and the Park District claimed that if the United States were allowed to take McKay Avenue, the United States would need to pay \$1.4 million in compensation.

"The community won with this agreement," said Robert Doyle, General Manager of the East Bay Regional Park District. "We promised in 2008 through our Measure WW bond election that we would expand Crab Cove with this valuable land."

Swalwell Supports Crowdfunding

U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell (CA-15) and five House Democrats sent a letter to Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Chair Mary Jo White calling on the SEC to release the rules that will finally allow entrepreneurs to use crowdfunding sites to offer equity or debt in exchange for capital. Swalwell sent the letter after holding town halls with millennial entrepreneurs across the country as part of the Future Forum, a group he chairs consisting of young Democratic Members of Congress. All signers of the letter are Future Forum members.

"Investment crowdfunding should be part of the future, but the SEC is currently holding entrepreneurs back," said Swalwell. "Not all would-be entrepreneurs can turn to traditional venture funding or angel investors when they have a great idea, and investment crowdfunding is an opportunity to democratize the process of raising capital. Congress rightly authorized investment crowdfunding three years ago with the passage of the JOBS Act, but without final rules from the SEC to make the law effective, we are hurting budding entrepreneurs, innovation, and economic growth."

Swalwell was joined on the letter by Reps. Derek Kilmer (WA), Seth Moulton (MA), Grace Meng (NY), Ruben Gallego (AZ), and Patrick Murphy (FL).

"While I understand the need to balance consumer protections with these new innovations, as a representative of Northern Silicon Valley and a millennial, I believe it is long past time to implement the JOBS Act and empower businesses to raise money through investment crowdfunding," added Swalwell.

New Department Heads

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors announced the appointment of two new department heads.

Willie A. Hopkins, Jr. will lead the General Services Agency (GSA) as its Director, effective December 7, 2015. He is currently the Director of the Support Services Agency for Cobb County, Georgia. He recently served as the Assistant City Manager of Pompano Beach, Florida, and, prior to that, as Director of General Services in Fulton County (Atlanta), Georgia.

Phyllis Nance will assume leadership of the County's Department of Child Support Services (DCSS), effective January 5, 2016. Ms. Nance has had a successful career in Kern County, where she has served as the Child Support Services Director since December 2007, after six years as Assistant Director.

"We are pleased to announce the appointments of Willie Hopkins as our GSA Director and Phyllis Nance as Director of Child Support Services. Both are experienced local government leaders with a commitment to customer service and innovative programs," said Scott Haggerty, President of the Board of Supervisors.

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By Rob Rosas

IF YOU suffer from lower back pain and sciatica, you are among four out of five Americans who will suffer with this crippling spinal condition.

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Listen to School Board

Development has created an issue of overcrowded schools in Dublin.

At issue are approximately 1000 non-vested units in a city with 5000 units already vested for guaranteed development.

At its last meeting, the Dublin Unified School District Board determined that it would like to take an active role in three-way discussions involving the city, developers and the school district on how to meet school housing needs.

With an 11 percent growth rate in the city over the past two years, schools have been crowded. The construction of one elementary school and plans for a K-8 school are helping.

However, the district would like the city to hold back on approvals of the 1000 non-vested units until the district completes a facilities master plan next March.

The school board would then know more about its future overall plan and the costs involved in providing school facilities.

Until that time, the Dublin City Council owes it to the community to listen to the School District Board, and hold off on further housing approvals.

Victims in Shooting In Livermore Identified

One of two men suspected in a shooting in Livermore that killed one man and critically wounded another has been identified as 18-year-old Jason Alexander Brown, of Oakland.

The second suspect is described only as a black male, with no further information available at this time.

The two victims were discovered by police in a car after the police responded to numerous calls about a shooting in the parking lot of the CVS Pharmacy at 1500 First St. around 6:05 p.m. Saturday.

The victim, who died at the scene, has been identified as Jose A. Mendoza, 32 years old, out of Turlock, CA. The second victim, Ulizes Benitez, 22 years old of Turlock, is still in critical condition at an undisclosed hospital.

Witnesses at the scene described the weapon used in the shooting as a large caliber assault type rifle.

Police obtained a no-bail arrest warrant for Brown's arrest on suspicion of murder and attempted murder.

On Sunday, detectives with a search warrant went through Brown's Oakland residence in the 600 block of Center Street around 5:30 a.m., but did not find him there. However, his vehicle was located and impounded.

The motive in the shooting is currently still under investigation.

Brown is also wanted in connection with another homicide in Fresno where a \$1,000,000.00 bail warrant has been issued.

The community's assistance is asked in locating Brown. Anyone with information concerning where he might be found is asked to call 9-1-1. He is considered to be armed and dangerous.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office, the California Highway Patrol, and the Oakland Police Department are assisting in the investigation.

Witnesses and anyone with information about the shooting are asked to call the Livermore Police Department Public Information Officer line at 925-371-4777.

Dublin Council Reaffirms Jordan Ranch Decision

The Dublin City Council approved General Plan Amendments for Jordan Ranch, in a second and final reading that drew objections from Vice-Mayor Abe Gupta.

The vote was 4-1, with Gupta voting no. Gupta suggested splitting the approval that will vest 150 new units in Jordan Ranch from an agreement that helps provide the school district with a low-rent site for a Jordan Ranch elementary school.

Gupta's contention was that the land value of the former school site may have been artificially inflated with a 2012 city council imposition of an underlay zoning that would make the property eligible for either public and semi-public use, such as a school, or for residential uses.

An important part of the discussion was how much the land is worth now. City staff and School Superintendent Stephen Hanke have said that a comparable appraisal several years ago of the Amador Elementary School site showed a value of about \$3 million per acre.

However, there was no appraisal specifically for the Jordan Ranch site. Gupta contended that with the earlier option of semi-public designation, the land was probably worth less than it would be for housing. Gupta said finding the correct amount was important in negotiating with the developer. The logic is that if the site were worth \$20 million, instead of the \$30 million now stated, the city would be prepared to gain more benefits from the developer, if benefits were negotiated in terms of dollars.

In an effort to back up his contention, Gupta shared a letter from a citizen who conducted an assessor's office records check. The researcher found that the Jordan Ranch developer paid \$41 million for 186 acres, or \$220,000 per acre, on Dec. 19, 2011.

The Independent checked with developer

Kevin Fryer of Mission Valley Properties (MVP) about the information.

Fryer said that Mission Valley Properties purchased the land in 2008. MVP's investment, between raw land price and installing utilities, obtaining agency permits, paying mitigation costs to offset the impact, and various other improvements comes to about \$148 million, which breaks down to \$783,000 per acre.

However, that price doesn't include such business costs as risk and paying interest, said Fryer. He said the relevant figure is the \$3 million per acre from an appraisal of the Amador site.

The district can't afford to buy the site at any price, so the city is using its parkland site from MVP to share with the school district. The developer is enabling that, Fryer pointed out.

The developer is also entitled to gain income from the original school site, since the district is rejecting it. The quid pro quo is the construction of 105 units on the old school site, and 45 more units on Parcel H, which is not far from the original school site, said Fryer.

Further, the school district receives benefits from the developer, including \$1 per square foot above the regular school fees, and donated street improvements needed to enable the school to be constructed on

the previous parkland site, said Fryer.

The key is that the district will gain a school site. "This is a great result for the school district," said Fryer.

At the meeting, Mayor David Haubert asked city attorney John Bakker whether a previous city council's action in 2012 changed the value of the property.

Bakker said that he does not have an opinion, but added that an appraiser would have taken that action into account.

"Before 2010, when it was appraised, this property was valued on the surrounding uses. I think the appraiser in 2012 would look at the underlay, which establishes up to 100 units (on the site). It would affect the value of the property," said Bakker.

Bakker said further, "The appraisal in 2010 would be somewhat similar to the appraisal after the (residential overlay). The midpoint (of each appraisal) would be close."

Councilmember Kevin Hart asked Bakker whether the city could go back and change the underlying zoning. Bakker replied, "The council always has that ability. Sometimes there are consequences. There may be a claim from the property owner."

City manager Chris Foss said that one benefit from the transaction is that the

city will receive \$1.9 million from the developer to build Jordan Ranch Park.

Commenting on the difference between the \$30 million value that has been discussed ongoing, versus another figure, for example \$20 million, Foss said that he does not know whether the district would be able to buy the land at the cheaper price. "The deal is that the district can use the park site for \$1. The district just has to build the school," said Foss.

Councilmember Doreen Wehrenberg said that the council has been discussing the land transfer, as already approved two weeks earlier. "We want infrastructure, and the school will provide the capacity for the kids in Jordan Ranch."

On another item, the council approved setting aside an extra \$20,000 this year for Human Services grants from the city general fund, bringing the total to \$150,000.

The council reaffirmed its new policy, that is the money will go only to human services needs, not to education or the arts, as it had sometimes in the past.

The city also set in motion the recruiting process for appointment of two Human Services commissioners. Claudia McCormick and Melissa Sladden both resigned. There are five seats on the panel.

Dublin, Alameda County Approve Participation in HERO Program

The Dublin City Council voted to make the HERO Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program available to local residents.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has also launched the HERO Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program.

HERO PACE financing enables homeowners to make energy- and water-efficiency improvements and pay for them over time through their property tax bill. Interest is tax-deductible, and homeowners see immediate savings on utility bills.

Dublin residents may begin submitting applications for HERO later this year.

Residents of the unincorporated areas of the county may now submit applications for HERO financing.

"The HERO Program makes it possible for homeowners to do both the right thing and the smart thing when it comes to water and energy conservation," said Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty. "Property Assessed Clean Energy programs, such as HERO, benefit the entire community by protecting the environment, creating jobs, and advancing a clean energy economy."

As California's drought drags on, eligible retrofits give homeowners a fast, af-

fordable way to lower water bills and conserve a desperately-needed resource. HERO has a wide variety of products to help homeowners save water, including high-efficiency toilets, faucets and showerheads; drip irrigation systems; rainwater catchment systems; gray water systems; and artificial turf and other drought-tolerant landscaping.

A wide variety of energy-saving products are available through HERO as well, including solar panel installations, whole-home heating and cooling systems, energy-saving windows and doors, roofing and insulation.

HERO's consumer protection policy sets the industry standard for PACE financing, and offers more consumer protections than any kind of lending for home improvements, such as credit cards, HELOCs or other consumer loans. HERO requires contractors to:

be licensed with the state, insured, and in good standing with HERO; obtain all required permits; meet fair pricing standards; and use products certified as energy efficient by the U.S. Department of Energy or water conserving by the Environmental Protection Agency. HERO-qualified contractors

undergo extensive training aimed at ensuring customers are fully informed about the costs and benefits of the HERO Program. Finally, contractors are paid only when the homeowner signs off that the job has been successfully completed. HERO also staffs a hotline to respond to homeowner queries: 800-720-HERO.

The HERO Program has now been adopted by 344 communities in California and is available to more than 10.5 million households.

"This is a great opportunity for homeowners who want to go solar, or install other efficiency products, but who couldn't previously finance the up-front costs," said Blair McNeill, Vice President of Community Development for Renovate America, the company that administers the HERO Program. "With HERO these up-front financing barriers are removed."

Taking part in HERO is 100 percent voluntary for both jurisdictions and property owners. PACE financing is cost neutral to participating local governments.

To learn more about the HERO Financing Program, and to apply, property owners can visit www.HERO-Program.com or call 855-HERO-411 (855-437-6411).

SURVEY

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cused on public transportation, where the survey found that there were not enough options. Ott commented that with two BART stations and an ACE station, "I think we have a lot to offer in the way of public transportation."

Amenities were rated above good with the exception of entertainment options. Asked to rank options on a scale of 1 to 4, entertainment received a 2.8. This was similar to the response in the 2012 survey. Ott said that no specifics were provided.

The focus groups felt that the City has rules and regulations that can make it challenging either to develop a new business or to accomplish new directions as an established business.

Telecommunications services were seen as an issue. The survey suggested that Pleasanton has a connectivity problem with respect to both Internet and cell phone service. Survey results showed that most businesses would like the City to do something about the problem.

"While we're very pleased with the results, we also learned there's room for improvement," said Ott. "When 57% of those participating in the survey indicate

the City should play a role in developing and improving Internet and cellular service to some underserved business communities, that's a signal that we need to continue working on this effort."

The survey indicates the following:

- 91% of respondents rate Pleasanton as an excellent or good place to do business

- 92% of those surveyed indicated their business would definitely or probably be in Pleasanton in 2 years, up from 87% in a 2012 survey, which asked the same question

- Ratings of Pleasanton as a business location are above good in attracting and accessing customers and vendors

- Ratings of Pleasanton's infrastructure—roads, electric utility services, and water and sewer services—are good

- Pleasanton's amenities—public schools, recreational activities, variety of restaurants and community events are also good

- Nearly 63% of respondents rated the permitting process as very or somewhat easy, up from 51% in a 2012 survey

WATER REPORT
Utility Supervisor Dan Martin recommended re-

taining the stage 3 mandatory 25% water conservation level in Pleasanton.

The council voted to do so.

Martin reported that Pleasanton reduced water use by 37.8%, compared to 28.7% statewide. He noted that Pleasanton conservation resulted in a savings of close to 2 billion gallons of water. This is the amount that the city would have pumped out of the groundwater basin in a normal year. "The idea is to save everything we can for a future we can't see yet," said Martin.

TEEN POETS

The council approved the appointment of two teen poets laureate. Tyler Juarez will represent Amador Valley High School; Frances Tang comes from Foothill High School.

MAILBOX

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Gun Laws Dave Wilson Tri-Valley

Regarding a recent Mailbox posting on Gun Control: California gun control laws

have been deemed effective in a recent (2013) study, decreasing gun deaths by about 50% (<http://www.msnbc.com/all/california-did-tough-gun-control-laws-cut>).

Although some states do have laws requiring background checks for gun sales such as at gun shows, many do not (http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/welcome/features/20090923_gun_study/index.html), allowing about 40% of all gun sales in the US to be undocumented.

If gun laws are so ineffective, why are gun advocates so intolerant of gun laws?

Scary Stuff Lex Manwill Livermore

I was never scared of all

the witches, zombies, and assorted goblins wandering around on Halloween next Saturday night.

What really used to scare me was the meat industry.

This is the industry that mutilates, cages, and butchers billions of cows, pigs, and other feeling animals; that exposes thousands of undocumented workers to crippling workplace injuries at slave wages; that exploits farmers and ranchers by dictating wholesale prices, then jails those who document its abuses through unconstitutional "ag-gag" laws.

It's the industry that generates more water pollution than any other human activity and more greenhouse

gases than transportation, then promotes world hunger by feeding nutritious corn and soybeans to animals.

It's the industry that threatens our public health with increased risk of killer diseases, that creates antibiotic-resistant pathogens by feeding antibiotics to animals, then bullies health authorities to remove anti-meat warnings from their public messages.

Now, that's really scary stuff.

Instead of being scared, I decided to fight back by dropping animal products from my menu. I am no longer scared of the meat industry, and I invite everyone to join me.

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CONFLICT

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The U.S. must proceed very carefully as it contemplates any military actions, he said. "We need a better understanding of history, ethnography and religiosity before we consider the use of force."

Using a phrase that he said was coined by others, he called the Second Gulf War – the invasion of Iraq in

2003 – an "epic example of the stupidest foreign policy decision ever made."

In future, he said, the U.S. needs to reexamine the "cost of leaving people like (Saddam) Hussein in power. They're ugly, but we leave them in power."

Davis's talk was part of a six-week speakers forum that has examined issues

of lasting importance to society.

Davis is a physicist, a former associate director at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory whose career spans both science and national defense.

He was one of a number of LLNL experts working under U.N. auspices in the 1990s who inspected Iraq and found a covert nuclear weapons program. In 1998, he became the first director of the Defense Department's newly formed Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and has participated in a range of defense science studies since then.

A humorous and witty story teller, his talk at the Presbyterian Church drew on many of those experiences.

For example, he told a story, learned while he was posted in Washington from a British tank commander, about a British corporal armed only with a bulldozer who managed to capture and detain 100 Iraqi soldiers during the first Gulf War.

Some of his stories were considerably more sobering. As head of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, he was asked to play the role of the President during a computerized war game in which nuclear weapons had been launched at the U.S.

A military aide at his side suggested that he might want to decide soon how to respond since he had only eight minutes to get to a helicopter that would take him to safety.

In the context of the exercise, the aide was making that recommendation knowing that there was no

helicopter for him – that his own death would be imminent, Davis said.

Davis set the context for his talk with an historical summary of the Treaty of Westphalia, a series of agreements in 1648 that ended the savagely destructive Thirty Years War and established the basis for many of the political and social norms that persisted through the 19th Century. These include concepts of national sovereignty, the right of a state to use its own police forces internally and to ban militias, and the right of citizens to some religious freedom.

The norms began to break down following the U.S. Civil War and two world wars, according to Davis's summary. Large scale "economic and societal destruction" like that of the 1600s returned, with "industrial wars" that "re-shaped state boundaries and governments."

Following World War II, a "long nuclear peace" developed when nuclear weapons largely ruled out direct conflict between the two superpowers and it became difficult for U.S. and western military planners to visualize a constructive outcome to nuclear conflict.

The world has continued to evolve, however, along with the spread of nuclear technology. Less stable countries today may see nuclear weapons as "a defensive insurance policy against invasion and regime change," Davis said. In some respects, Russia has now taken the position that the U.S. held in the 1950s, that nuclear weapons may

protect them when losing a conventional conflict.

In other remarks, Davis said:

- Operators of attack drones have begun to experience serious psychological problems. "Unlike the fighter and bomber pilots of past, they see...the body parts. They see what happens. They see what happens if they miss. They have exquisite lenses and cameras on those drones, so there's no getting away from their mistakes, no ability to deny what they did."

- He is concerned about the development of technologies pointing toward "automated combat" – robotic devices that might be used for logistics or transportation today but could be trained to kill. "There is a real, real ongoing debate in the military community on the limits of that technology and how you would use it, how you would ensure it would not be used."

- He agreed with members of the audience who were worried about the unpredictable behavior of North Korean leaders. "These guys have been wired up inside that country for 70 years and they're crazier than bats." On other hand, the U.S. has made it clear that it would retaliate if the North Koreans used a nuclear weapon, "and we probably would have pretty good support worldwide."

Davis said U.S. retaliatory options against any country that uses nuclear weapons range from mas-

sive destruction to selectively targeting specific leaders with special forces or precision weapons.

- Domestically, he is concerned about the rise of "armed militias...asserting government roles...nutcake guys with high powered weapons (who) appear on the borders, claiming they would do what the government fails to do. They like to confront the government because they have conspiracy theories about what the government will do to them."

RFP

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future agenda.

Spedowfski suggested adding the item to the agenda.

Woener stated, "I concur. This is the second time a number of well respected citizens have asked for a discussion on the pros and cons of a possible extension of the RFP deadline until after the holidays. I feel as responsive public servants, we owe the community open discussions when they ask for them independent of our personal views of the efficacy of an extension or even the value of a hoped for large hotel. I believe we should not hide behind parliamentary procedure. Let's just get it out there and have the conversation."

Marchand added, "I support that."

The Ad Hoc Committee has engaged PKF, hotel consultants, to conduct a Market Demand and Feasibility Study of a hotel/conference center in downtown Livermore. The goal of the study is to determine whether a facility meeting broad community needs could be developed for the downtown.

Bill Dunlop, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, requested a discussion of a potential extension until January 15 to allow time for information gathered during the study to be sent to potential investors.

Dunlop said that he appreciated the flexibility of the city in extending the deadline. However, it did not leave enough time to work with potential bidders on a full use, full service hotel-conference center once the study is completed. He noted that the PKF study is in process and expected to be completed by Nov. 13th. Afterward, it will be sent to relevant companies that may be interested in submitting a proposal to the city for a full service hotel/conference center, probably somewhat larger than other proposals. The intention is to create a facility that will meet the needs of a broad spectrum of residents, as well as the laboratories, wineries, corporations, Premium Outlets, performing arts groups and downtown restaurants and shops.

Dunlop asked that a discussion of the councilmembers' thoughts on an extension be placed on the November 9 agenda.

Resident Lindsey Murray suggested that holding the discussion in an open forum would allow an opportunity for the public to offer more input on uses for the property.

Steve Ziganti of 3 Steves Winery also asked for a delay on the RFP to allow for time to provide more information that might add a new prospective on a hotel.

In talking about the city's BAE Downtown Hotel Feasibility Study, Maryann Brent said that the data suggesting a small hotel was based on population growth, not tourism. However, tourism growth is not related to the growth in population. Tourism attracts visitors. Therefore the study must be flawed, she stated.

The city removed the BAE study from the RFP packet, but did not replace it.

David Jonas pointed out that the city has a tradition of activism with the council holding dialogs on various issues.

Jonas stated, "I'm concerned that the Council may have pivoted from this tra-

dition and mis-fired in its handling of the RFP process. The crux of the matter is either the RFP is flawed, and we should make time to fix it; or the RFP is fine as is, and we should stay the course. If the RFP is flawed, now would be the time to course correct.

He added, the citizens' committee, of which I am not a member, believes so strongly that the RFP is flawed, that its members have staked personal funds on a study whose aim is to correct that alleged RFP deficiency, and whose conclusion might not even support the Committee's position. The members of this committee are highly accomplished business and community leaders, some of our best and brightest. I have heard their case in favor of extending the proposal deadline to mid January, and it is compelling.

"I have heard some of your arguments in favor of keeping the RFP as is, and against extending the deadline, and those arguments are strong too. What is missing is an open, spirited discussion and debate on the issue. The council needs to be candid, forthcoming and transparent," Jonas declared.

Lee Younker noted that it is clear that the site is vitally important to what happens in the downtown beyond this point in time. A group looked at it and concluded an event-conference-hotel would support activities and go beyond what is here. The group hired a consultant to look at data. The council owes the community an opportunity to take another look at this issue, Younker stated.

Betty Murillo, who was at the meeting to ask for a continuance of an RFP issued for the Springtown Golf Course, also supported extending the downtown RFP. She suggested that a way to encourage additional tourism would be to build a large hotel in the downtown.

Downtown business owner Ken Ball said he was not a member of any group in asking for more time for a study for the downtown site. This property (the downtown block) is possibly the prime jewel in the Livermore downtown. The decisions made now will define the essence and vibrancy of the downtown core for many decades to come. If developed carefully it can be a destination not only for those who are tourists, or here on business, but also for the entire community.

Ball suggested that the downtown property could be developed around a small plaza with a 3-4 story hotel and conference center, small businesses and restaurants on the ground floor. An Art Museum/Gallery with classrooms and workspace above and an adjacent Historical Museum with changing exhibits, science exhibits, wine exhibits etc. There could also be a small 100-150 seat performing space for smaller groups. It could incorporate an information center with a space for direct shuttles to the Outlets, BART, the Wineries etc.

He felt housing in that space would not benefit the community, tourism, entertainment or education. "There are many ideas from a variety of interested people and groups, but everyone agrees on one thing. They would all like more time to prepare."

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Isabel Neighborhood Plan

ISABEL NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN WORKSHOP

Thursday, November 12, 2015
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge
940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore CA

The City of Livermore and the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District are working cooperatively to extend BART service along I-580 to a new station at Isabel Avenue. The City is preparing the Isabel Neighborhood Plan to guide development in the area surrounding the station. Please join us to discuss alternative land use plans for the Isabel neighborhood!

Spanish translation will be provided upon request. Additional information is available at: www.cityoflivermore.net/BART. For questions, please contact BART2Isabel@cityoflivermore.net or call Bob Vinn at 925-960-4500.

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SPORTS NOTES



BUSC U9 RCD Mallorca vs. Real Madrid: Top Offensive Players: AJ Becker, Anthony Negd, Andrew Negd; Top Defensive Players: Andy Hur, Morgan Cooper, Cole Edgerton This was an exciting game with lots of action. John Salter scored 5 goals. Gavin Schoenweller and Jack Fowler scored a goal each. Daniel Linhardt scored two goals. Sean Lau did a great job in goal. Cole Edgerton did a great job keeping the ball clear of Mallorca's goal. Jack Fowler did a great job pushing the ball forward. Both teams did a great job. Pictured is Daniel Linhardt booting the ball up the field. Photo - Iris Hur



Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club U10 Elite 1 were finalists in the Diablo FC Kick or Treat Tournament. On Saturday, the team dressed as Soccer Zombies and beat Diablo FC in their first game of the tournament 3-1. In the afternoon, Elite 1 gained another win in the tournament by beating Mustang Mavericks 3-2. In their third game of group play, Elite 1 had a strong performance against Napa United Red Devils winning 4-2. Ending up 1st in their group, Elite 1 advanced to the championship game. The boys played a competitive game, but came up short losing the championship game to Prospector Tsunami 4-1. In the photo, the team is wearing the finalist shirts that they were awarded. Pictured are (back, from left) Coach Mario Valdez, Ben Kim, Colin Surridge, Faheem Naik, Aditya Gundimeda, Griffin Mello; (front) Matthew Fields, Ethan Rolandelli, Trenton von Sosen, Harry Herlich, Arshan Beliakoff, and Evan Pimentel.



BUSC U12 Hamburger SV 3, Hannover 96 3: Top Offensive Players: Eric Hur, Mathew Dickman, Derek Wang; Top Defensive Players: Simon Clarke, James Byrum, Soham Kinikhar; Highlights: Derek Wang scored a hat trick and Oliver De La Torre assisted two of the goals. Aadarsh Tripathi and Josh Young did a great job offensively and defensively. This was an exciting game, with lots of action on both sides of the field. Pictured is Oliver De La Torre taking the ball up the field. Photo - Iris Hur



The St. Michael CYO cross country team shows off their two championship banners and numerous medals and ribbons from the final meet of the season.



Fusion's U8 Talent School Boys team dressed up as the Super Heros Batman, Superman and the Flash and played in the 2015 Ghouls and Goals tournament hosted by Livermore Fusion Soccer Club. All players had a great time and played some excellent soccer with fantastic dribbling, passing and shooting.

Foothill Water Polo

Led by seniors Dominic Scalise, Joe Schafer, and Bryan Meyn, the Foothill High School Falcon boys varsity water polo team beat their crosstown rival, Amador Valley, in the final game in Pleasanton for the 2015 season. Trailing 7-4 at half-time, the Falcon boys converted their defensive pressure and stepped up effectively on offense, shutting down a formidable

Dons' offense in the fourth quarter. Down 11-10 with less than 30 seconds in regulation, the Falcons ran a play for a last shot by Scalise, converting and sending the game into overtime for two extra 3 minute periods. With three more goals by the Falcons in overtime, the Falcons prevailed 14-13. All American and All League selection in his junior year, Schafer was held to 3 goals and 3 assists by the Dons, while



All American senior Joe Schafer helped lead the Foothill Falcons to a 14-13 overtime win over cross-town rival Amador Valley.



The Fusion U9 Black Girls won the Fremont Tournament this past weekend.



Livermore Fusion U10 Boys Gold had a great performance at the Boo Fest Halloween tournament in Brentwood. A golden goal by Andrei Gran in extra time in the semi-final earned the team their well deserved medals. Some great goals were scored by team members throughout including Nathan Negrete, Basheer Khairie, Nathan Lewis, and Tanner Lee.



The Livermore Fusion U12 Girls Gold team earned their third first-place tournament title of the fall season at the Placer United Girls Cup October 24-25. The girls demonstrated amazing teamwork and unity throughout the tournament and did not lose a single game. Every game was exciting as the girls battled to prove that they were there to give their best. The final game was no exception and these determined girls won it in dramatic style during penalty kicks. Congratulations are well deserved for this group of talented young ladies. Pictured back row: Coach Makaila Griggs, Gabi Fields, Bryanna Leary, Shelby Mavrakis, Gianna Pietro, Jayden Thomas, Madison Braswell and Gianna Ceccanti. Pictured front row: Samantha Remy, Kayla Nuti, Palak Guleria, Indianna Stoneberger, Bella Lopez and Lexi Oddson. Not pictured: the extremely proud parents of these incredible girls who admire and love them more than words can describe.



Alexis Aying and Mayalanni Erediano, under the instruction of Vince Aying, competed Oct. 23-24 at The League World Finals in Reno, Nevada. Aying and Erediano competed throughout the year to qualify for the opportunity to compete. Alexis Aying (right) won the 10-13 year old Girls Lightweight Continuous Sparring division title and the 10-11 year old Girls Black Belt Point Sparring division title. Mayalanni Erediano (left) won the 9&U Girls Middleweight Continuous Sparring division title and the 8-9 year old Girls Advanced/Black Belt Point Sparring division title. In addition to their two division titles each, Aying and Erediano were named on the All-League All Star Team and Erediano won the Triple Crown Award.

Scalise stepped up with 5 goals and one assist in a stellar effort for his team.

A true team win, goals were well spread with sophomore Matthew Dotson scoring 3, junior Aaron Li scoring 2, and junior Fabio Salvioni scoring 1. Defensively, senior Meyn made key stops with 6 saves in the goal, adding 2 steals to aid his team's effective defensive efforts. Salvioni led in the field defensively with 6 steals, while Li added 4 steals. Dotson and Scalise had 3 apiece and freshman Nathan Williams added 2 steals to Schafer's 2.

A balanced attack was the key to this team win. The Falcons completed their regular season games this weekend at the DeLong Water Polo Tournament in Modesto, securing a 4-1 record for the tournament and a regular season record of 4-3 in league action and 13-10 overall establishing good momentum for the upcoming section tournament.

Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks swam at the 2015 Pacific Swimming Senior



The Mavericks 12UA Fastpitch team finished second in the Monster Bash Tournament in Fremont, on October 25, 2015. Pictured are (front) Caitlyn Foster; (second row, from left) Kylie Pfothenauer, Juliana Santiago, Haley Petrovich, Delilah Corral, Shelby Straume, Sara Morris; (back row) Asst Coach Joe Petrovich, Bianca Pahler, Peyton OCallaghan, Adrianna Martinez, Laen Ongiil, Makayla Martin, Mason Lacey, Asst. Coach Robyn Dobson, and Mgr. Jose Santiago.



Livermore Junior Football League results from Oct. 17: Advance Division #80 Manual Moseby of the Broncos barely eludes a diving Shane Waechler and follows the lead blocking of #40 Tanner Lewis. Scores: Colts 20, Broncos 26; Jets 0, Colts 0. Senior: Chiefs 12, Cowboys 24; Steelers 8, Packers 8. Intermediate: Eagles 6, Vikings 33; Niners 34, Ravens 13. Junior: Raiders 18, Lions 0; Texans 7, Falcons 36. Scores from this week include: Junior Division: Raiders 12, Falcons 19; Texans 6, Lions 26; Intermediate: Eagles 0, Ravens 21; Niners 0, Vikings 13; Advance: Colts 36, Jets 0; Jets 20, Broncos 6; Senior: Chiefs 44, Packers 48; Steelers 6, Cowboys 6.



Pleasanton Rage Silver U11 earned second place in the San Ramon Fall Classic on October 25. They were 3-1 for the tournament, losing only to the top team while donning Wonder Woman costumes the entire time. Pictured are Danica Howard, Anushri Roy, Kira Tippit, Ella Hodges, Helena Stewart, Kadence Steuben, Jacquelyn Googins, Aditi Bande, Katelin Barker, Coach Jennifer Mayo, Arann Nic Gearailt Asin, and Iris Li.



The Fusion U6 Tornados battled Dynamite in an exciting game on Saturday. Dynamite's Lucas Oberg scored a goal with assists from Dylan Lange and Isaac Governor. The Tornados' teamwork was outstanding, with lots of passing by Noah Miller, Callan Smith, Jaden Alvarez, and Justin Ashley to help Noah Estes score two goals for the team.



Rainbow Dash featured pony power from the U8 Girls Soccer Talent School. The U8 girls had fun and played great soccer at the Ghouls and Goals halloween tournament. Epic job to all the Rainbow Dashers

II Meet on October 16-18, 2015. The Walnut Creek Aquabears hosted the meet at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, California.

Swimming for the Pleasanton Seahawks: Gwyneth Wong age 12 with 2 new best times, Elisabeth Balicanta (14) 1BT, Emily Claridge (14), Daniella Hawkins (14) 1BT, Miranda Heckman (14) 4BT, Marissa Lawrence (14), Stephanie Shao (13), Claire Suen (13) 6BT, Paulina Umansky (14) 1BT, Emma Valentine (14) 2BT, Ellen Wang (13) 4BT, Mattias Blanco (14) 4BT, Calvin Chui (14) 2BT, Calvin David (14) 1 BT, Brian Li (14) 1BT, Robert Mitu (14) 4BT, Lleyton Plattel (13) 4BT, Alex Ren (13) 6BT.

Nicholas Skinner (14) 1BT, Sam Smith (14) 1 BT, Robert Torres (14) 4BT, Jacqueline Davis (15) Amber Fornoles (15) 3BT, Hannah Franzwa (15), Jessica He (16) 3BT, Samantha Howell (16) Sofia Moufarrej (16) 5BT, Nja Zuniga (15) 1BT, Brandon Brown (16) 4BT, Jonah Cooper (15) 3BT, Christopher Zhong (15) 1BT, Christopher Lee (16), Tyler Lu (15)

1BT, Edward Smith (16), Benjamin Sproul (15).

Alex Sushiro (16) 1BT, Lyon Zhang (16) 2BT, Christina Chong (17) 1BT, Caitlyn Plattel (18), Ryan Skinner (17) 3BT, Kennedy Truex (17) 1BT, Mary Woods (18), Danielle Zacharias (17) 1BT, Anthony Jhong (18), Maxime Rooney (17), Nathaniel Sproul (17) 1BT, Jeffrey Tang (17) 1BT, and Preston Tsang (17) with 2 new Best Times.

CYO Cross Country

The St. Michael CYO cross country team had an excellent showing at the Diocese Championship meet on Oct. 16 at Joaquin Miller Park in Oakland. Justin Peterson (1st), who won all four races this season, teamed with Adrian Gomez (4th) and Holden Hoffman (7th) to finish the season unbeaten in the grades 3-5 girls division. In the grades 3-5 girls, Amelia Sanchez was 1st, while Sasha Piper overcame a fall to finish 2nd and Jana Barron was 4th as the team also completed

SPORTS NOTES

Dublin Starts Slow but Finishes on Top, 14-7

By Travis Summers

DUBLIN – Dublin High School's defense held Las Lomas in check just long enough for the Gaels' offense to catch up.

Dublin trailed 7-0 at halftime, in large part, because of an offense that managed only 43 yards in the first two quarters. But that offense woke up in the second half, compiling 154 yards and two touchdowns to earn a 14-7 home victory Friday.

"Phenomenal job tonight by our defense," Dublin head coach John Wade said. "Our coaches did a great job of making adjustments at halftime. Our kids executed the style of play that we preach. The defense played such a good game for the whole game, but it was great to see it go well in the second half."

Las Lomas got on the scoreboard first with its only touchdown of the game, a 4-yard rushing score from Jake Kane. But that score got two huge assists on the drive with a 21-yard run from Kane and a questionable pass interference call two plays later that set up first-and-goal from Dublin's 3-yard line.

The run and penalty accounted for 36 of the drive's 60 yards. Las Lomas (1-7, 0-4 DFAL) would have only two offensive plays against Dublin (6-2, 2-2 DFAL) during the remaining three quarters that would result in 15 or more yards.

Part of the reason for Dublin's offensive struggles in the first half was Las Lomas' strategy of lining up with eight defensive players inside the box. That alignment limited the Gaels' rushing attack to only 30 rushing yards on 18 attempts in the first half. The running struggles limited Dublin to as many three-and-out possessions (three) as first downs in the first 24 minutes.

Because of the defensive strategy, the Gaels re-committed themselves to throwing more out of their spread formation during the halftime adjustment period. Dublin attempted only five passes in the first half, but threw the ball four times on its opening possession of the third quarter.

That strategy forced Las Lomas to stop loading the line of scrimmage with defenders, which, in turn, opened up running lanes for Dublin quarterback Evret Korb to exploit when an open receiver could not be located during designed pass plays. Korb finished with a team-high 67 rushing yards, including Dublin's two touchdowns; despite having only -2 yards in the first half.

"We forced them to have to honor the pass. That's when Evret was able to run the ball," Wade said. "They started putting six in the box. We started getting the looks we wanted."

Another reason for Dublin's slow start might have been that the team was overlooking its opponent in favor of this week's rivalry with Dougherty Valley (6-3, 2-3 DFAL). Las Lomas entered the game with only one victory, while this week's "Battle for the Golden Shillelagh" features a Dougherty Valley team with six wins.

"I knew Las Lomas was a good team even though their record doesn't show it," Wade said. "But yeah, I think kid-wise they might have been thinking 'we'll skate by this week, and then we'll get Dougherty next week.'"

It's easy to understand why the Dublin players might be extra-focused on the school's biggest rival. For the first time in the series' 8-year history, both teams enter the contest with winning records. In fact, the combined 12 wins represent the most the two schools have ever finished a season with, and that's with three games remaining this year.

Dougherty Valley has beaten Dublin only once, a 34-27 win in 2013, but this is arguably the best Wildcat team in school history. It's also the first time in the previous five years Dougherty Valley enters with an above-.500 record.

"It's going to be a good game," Wade said. "Dougherty Valley has a good record. We have a good record. But even when both teams don't have good records it's still a rivalry game. These games are always fun and anything can happen."

Dublin	14	Las Lomas	7
Las Lomas	7	0	0
Dublin	0	7	7

Scoring Summary
LL – Jack Kane 4 run (Joe Russel kick)
D – Evret Korb 16 run (Dillon kick)
D – Evret Korb 1 run (Dillon kick)

Statistics
Rushing – D: Evret Korb 13-67, John Son 20-56, Isaac Volt 3-8, Dylan Grant 1-2. Totals: 37-133. LL: Jack Kane 26-147, Max Kulsuptakul 3-21, Darion Sales 2-5, Joe Wood 5(-24). Totals: 36-149.
Passing – D: Evret Korb 9-19-1, 64 yards. LL: Joe Wood 7-16-0, 50 yards.
Receiving – D: Steven Houston 6-35, Jeremiah Burks 2-16, Isaac Volt 1-13. LL: Max Kulsuptakul 2-22, Clayton Barker 3-21, Sam Wisavave.

Monte Vista 42, Granada 32: The Matadors (3-5, 0-4 EBAL) found themselves in a high-scoring dogfight, but ultimately couldn't keep up with a talented Mustang offense.

A Granada rushing touchdown at the start of the fourth quarter gave the Matadors a 32-28 lead. That advantage would be erased on Monte Vista's next possession as Albert Smith scored on a 1-yard run. That lead change, the contest's fifth, would be the final one of the game when Monte Vista (6-2, 3-1 EBAL) added another insurance touchdown behind a 19-yard pass from Jake Haener to Noah Sol.

Granada will host San Ramon Valley (2-6, 1-3 EBAL) this week.

Foothill 24, Cal 7: The Falcons (9-0, 5-0 EBAL) clinched at least a share of the EBAL Championship by spoiling the Grizzlies' (5-3, 3-2 EBAL) homecoming with an impressive 17-point victory.

Sophomore quarterback Ben Wooldridge got Foothill's offense started, throwing touchdowns to Matt Gates and Ruben Mercado. The scores, along with a 34-yard field goal by Jacob Guzman, gave Foothill a 17-7 lead at halftime.

An 11-yard run by running back Isaiah Floyd late in the fourth quarter capped the game's scoring.

Foothill will now enter its bye week this Friday, before it hosts cross-town rival Amador Valley (6-2, 3-1 EBAL) next week. A win against the Dons will give the Falcons sole possession of the EBAL football championship.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Dublin High School varsity football team defeated Las Lomas 14 to 7 in league action. The win sets up a showdown with rival school Dougherty Valley on Friday, October 30

Amador Valley 21, San Ramon Valley 17: The Amador Valley defense came up clutch, keeping San Ramon out of the end-zone on a key fourth-quarter possession to seal a crucial East Bay Athletic League road victory.

Amador Valley (6-2, 3-1 EBAL) built a 21-10 lead behind a 91-yard scoring run from Ledre McCullough. San Ramon Valley (2-6, 1-3

EBAL) answered with a 95-yard return on the ensuing kickoff to pull to within four points.

The Wolves had an opportunity to take the lead with less than a minute remaining after marching all the way down to the Dons' 14-yard line before a key play from Matt Mahurin on fourth down turned the ball over and secured the win.

Amador Valley quarterback Ronnie Jones was responsible for the Dons' other two touchdowns.

Livermore, BYE: The Cowboys (3-5, 0-4 EBAL) did not play this week. They will face Amador Valley (6-2, 3-1 EBAL) this week in Pleasanton before facing rival Granada in the 2015 season finale on Nov. 6.

Anniversary Events Planned at Callippe Golf

Pleasanton will be celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the Callippe Preserve Golf Course. Events are planned for Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at the Golf Course. The day includes a round of golf and a party with on-course food and beverages, an after-event cocktail reception, hors d'oeuvres and prizes.

In the past ten years, over 600,000 rounds of golf have been played, countless golf lessons have been taught, and a multitude of special events have been hosted on the grounds.

The course, an award-winning design by Brian Costello, has also won other awards and accolades over the years, including but not limited to:

- Ranked 6th Public Access Golf Course by Golf Week Magazine – March 2006
- Ranked 9th "Best New Public under \$75" by Golf Digest – January 2007
- 3 time winner of GreensKeeper.org "Best Value Award" in the East Bay Area
- Golf Week Magazine – 47th Best Municipal Course – May 2010
- Winner of 6 Environmental in Golf Awards (ELGA)

Fee for the golf outing and party is \$55 for Pleasanton residents and \$65 for non-residents. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. for a 10:00 a.m. shotgun golf outing. Call 426-6666 for more information or to register.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore High School varsity boys water polo team swamped cross-town rival, Granada High School, 24 to 2 in an EBAL match up. Noah Pettit scored 8 goals and Tyler Paden 7 to lead the win. Pettit also recorded three assists.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore High School varsity girls water polo team defeated Granada High School 11 to 9 in an EBAL match up. Livermore scored four goals to two for Granada in the final quarter to secure the win.



Pictured is the 1965 Livermore High School varsity football team.

50th Anniversary Game Scheduled

On November 6, 1965, Livermore High School and Granada High School met on the Livermore High School Football Field in the first ever varsity football game between the two schools. This year, on Friday, November 6, 2015, the Livermore Cowboys and the Granada Matadors will square off in the 50th anniversary of that historical game.

To commemorate the event, the 50th Anniversary Game Committee has organized a number of activities and events. There will be a free hot dog BBQ tailgate sponsored by the Livermore High School Alumni Association from 6:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. Commemorative t-shirts and game tickets can be purchased at a discount on line-<https://prepmo.com/events/32>.

The game will feature a pre-game ceremonial coin toss with a number of the original members, coaches and cheer squads of the 1965 teams. A half-time ceremony will include the introduction of players and cheer-squad members through the years.

Livermore High School won the first game 20-13. Coaches for that game were Don Couch (Livermore), Bob Springer (Granada), along with their staff, Tom Davis, Many Braz, Dick

Lloyd, Don Briemle, Harold Sinclair.

The Committee is reaching out to every Livermore and Granada High School player, coach, and cheerleader who has participated in any of the 50 games. Please contact any member of the organizing committee for details: James Petersdorf- Athletic Director LHS- jpetersdorf@lvjUSD.k12.ca.us; Clark Conover- Athletic Director GHS cconover@lvjUSD.k12.ca.us; Dino Certa- LHS Alumnus- Class of 1966 certad@comcast.net; Kristin Water-Meyer Skmey24@comcast.net; or Bob Bronzan bbronzan@lvjUSD.k12.ca.us

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an unbeaten season.

The grades 6-8 girls team of Viviana Valenton, Sophia Piper, and Mina Thompson were third. The grades 6-8 boys were led to a fifth place finish by Giorgio Piazza (10th), Jacob Walker (25th), and Chase Vogler (44th), with Graedon Beeler, Sam Costello, and Jhon Enriquez running well for the team. Finally, in the grades K-2 race, Nicolai Barron and Zach Lininger finished 1-2 followed closely by Daniel Enrique in 6th.

The team will take a few months break before track season begins in February. For more information on St. Michael CYO cross country and track, see the website at <http://www.smisctrack.org>

Race to the Flagpole

The Livermore-Granada Boosters will host the 6th Annual "Race to the Flagpole" on Saturday, November 14, 2015. The event offers several distances that include a 5K run/walk, 10K run, half marathon and one-mile fun run. All events start at Independence Park and go through Livermore's scenic Sycamore Grove Park. These events are open to all ages and abilities.

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

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

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WATER

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The rates approved by the board will add \$7 million to reserves next year, but still fall short of what Zone 7 needs, said general manager Jill Duerig.

Duerig told The Independent that the staff supports the rates adopted by the board. Although it will mean continued reliance on reserves for three years, "that reliance decreases with each year, and could result in a first step toward replenishing reserves as early as FY 2019-20, depending on future decisions of the board."

"The adopted rates represent a compromise, incorporating many of the consultant's recommendations balanced with many changes requested by the public and the retail water agencies served by Zone 7," said Duerig.

Zone 7 officials have computed the new cost, which will begin Jan. 1, 2016, for a customer using 10 CCF per month. The figures apply to a straight pass-through of the fee, without any retailer costs added.

CCF is equivalent to one hundred cubic feet of water. The 10 CCF increase will reach \$7.90 per month in the first year. Of that amount, \$5.70 is related to the one-year conservation charge, which will sunset Dec. 31, 2016. In 2017, the monthly increase would drop to \$2.93, and in 2018, it would be \$3.32.

The other directors said they backed the compromise worked out by the agencies. President Sarah Palmer said that three years is a reasonable commitment on the 13 percent water rate increase, in light of the fact that they retailers have been asking for longer term commitments on water rates to help with their planning. She added that Zone 7 always

reviews water rates annually to see if changes are needed.

Ramirez Holmes told The Independent that the 13 percent annual rate increase, which includes an annual 3 percent cost of living boost, and separately, the drought surcharge, was too high.

Ramirez Holmes said, "The board clearly needed to fix this year's operational shortfall, and restore operational reserves to the board's policy level." She also supports preparation for debt service payments in the future, but felt the rates were set too high.

The debt service covers the costs of future capital improvements projects, which were deferred during the recession in an effort to keep consumer costs down.

Zone 7 traditionally has used a policy of "pay as you go" to finance capital projects. At the Oct. 22 meeting it was evident a majority of the board feels comfortable with debt on major capital improvements, especially if interest rates were low, as they have been.

One exception was director Bill Stevens, who said that for most of its history, Zone 7 saved up money before paying for capital improvements. The only reason debt is being discussed, as far as he is concerned, is that directors failed to raise rates high enough over the past few years.

The form of future credit -- bonds, line of credit, certificates of participation, or other -- are for future discussions.

Directors also noted that they want to discuss future reserve funds and capital improvements at some future time.

Directors said that they will determine at the end

of 2016 whether another drought surcharge would be justified. Many people have high hopes that predictions of heavy rains from an El Niño weather pattern predicted for this winter will be realized.

Limiting the drought surcharge to one year was a point argued especially strongly by Pleasanton Councilmember Kathy Narum at the meeting.

Narum told the Zone 7 board that Pleasanton also raised its water rates this year. The public clearly did not want a long-range drought surcharge imposed at the same time. She also said that the water rate surcharge should be limited to one year only, as backed by a letter from city staff.

Livermore public works director Darren Greenwood said that it's important for Zone 7 to have the revenue it needs to provide a safe and reliable water supply.

John Archer, chief financial officer of DSRSD, said the agency appreciated Zone 7 efforts to consider the changes offered by his agency.

Archer also credited Zone 7 staff for outreach efforts, which drew an estimated 50 to 60 members of the public to the meeting. Some in attendance were Boy Scouts who were working on a civics merit badge.

Very few members of the public spoke. One pointed out that seniors won't receive a Social Security increase next year, thereby continuing to limit their incomes.

Duerig said the retailers charge the rates to consumers, so it's an issue that should be addressed to them. Further, there may be a ballot measure in November

2016 that will allow retailers more flexibility in setting rates, said Duerig.

Alan Burnham of Livermore said that the important thing is to have more water, especially to maintain lawns and plants. He noted that past rate increases were relatively low, so "we will pay the price this year."

BOARD OK'S VIDEO RECORDINGS

Also focusing on outreach, the board voted 5-1-1 to spend \$1800 per month on delayed TV broadcasts

by Tri-Valley Community Television of regular board meetings.

There won't be live TV. However, viewers can watch broadcasts of recordings. A streaming option, as well as video on demand, with indexing of each agenda item, will also be available. Starting date will be worked out by TVCT and Zone 7.

Stevens voted against the action. John Greci abstained. Stevens said that Zone 7 has been very transparent, and it "makes no sense at all" to

broadcast meetings.

Greci said that he is not "too keen on televising every meeting" when raising the rates appears to be the only time people turn out.

Ramirez Holmes, one of the five directors who voted for television, said that there are many reasons people can't attend meetings in the evening, so TV will offer an option. "TV30 is a community asset. We should support that as a benefit for informing the public," said Ramirez Holmes.

Air Quality District Adopts New Wood Burning Regulations

The Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District unanimously adopted strong new provisions that are expected to significantly improve the agency's wood burning regulation designed to further safeguard public health against the hazards of fine particle pollution.

A \$3 million grant program is under development that will provide at least 50 percent or more funding for residents to change out from older wood burning devices to better and more effective home heating equipment.

The wood burning rule, which was approved in 2008, has been effective in reducing fine particle pollution in the region, and helping to raise awareness of the air quality health hazards of wood smoke. Staff removed an earlier draft proposal to the rule requiring fireplace or wood stove change outs when selling a home and

instead adopted the real estate property disclosure requirement.

The amendment provides an exemption to households with no permanently installed natural gas, propane or electric heating options. Households may qualify for the sole source of heat exemption if the only source of heat is a wood-burning device that is EPA certified and registered in the Air District's program.

Households may receive a temporary 30-day exemption to repair a non-functional heater.

Under the amendment, following a 20-minute start-up allowance for new fires, visible emissions of greater than 20 percent opacity and aggregate to 3 minutes in any hour would be considered an exceedance of the standard.

The amendment requires wood-heater manufacturers and retailers to comply with

newly adopted EPA emission standards and compliance dates for all wood heaters sold or manufactured in the Bay Area.

All fireplace or chimney remodels that exceed costs of greater than \$15,000 and require a local building permit are required to replace an uncertified wood burning device or fireplace with an EPA certified wood-burning device, gas-fueled or electric heater.

Wood-burning devices may no longer be installed in new building construction. New building construction must install cleaner and more efficient heating options, such as gas-fueled or electric heaters.

The Air District will open a change out grant program for fireplaces and wood burning stoves in the spring of 2016. Funding priority will go to low income residents and high wood smoke impact areas.

SHORT NOTES

Hike Brushy Peak

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

Interested people need not be Kaiser Permanente members to attend. Everyone is welcome.

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

Dogs are welcome, but must remain on leash.

Two hikes are available: Beginner hike: 3 miles, 300 foot elevation gain/loss, 2 hours; Intermediate hike: 6 miles, 1000 foot elevation gain/loss, 2.5 - 3 hours

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

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

Nominations Sought

Nominations are now being accepted for the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame, which each year honors extraordinary local women and celebrates their contributions to the community. Honorees will be celebrated at the 23rd Annual Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame luncheon and awards ceremony in Oakland in March 2016. Once again, the event will be co-hosted by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women.

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

The deadline to submit nominations is December 11, 2015.

The Women's Hall of Fame

is a countywide event celebrating the contributions of extraordinary women leaders in our communities during National Women's History month.

The 2016 Women's Hall of Fame inductees will be announced at the beginning of the new year and will be honored at the March 2016 event. Visit www.acgov.org/cao/halloffame/ to submit an online nomination or to obtain more information, or call (510) 272-6984.

Save Mount Diablo

Save Mount Diablo events: Trail Adventure, Sun., Nov. 8, Half-Marathon, as well as 5K and 10K distances up the slopes of Mount Diablo and finishing back at Castle Rock. This day also features a Family Hike starting and ending at Castle Rock Park - with parking at Northgate High School and shuttle service to Castle Rock Park.

For further information and registration for all programs, go to www.savemountdiablo.org

Five Star Agent

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

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

Renee Best is located in Livermore.

For more information about the award, go to www.fivestarpersoinal.com.

Garden Tour

An English Garden Tour, fully escorted by Jacquie Williams-Coutwright of Alden Lane Nursery and Carol Lehman of Destinations Unlimited, departs San Francisco on July 2, 2016 for ten days. The itinerary will focus on the Cotswold's staying five nights in a family owned 17th century hotel in Stow-on-the-Wold. The highlight of a twelve garden visit is a private tour of Highgrove, the home and garden of HRH the Prince of Wales and his wife Camilla. Gardens included in the tour are: Kiftsgate, Hidcote, Barnsley House, Upton Wold, Mill Dene, David Austin Roses, Bourton House, HHA/Christie's Garden of the

Year and Coughton Court and free time to explore Chipping Camden, Broadway and Cirencester. Meet head gardeners, visit garden centers and learn to create a glorious garden at your own home.

The tour continues with four nights in London, staying at a four star property in South Kensington. The highlight will be a full day at Hampton Court Flower Show and another full day to Wisley an RHS garden. There will be a night London Theater and free time to explore London landmarks. Many meals are included. All transportation will be private for just 15 guests. Cost: \$5595.00 per person. Contact Destinations Unlimited in Pleasanton (925) 462-0402 for complete itinerary and reservations.

Donate Blood

The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood before the holiday season is in full swing.

Blood donations often decline from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day when holiday festivities pull people away from their donation appointments. This often causes a drop in the blood available for patients. Donations are needed in the weeks leading up to the holidays to help offset this seasonal decline.

Donors with all blood types are needed, and especially those with types O negative, B negative, A negative and AB blood.

To make an appointment to donate blood, download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App from app stores, visit redcross-blood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors can now use the Blood Donor App to access their donor card and view vital signs from previous donations.

American Red Cross Blood Donation Centers: Pleasanton Blood Donation Center, 5556-B Springdale Ave., Pleasanton; Tuesday and Thursday 11:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. and Friday - Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Additional blood donation opportunities:

Dublin 11/14/2015: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., St. Raymond's Church, 11555 Shannon Ave.

Livermore 11/11/2015: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr.

Pleasanton 11/6/2015: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Kaiser Permanente, 7601 Stoneridge Dr.

Small Businesses

There will be a free presentation for small business owners and entrepreneurs by East Bay SCORE on Monday, November 16, 2015, 3-4pm, at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. There is no registration needed to attend.

SCORE East Bay provides: resources, expertise, free confidential business counseling, workshops, entrepreneur business services, social media, funding alternatives, and advice. SCORE East Bay serves

clients in Alameda, Contra Costa & Solano counties at 24 convenient locations. It is a nonprofit organization comprised of successful business entrepreneurs and industry executives who volunteer to counsel and mentor businesses at no cost - from start-up to success.

For more information about SCORE East Bay, visit www.eastbayscore.org. To learn more about other library programs and events, visit www.livermorelibrary.net.

Sister City Exchange

Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association (PTSCA) is seeking high school applicants (10th & 11th grade) for this summer's 30th annual Youth Exchange Program.

This program promotes international understanding and friendship, and gives students a chance to experience another culture and language first-hand. Participants will act as Youth Ambassadors representing not only the City of Pleasanton but also California and the United States. High school students

from any local area high school may apply.

The exchange program is reciprocal. It is expected that families that send a child on this program will also receive and host a student. Two years of Spanish, at any level or equivalent Spanish ability, is required. Deadline to apply is March 15, 2016.

Students from Tulancingo, Mexico will visit Pleasanton June 12-July 3rd, 2016. Students from Pleasanton will visit Tulancingo, Mexico July 3-24th, 2016

Information meetings will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce office, 777 Peters Avenue, Pleasanton on the following days: Monday, November 9, 2015; Monday, December 7, 2015; Monday, January 18, 2016; Tuesday, February 16 2016.

Contact Exchange@PTSCA.org for more information and an Exchange Coordinator respond as soon as possible.

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Mayors Report

A special one-hour edition of "Mayors Report" taped on location at Callippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton, is currently airing on Tri-Valley TV30. Mayors from the cities of Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton discuss topical issues relating their cities and the Tri-Valley. The show may be viewed on Comcast TV Channel 30 and AT&T U-Verse via Channel 99 as well as streaming live and via video on demand on the TV30 website at tv30.org.

Appearing on "Mayors Report" are Dublin Mayor David Haubert, Livermore Mayor John Marchand, and Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, with TV30 moderator Tom Morrison.

Among the topics discussed are updates on traffic calming strategies for the 580/680 corridor, population growth and the future of schools, partnering together in the Tri-Valley, human services provided by the cities, and much more.

For complete schedule of air dates and times, visit the Tri-Valley TV website tv30.org. In addition, "Mayors Report" may be viewed streaming live and via Video on Demand on the station's website.

Fall Birds

Fall Birds of Springtown will be the topic of the Sat., Oct. 31 Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff program. Meet Ranger Patti Cole at 8 a.m. at Marlin Pound Park, 2010 Bluebell Drive.

Join the fall "migration" to the north side of town in search of seasonal feathered

visitors. Over the years, we've seen many duck and wading bird species here as well as a variety of raptors and songbirds. This program is appropriate for beginner through advanced birding enthusiasts. There will be binoculars to lend for those who don't have them. Canceled if raining.

A \$3 donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Y Volunteers Honored

The Tri-Valley YMCA will recognize Colin Ho-Tseung, III as the Youth of Character award recipient and Jason Cardoza as Adult Volunteer of the Year.

Along with being the philanthropist for TMCA's Youth & Government Teen Leadership Program, Colin, a senior at Amador Valley High School

in Pleasanton, has also volunteered countless hours at the Y over his 9 years as a member. He is always willing to step up and take leadership, and he is incredibly welcoming to new and potential members of the Y.

Jason has been a member of the Y for 8 years, where he has taken on a variety of volunteer leadership roles. He now serves on the Board of Managers. He co-chaired the annual Golf Tournament.

Both award recipients were recognized at the 136th Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Ceremony for the YMCA of the East Bay on October 22nd.

For more information, contact the Tri-Valley YMCA at tvinfo@ymcaeastbay.org or 925 263 4444.

Candy Buy Back

Dr. Joseph Hwang will hold his annual Halloween Candy

Buy-Back from Monday November 2, 2015 to Friday November 6, 2015 during normal office hours, 9:00am - 5:00pm.

Children are invited during these times to bring their collected candy to the office at 1018 Murrieta Blvd., Suite B, Livermore, where they will receive \$1 for every pound of candy they exchange. This candy will be sent to troops stationed overseas through Operation Gratitude.

Not only will children receive \$1 for every pound of candy (up to 10 lbs of candy per child), they also will be entered into a drawing for an X-Box One Gaming System.

The annual candy buy-back is one way to reduce holiday candy consumption, which in turn will lead to less tooth decay.

For information about the office of Dr. Joseph Hwang or the Candy Buy-back event, call (925) 273-7650.

Grief Support

Hope Hospice is offering Art for Life grief support workshops for children and teens (ages 6-17) on Tuesday, November 3, from 6 to 8 p.m.

This workshop helps participants explore and reflect on their loss, cope with grief reactions and restore a sense of hope for the upcoming season. During the workshop, children have an opportunity to paint a ceramic piece of their choice with Art for Life's founder, Anthony Knutson. Art for Life's motto is Kids + Art = Healing, and participants will have an opportunity to create art as part of their healing process. For more information about Art for Life, visit artforlife.org.

Enrollment in this workshop is limited. For more information or to register, call Jamie Schellenberg at (925) 829-8770.

OBITUARIES

Michael Fulford

Resident of Livermore
Sept. 20, 1953 - Sept. 21, 2015

It is with great sadness that the family of Michael Henry Fulford announces his death after a yearlong battle

with brain cancer on September 21, 2015, the day after his 62nd birthday.

Mike was born to Joseph and Dawna Fulford and raised in Modesto, where he graduated from Grace M. Davis High School. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Landscape Architecture from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, at the same time as he married and started his family. He began his career in Santa Barbara and then joined the City of Pleasanton as their Landscape Architect, a position he held for 30 years. Mike's creative contributions to the City of Pleasanton are visible in the city's 44 parks, public art installations, rescued heritage trees, and on every street. The beauty of Pleasanton and its lasting positive impact will be his legacy.

With his characteristic energy and enthusiasm, Mike was a loving (and much loved), devoted, playful, and crazily entertaining father. A man of vast knowledge and varied talents, he was good at just about anything he attempted. His warmth, generosity, charm, and wonderfully irreverent sense of humor made him unforgettable to everyone lucky enough to meet him. Seldom is the smartest man in the room also the most fun and the most likable; Mike was that rarest of birds.

Mike was a fine athlete and outdoorsman. He grew up playing tennis at the Modesto Racquet Club. Later, while in college, he became an avid hang glider and surfer who enjoyed surfing and camping trips with friends along the California coast. Always a motorcycle enthusiast, he explored the back roads on his vintage Norton Commando. Mike loved to sail, and maintained with great fastidiousness two wooden boats on which he often took friends and family for outings on SF Bay.

Mike is survived by his "true companion," Sally Madrid; his beloved daughters Emma and Hannah Fulford; and their mother Gail Fulford; his parents, Joe and Shirley Fulford; his sisters, Jan Small (Dan), Vicki Bavaro (Frank), Kelly Anderson (Jeff); his brothers, David and Eric Fulford (Katie); and his nephews and nieces, Evan Small (Molly), Paul and Lexi Bavaro, Taylor and Mikayla Anderson, and Nate Fulford. In addition, Mike will be greatly missed by Sally's children, Alexis Madrid (John) and Peter Madrid (Tina) as well as the grandchildren that he loved so dearly, Marcus and Clara Engelhardt and Leyla and Kayvon Madrid, who called him Grampy Mike.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held at a later date. If you would like to be notified of the memorial, please email mhfulford@gmail.com.

Nancy Joyce Myers

Nancy Joyce Myers (age 84) died on Monday, October 19, 2015 in Redding, CA. Nancy was born June 30, 1931 in Antioch, to parents Gordon & Alice Strathearn. Nancy was a cheerleader and a friend to all and graduated from Antioch High School in 1949. She went to work at Fibreboard Paper Mill in Antioch as a secretary and met the love of her life, Robert Myers, that same year. With a cute smile, she shared a memory one week before she passed about Bob winking at her every time he walked by her desk. Two years later, June 16, 1951, Nancy and Bob were married at the Congregational Church in Antioch. They had two children they adored and memories of summer Tahoe vacations at the family cabin and frequent ocean trips were a highlight of their lives. They moved to Walnut Creek and lived in their home they loved for 35 years until relocating to Redding in 2005.

Nancy loved her family and friends dearly. She enjoyed her garden flowers & hummingbirds, reading a good book, singing in the church choir & playing the piano in church as an accompanist as well as for enjoyment. She was a creative person enjoying painting & water coloring, sewing clothes for herself and her daughter, dining & dancing with her husband every Saturday night come rain or shine, watching As The World Turns on TV, cooking, and entertaining. She had a bubbly personality with a contagious laugh.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Robert Myers, sister Joan Salazar (Raymond) of Santa Clara, brother Ted Conklin (Dianne) of Reno, children Bob Myers (Cathy) of Burney, Joy Fischer (Richard) of Livermore, grandchildren Ashley Virgilio (Anthony), Brandon Fischer and Tony Myers, and other grandchildren, great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews that she loved so dearly. There will be many more colorful rainbows in the California skies in honor of Nancy! She will be missed.

Denise Diane Slater August 12, 1970 - Oct. 8, 2015 Resident of Livermore Denise, a bright beautiful soul, left us far too soon. On October 8th, 2015, the world lost a strong, hardworking mother, a beloved daughter, and an unforgettable friend. She was born in Hayward, California to parents Diane and Gerald Slater. She spent her childhood years growing up in Blackhawk, CA and graduated from Monte Vista high school in 1988 with

many lasting friendships. Denise always had a heart for adventure and fun. She experienced many different areas of California, traveling and living in cities such as Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Chico, and Dublin before finally settling in the beautiful city of Livermore. She had a passionate and fiery attitude, which caused her to let life take her wherever her heart urged. She was extremely headstrong, and knew how to make a lasting impact wherever she ended up. During her time in Chico, she worked as a licensed Dental Assistant. In 1997, her first daughter Taylor was born. One year later, in 1998, her second daughter Madison was born. Shortly after, she moved to Dublin to raise her two baby girls.

Once moved to Dublin, Denise dedicated all of her energy and time into making her daughters' childhoods loving and memorable. Between working 10 hour days, Denise spent all her free time documenting every moment of their lives together. Today remains video tapes of countless recitals, small New Year's Eve Celebrations together, and of course, St. Patrick's Day Parade's through downtown Danville - where she cherished dressing her girls up to participate in. In addition, there are thousands of beautiful memories captured in pictures by Denise that many are thankful to have in her memory. Her two daughters were raised around her passionate and soulful demeanor, being accustomed to her love for music and her principles of sole strength. Her love for music has left us all with songs and melodies lasting forever in her memory.

In 2001, she moved to Livermore, CA where she lived and loved to live for the past fourteen years. This is where she began to raise her two daughters all on her own, as a single mother. She continued to work in dental offices, where she has formed many lasting and personal relationships with each of her employers and co-workers. She was breathtaking; so intelligent, hardworking and so beautiful that many took deep interest in her. Not to mention, her gathered years of experience as an assistant made her witty, quick, and confident in her work. She was just as careful and precise as any dentist behind the chair. She was admired by all that came across her.

Denise couldn't help but bleed passion, and unintentionally emphasized the value of strength and working hard to her children. Not only this, but she loved to have fun and had the biggest, brightest smile. She had a laugh like no one else



in this world, and her smile was something that many remember her by. She was a deep thinker, and had views on the world that nobody could change or understand. We will carry on her affinity for award-winning indie movies and "classic" alternative music. We will never forget the undying, passionate love for her five cats, who have brought her more joy than an average person experiences.

Dee Dee, as many affectionately knew her as, leaves behind her mother Diane Slater and deceased father Gerald Slater of Danville, CA, children Taylor and Madison Lobb of Livermore, CA, brother John Slater of Livermore, CA, and Roger Craig of Danville, CA. She leaves behind her life-long friend and sister, Sheri Schermerhorn of Oakley, CA, and childhood friend Jim Walton of Dublin, CA. Those who knew the mutual love of "Dee"; Anthony Mitchell of Concord, CA, Alissa Dufour of Pleasanton, CA, Roy and Tammy Lewis of Danville, CA. And of course, although nothing compares to her love, we will try and pass on the unique, undying love for her three remaining kitties, Fred, Lilly, and Missy.

We will celebrate Denise's life with a memorial service at Oak Hill Park in Danville on Sunday, November 22, 2015.

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Ruben T. Perez

Ruben T. Perez, age 68, a lifetime resident of Livermore, died peacefully at home on October 23, 2015 after a long battle of diabetes and renal disease. His family was by his side. Ruben was loved by many people and will be missed.

Ruben was a graduate of Livermore High School and served in the Army. He worked at the Ford Motor Plant in Milpitas and retired from the City of Pleasanton after 21 years.

Ruben is survived by his wife of 38 years, Rhonda, daughter, Angela Perez of Livermore, and beloved granddaughter, Fiona Perez of Livermore. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Monser, of Livermore, Lydia Brown of Bothwell WA and brother George Perez of Pleasanton.

According to his wishes no services will be held. Donations in his name can be made to Hope Hospice.

Janice Louise Casey (Westfall)

Janice Louise Casey (Westfall) passed away on October 18, 2015, in her home of Livermore, CA surrounded by her three children. Jan left this stage of life after a long courageous battle with cancer.

Jan Casey leaves behind her three children: Daughter Colleen Casey (Ward), Colleen's two son's: Adrian and Jordan Ward, Adrian's wife Sara Hurtado, their daughter Nevaeh; Son Michael Casey his wife Karen; their daughter Jessica Casey and son Colton Casey; Jan's other son, Patrick Casey, and son in law Ron Ward.

Born Janice Louise Westfall in February 7, 1941. She was the daughter of Richard and Elsie Westfall (Stickles). Jan attended Menlo Atherton High School, graduating in 1958. She attended San Jose State College. Jan married Robert Casey, which lasted until his death in 1999. She taught English as a Second Language, was a volunteer Cub Scout Den Mother, Campfire Girls in addition to her everyday activities of taking care of her children.

When her children reached middle school in the mid 1970's, Jan rejoined the work force, allowing for her to blossom. Her work ethic, intelligence, willingness to learn, found her in positions of HR, Office Manager, HR Manager and trusted "mentor" according to Penny Darlington who worked with Jan for 21 years, calling her "the hardest most loyal employee ever."

As a member of the community in which she lived and worked, making friends as her selfless and caring essence would shine beams of light upon those who were fortunate to know her. Of the many things Jan loved to do was create pastoral landscapes of wonder. Her home was lush with green and a friendly food stop for local hummingbirds needing sustenance. This love of gardening was a perfect fit for her dedication and service in the Mount Diablo Rose Society. Jan served as a passionate and dedicated member involved in a range of activities, acting as Director for 6 of those years, culminating in a award ARS Bronze Medal Award for "outstanding service to a local rose society." True to Jan's nature, she was surprised as she felt she "never did that much". To those who knew Jan, knew how much she did above and beyond the norm as to her that was the norm.

Jan was a lover of poetry and story. One of her favorites was songwriter Leonard Cohen: "Ring the bells that still can ring Forget your perfect offering There is a crack, a crack in everything That's how the light gets in. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Continuum Care Hospice Foundation.

Memorial Services will be held at Callaghan Mortuary at 2 p.m. November



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Bernice Violet

May Marchini
May 21, 1921-Oct. 16, 2015
Resident of San Leandro

Born in Seattle, Washington, to Swedish immigrants Charles Konrad and Signe Maria (Johansson) Brandstrom, Bernice and her brothers, Arnold, Bert, and Rodney, grew up among a rich network of family and neighbors with especial



close bonds with her aunt and uncle, Esther and Emil, Johnson and their children: Gus (Virginia), Amy (Charlie), and Nancy (Jim) of Mount Vernon, WA.

She worked at Boeing Aircraft Co. from 1941 through WWII. Essentially a "blueprint librarian," she bicycled around grounds keeping track of the carefully guarded aircraft plans. After the war, Bernice moved to San Francisco to work at Hartford Fire Ins. Co.

Married to Eugene Marchini April 17, 1948, she lived in San Leandro and raised their son, Mike, and daughter, Chris. She was a classic 50's homemaker. An avid PTA member, she served in many positions ranging from Librarian to President and was awarded an Honorary Life Membership. Bernice worshipped at San Lorenzo Baptist Church, serving in many ways including lead Shepherdess and greeter.

Diagnosed with dementia in 2005, Bernice's memory began to run short, while time with her family began to run long. She enjoyed manicures, weekly hair appointments, eating out, worshipping with Mike's family, classic movies, long car drives, and fabric shopping, knotting 550 fleece Blankets for Kids in 2010! Many will recall watching her dance down the aisle for Holy Communion.

Bernice passed peacefully into the arms of her Savior on October 16, 2015.

She is survived by children, Mike (Debbie) Marchini of Livermore, and Christine (Ken) MacLaughlin, of San Leandro, grandchildren, Kyle (Elizabeth) and Kayla Marchini.

Her memorial will be Sunday, Nov. 1 at 3pm at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Ave. in Livermore. Bernice will be interred privately at Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward.

Suggested donations in lieu of flowers include Hope Hospice or the Humane Society.

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SPORTS NOTES



Fusion U8 Boys Lightning Dogs vs Warriors: It was an exciting game between the Lightning Dogs and the Warriors. Both teams played hard in a tight match to the end. The top scorers for the Lightning Dogs were Kenny Gandhi, Ethan Holt, and Zach Lininger. Strong defense was anchored by Connor Werley.



The Fusion Boys U10 Bronze Select team - the "Scary Pumpkins" - had a great showing at this weekend's Octoberfest tournament in Walnut Creek, placing 3rd overall. Tyler Orth, Gavin Vadney, and Brandon Niemeyer scored the 3 goals for the win in Saturday afternoon's game, while Daniel Walter and Noah Olivier played solid defense to hold off the opponent's attempt at a comeback. Sunday morning's game, the team pulled out a 1-0 win. Tyler Orth scored the single goal of the game, Jake Follis made an amazing save as goalie when he blocked a penalty kick and Tristan Weed, Regan Smith, Travis Clemens, Dylan Marques, Ryan Emerson, and Trent Terkeurst, turned in their best defensive and offensive performances of the season.



The Granada High School freshman football team travelled to Danville to play Monte Vista High School, winning the game 28-22. Monte Vista was in the lead when Tony Garcia scored the first Granada points on a 41 yard field goal during the second quarter. Robert Sandoval then scored on a five yard run for a 10-3 lead. Octavio Morales intercepted a Monte Vista pass and Garcia kicked a field goal from twenty-five yards. Brent Cisterman, Zack Macintire, and Adrian Ayala caused a Monte Vista fumble recovered by the Matadors; Macintire went on to score a touchdown. Late in the fourth quarter, Macintire returned a Granada fumble recovery seventy yards and then completed a pass for the two point conversion putting the Matadors in the lead. With time running out, the game ended with the Matadors stopping Monte Vista on the Granada five yard line. Pictured is Zack Macintire nearing a touchdown followed by Adrian and Rudy Ayala.



Livermore Fusion SC U9 Select Boys took second place overall at the Walnut Creek Octoberfest tournament this weekend ending with a 3 game win.



Pleasanton Seahawks at swim meet.



The U9 Fusion Select Bronze Team took 3rd in the Walnut Creek Halloween tournament over the weekend. They won 3 of their 4 games suffering a heart wrenching 1 to 0 loss. The offense netted 18 goals in its 4 games. The defense allowed only two goals throughout the tournament. Excellent goal tending from Preston Temple, Joshua King and Andrew Cordero. Pictured are (from top, left) Coach Mario Anaya, Gabriel Anaya, Andrew Cordero, Joshua King, Toa Faavae, Chase Nadeau, Coach Edi Cordero. Bottom from left: Michael Boyd, Jaden Vassallo, Tyler Kardy, Preston Timmons, Tanner Muela, Drayden Curtis, not pictured Preston Temple.



The bat signal was spotted in the sky over Walnut Creek just before dawn on Saturday. Within minutes the Livermore Fusion U12 Bat-boys arrived to save the day at the Octoberfest soccer tournament. The superheroes were victorious in 3 out of 4 tightly contested battles against their archenemies and other superheroes. Despite many incredible bat moves, the Batboys narrowly missed out on winning the championship. Holy Halloween soccer Batman.

SPORTS NOTES

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Pre-registration entry fees for the 5K are \$30, the 10K \$35 per runner, and half marathon entry fees are \$45 per runner. Group/family discounts are available for four or more runners. The one-mile fun run entry fee is \$10. On race day, all registration entry fees will be an additional \$10.
To register, visit www.racetotheflagpole.org or contact Mike Nagel, Race Director, at 925-667-6535 or flagpolerace@yahoo.com.

Multi-Purpose Room, 1001 Elaine Avenue. Visit the website or email registration@LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org for more information.

Lacrosse Signup

Play Lacrosse! Registration is open for the Livermore Phantom Lacrosse spring season. Fall/winter tune-up sessions are under way now and included in the registration fee. Sign up at www.phantomlacrosse.org.

Livermore Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association welcomes all Livermore girls aged 5-18 for the 2016 Spring Recreational season. No prior experience necessary. Online registration is now open at LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org, or register in person on November 10 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Joe Michell

Swim Meet in Pleasanton

The Pleasanton Seahawks are hosting a swim meet Fri., Nov. 6 to Sun., Nov. 8, which might have some traffic impacts.
The meet will be held at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, 4455

Black Avenue, Pleasanton.
Traffic along Santa Rita Road and Black Ave. may be impacted through the course of the weekend. City staff has made arrangements with the local high school and elementary school to offer additional overflow parking to

mitigate congestion along the streets and in the neighborhoods.

The normal programs offered through the Aquatic Center (lap and learn to swim) will not be offered during this weekend.

For information, call 931-3420.

It's A Haunted Halloween in the Vineyards

By Laura Ness

Are you a big fan of being scared out of your wits? If so, Concannon Vineyard has some ghoulish delights on tap for your Halloween pleasure. Not content to rest on their creepily cobwebbed laurels from past Hallowed eves of darkest dread, they've extended the horror for three nights this year, from October 29 - 31. Plus, they're offering you three ways to enter the dastardly domain of spine-tingling terror. We're already reaching for a bottle of Captain Joe's!

First, there are "Haunted Halloween Wine Walks," which take place from Thursday through Saturday, at 6:45pm or 8:30pm, for \$25 per person. Don a costume, grab a flashlight and come tour the haunted and hallowed grounds of Concannon Vineyard where you'll drink the blood of the vine and listen as the ghosts of vintages past tell their haunting tales. A special wine and Halloween candy pairing awaits at each shadowy encounter, so be prepared to be frightfully impressed. Receive 15% off on wines to go - you'll need some adult treats after this! 21+ years of age, please.

Feel up for some more terrifying action? Catch the "Trolley to Terror" rides with candy and wine pairings as you journey with fellow revelers to the Pirates of Emerson, a terrifying theme park located in Pleasanton. You'll be treated to the speed pass feature, so you can bypass mere mortals in all attraction lines. Guests receive 15% off on wines to go. Must be 21+ years of age to participate. Costumes are encouraged, but limitations apply at Pirates of Emerson. Tickets are \$80 per visitor, \$75 for Concannon Club members, and depart at 7:00pm, Oct 29 - 31.

"Love at First Bite," features ghoulishly good pairings in the bone-chilling Concannon wine library, with a prix fix 3-course dinner presented by Underdog Wine Bar. Kick off the festivities with a glass of Cupcake Prosecco, then dig into Pear and Arugula Salad with Pecans, Blood Oranges, and a Burnt Orange

Vinaigrette, Champagne Pumpkin Bisque with Caramelized Butternut Squash and Filet of Pacific Salmon with Devil'd Crab Stuffing, Fall Vegetables with Black Rice Risotto. Price is \$40 per person, with wine pairings an additional \$13 per person. Seatings at 5 and 7 pm.

Visit Big White House Winery/John Evan Cellars in costume, and they will take 13% off purchases on Halloween day. You might even spy John Evan, and Cellar Master, Jessica, slaving over bubbling cauldrons in the back of the winery.

Don your costume, grab a picnic and head to Charles R Vineyards for some "Halloween" fun and Spooktacular Sips on Saturday, October 31, from 11:30 - 4:30pm.

Challenge yourself to their Blind Tasting. Can you tell "Which Wine is WITCH?"

Do you need a pumpkin or two for your front porch? Eagle Ridge offers "Penny for a Pumpkin:" with each wine purchase, pick a pumpkin for just 1 cent.

On Halloween day, anyone in costume receives 2 for 1 reserve flight tastings at Las Positas Vineyards. Their Halloween wine club release party takes place on Friday, October 30, 6-9 pm. Sip 2012 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon with Vampire blood tomato soup and Muenster sandwiches. Monstrously good!

McGrail Vineyards and Winery hosts a "Ghostly Ghoul for Wine-O's," Friday, October 30, 7-11PM, with DJ Bobby's Jams and a costume contest. Food for purchase by Smokin' Hot Meats and Treats. \$35/ person \$30/club members, includes one complimentary glass of Sangria. Heather says try pairing a Snickers Bar with their Cabernet.

Celebrate Halloween, October 31, 6:00-9:00 pm, at the Murieta's Well Masquerade. Four-course dinner in the barrel room, followed by dancing.

\$75 club/\$90 non-club. Page Mill holds its annual Library Wine Sale and Halloween party on Oct. 30, from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., including a costume contest.

Rodrigue Molyneux bids you come in costume

to their "Halloween Howling Good Time," and take 10 percent off select bottles. Dip, if you dare, into their Secret Witches Brew, and guess the number of candy corns in a wine bottle.

Ruby Hill welcomes Halloween on Friday, October 30, from 6 - 9 pm, in the Tasting Room, with dinner, a glass of wine, music & dancing. Costume prizes. Must be 21 or over; no children.

VALLEY FIRE FUNDRAISER A SMOKIN' SUCCESS

A hearty Thank You! to Debbie and Roger Kardinal who worked tirelessly to put on a very successful fundraiser for the 2015 Fire victims at First Street Wine Company earlier this month that raised over \$3600. They'd like to thank all the merchants and wineries who donated silent auction and raffle items, and a big shout out to the musicians who provided entertainment at the fundraising event at First Street, where Linda Allen generously added 10% of the day's profits to the fund.

Debbie and Roger, who are posting daily from their road trip to Oregon and Washington on Facebook, wanted to thank several wineries in particular for their generosity, including Cuda Ridge, Chouinard, Charles R Vineyards, The Singing Winemaker and John Christopher Cellars. She says that Bent Creek Winery donated an entire case of wine from which they created multiple "taste of downtown" baskets, complete with gift cards and gift certificates from various local restaurants and merchants. Other businesses donated merchandise, like an \$1100 carpet, candles, two wooden wine racks, beer, teas, picture frames, spa products and photo sessions. So many Facebook friends from all over donated cash. The Cardinals were pretty overwhelmed with the great response and want to thank everyone who participated.

It's still a long road ahead for those impacted by the multiple wild fires that heavily impacted thousands of lives already this season. Says Debbie, "Let's all keep the victims of the fires across California in our prayers!" And, pray for rain.

JEANS AND JEWELS: AN EVENING ON SAFARI

You know this is the one event of the year you cannot miss if you are a Tri-Valley Conservancy supporter. Again held at gorgeous Casa Real at Ruby Hill, and catered by the incomparable Beets Catering Group, this will be another fine evening to showcase the many ways in which this organization is making a difference in preserving the unique agricultural heritage of the region. Made possible with generous support from so many local businesses, this year's auction items will certainly be exciting and memory-making.

One of the coolest is the South African Safari Pack-

age, which includes 6 days and 6 nights accommodation for two people at your choice of 3 venues; Zulu Nyala Game Lodge, Heritage Safari Lodge or Hemingway-style Tented Safari Camp (based on standard room). The package includes all meals, two game-viewing activities per day on Zulu Nyala Game Reserve in open Land Rovers, accompanied by an experienced ranger and a host ranger who will assist you in arranging your activities during your stay at Zulu Nyala.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 509940

The following person(s) doing business as: Forgotten Fountains, 663 South S Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Forgotten Fountains, LLC, 663 South S Street, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by a Limited liability company The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrants :s/ John Schuster, Principal This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 28, 2015. Expires September 28, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3857. Published October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 510019

The following person(s) doing business as: The Peladon Group, 1565 Morning Glory Circle, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1)Angela Claire Hoffman (2)James Roger Hoffman, 1565 Morning Glory Circle, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by Married Couple The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/1/2015. Signature of Registrants :s/ Angela Hoffman This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda

on September 29, 2015. Expires September 29, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3858. Published October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 510049

The following person(s) doing business as: The Body Artists, 1850 Sunset Dr, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lauren Michelle Dutch, 1850 Sunset Dr, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrants :s/ Lauren Michelle Dutch This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 30, 2015. Expires September 30, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3859. Published October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 509922

The following person(s) doing business as: Studio Dance Art Fit Livermore, 151 E. Airway Blvd, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Victoria Christine Carroll, 60 Meritage Common Unit 200, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrants :s/ Victoria Carroll This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 28, 2015. Ex-

pires September 28, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3860. Published October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 2015.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. 509763

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Studio Dance Art Fit Livermore, 7 E. Airway Blvd Unit #151, Livermore, CA 94551. The Fictitious Business Name Statement being abandoned was filed on 9/23/15 in the County of Alameda. The full name of Registrant: (1)Victoria Christine Carroll, 60 Meritage Common Unit 200, Livermore, CA 94551(2) Maria Puentes-Barr, 1122 Norfolk Rd, Livermore, CA 94551 Signature of Registrant: /s/ Victoria Carroll This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 28, 2015. Expires September 28, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3861. Published October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 509512

The following person(s) doing business as: D K Builders, 424 Hummingbird Lane, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): David Karl Johnson, 424 Hummingbird Lane, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrants :s/ David K. Johnson This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 17, 2015. Expires September 17, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3862. Published October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 510540

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Carol Hukari, 3142 Belmont Court, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by an Unincorporated association other than a partnership. The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/1/2014. Signature of Registrants :s/: Carol Hukari, General Partner

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 13, 2015. Expires October 13, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3863. Published October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 510566

The following person(s) doing business as: Vineyard's Animal Nanny, 1735 Monterey Dr, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kimberley L. Aldridge, 1735 Monterey Dr, Livermore, CA 94551

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 14, 2015. Expires October 14, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3864. Published October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 509781

The following person(s) doing business as: Express Fashion Operations, LLC, 1 Express Dr, Columbus, OH 43230 This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 8/13/2015. Signature of Registrants :s/: Steven Hutkai, VP & Asst. Treasurer

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 24, 2015. Expires September 24, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3865. Published October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2015.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 510729

The following person(s) doing business as: Heavy Metal Off-Road, 214 Turnstone Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Timothy Joseph Neil, 214 Turnstone Drive, Livermore, CA 94551

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 510233

The following person(s) doing business as: Hooked On Driving, 2247 Bluffs Court,

Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Southern California Performance Driving LLC, 2247 Bluffs Court, Livermore, CA 94551

This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrants :s/: Fred S. Martin, Member

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 6, 2015. Expires October 6, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3867. Published October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 510921

The following person(s) doing business as: Bullnosing and Shaping Construction Services, 11761 Bloomington Way, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John Lorio, 11761 Bloomington Way, Dublin, CA 94568

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrants :s/: John H. Lorio

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 510729

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 510233

The following person(s) doing business as: Hooked On Driving, 2247 Bluffs Court,

by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrants :s/: Timothy Joseph Neil

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 19, 2015. Expires October 19, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3869. Published October 29, November 5, 12, 19, 2015.

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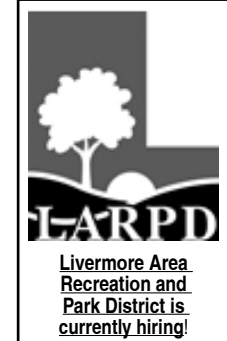
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Dublin Gets into the Spirit of the Season with 'Ghosts'

By Carol Graham

On the night before Halloween, the sun will set at a quarter past six.

By the time darkness shrouds the valley, Dublin's historic Sunday School Barn will be filled with people eager to meet the ghosts of Dublin.

The first-ever "Ghosts of Dublin" event will take place Friday, October 30, from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., at the Heritage Park and Museums.

Attendees will meet Thomas Donlon, who fell to his death in 1859 while helping build the Old St. Raymond's Church, the oldest wooden church in California. They will take a flashlight tour of the Pioneer Cemetery to visit the grave of James Witt Dougherty with his faithful dog Carlo buried at his feet. They will follow a path to the historic Kolb House, and peer through the lighted windows into yesterday.

"We're recommending this event for ages eight and up, not so much because of the fright factor, but because we think older kids will be more engaged listeners who will understand and appreciate these 'ghost' stories," said Heritage Park and Museums Director Elizabeth Isles. "The event was inspired by the new Ghosts of Dublin website created by Rita Szollos."

Szollos researched and launched the website as part of her final project to earn a Master's Degree in Public History from California State University, East Bay.

"The website is an example of the growing field of



Pictured is the Ogeedankee house.

digital history," said Szollos. "It features interactive maps, re-photography, and a re-creation video of the Amador-Livermore Valley."

Digital history represents an emerging and rapidly-changing academic field that uses digital media and computational analytics for furthering historical research, analysis and presentation.

The evening begins with a presentation and slide show, followed by an audience participation and Q & A period.

"I have a flare for the dramatic," said Szollos. "Some of my favorite stories come from photographs and maps that

tell only part of a story, with the rest left to the imagination."

Among her favorites is an 1899 photograph of Ogeedankee (Native American for "up the hill"), the home of Charles and Ida Dougherty, which included an outdoor skating rink, aviary, animal zoo, and Chinese and Japanese tea gardens. The home burned to the ground in 1918.

"It sounds like a house that was ahead of its time and well appointed," said Szollos. "But no other photos of this gorgeous estate have surfaced. In my effort to put together Dublin's history, I searched for more details about the home but couldn't find any."

Around 8:30 p.m., Ghosts of Dublin attendees can enjoy hot cider and tour the Heritage Park and Museums which include Old St. Raymond's Church, the Sunday School Barn, the 1911 Kolb House, the 1856 Murray Schoolhouse, which houses a permanent exhibit on Dublin's history as well as changing exhibits highlighting various historical aspects of the area (currently "Dublin Schools - 1915, 1950 and Today"), and, naturally, the Pioneer Cemetery, which features tombstone inscriptions and historical signs that tell the story of those who peopled the valley around the time of California's Gold Rush and whose names still appear on streets, schools and parks.

"Time and again, people are surprised at how lush this valley used to be - at the lake and wetlands that used to exist," said Szollos. "For example, I spoke with a group of elementary schoolers last month and it was heartwarming to later receive thank you letters saying: Thank you for teaching us that before Safeway, there used to be natives and grass; I'm glad California once had water; It's interesting that Europeans have so many diseases; and, I didn't know there were only one or two maps 500 years ago, so it's good they found this place."

The Ghosts of Dublin event offers 100 tickets for sale: \$5 for residents, \$6 for visitors. They can be purchased at the door or online at www.dublin.ca.gov/calendar.aspx?eid=2745.

The Heritage Park and Museums is located at 6600 Donlon Way. Regular hours are Wednesday through Sunday, from 1 to 4 p.m., with free admission.

Lab/College Lecture to Focus on Microbial Cells

On Thursday, November 5, from 6-7:15 p.m., the final lecture in the 6th Annual Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Las Positas College fall science and engineering seminar series will focus on microbial cells in a lecture with Xavier Mayali, PhD, microbial oceanographer and staff scientist in the Nuclear and Chemical Sciences Division at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

The lecture will be held in Building 2400, Room 2420 at Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore. Attendance is free and open to the public.

Microbial cells, both in terms of numbers and activity, outweigh all other forms of life on earth. They play significant roles in environmental and human health. Microbial biologists seek to understand how they respond to and affect the ecosystems in which they live. Mayali will discuss the history of aquatic microbiology in particular the methods currently used to understand microbial metabolism in their native

environment. He will present some recent examples of what scientists have learned about using the addition of elemental isotopes to understand what they eat and DNA sequencing technology to understand who they are.

Mayali Xavier was born in France and immigrated to the United States when he was 12 years old. He attended UC Berkeley (UCB) as an undergraduate where he studied environmental science. At UCB, he was introduced to marine biology research through a field course in Moorea, French Polynesia where he attended his senior year. He moved to Charleston, South Carolina to earn a Master of Science degree in Marine Biology studying harmful algal blooms in the Gulf of Mexico. He obtained his Ph.D. in biological oceanography at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego, studying the interactions between microbes during algal blooms. While at Scripps, he designed an assay to detect specific bacterial species in seawater samples. Later,

as a post-doc at LLNL, he developed a new way of quantifying microbial metabolism from environmental samples.

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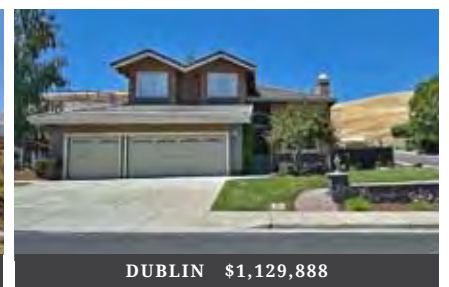
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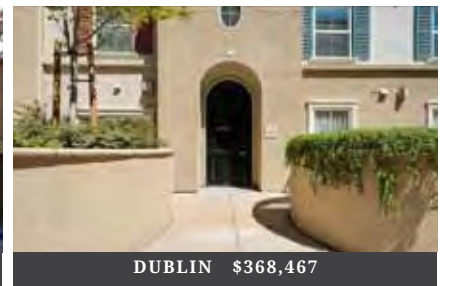
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Guitarist to Perform Selections from New Christmas Music CD

The Livermore Public Library will present a concert by one of the country's premiere classical guitarist. Peter Fletcher will perform at 2pm on Sunday, November 8, 2015, at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. There is no charge for this event.

This concert is part of a nationwide tour to promote Fletcher's new CD – Christmas Music for Guitar. He will perform selections from this new CD, which contains such classical masterworks as Bach's Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Simple Gifts (a traditional Shaker Hymn), and three pieces from Michael Praetorius's Terpsichore.

The CD also features four Catalan folk songs, including El Noi de la Mare/Son of the Virgin, and La nit de Nadal/The Night of Christmas, arranged for guitar by Miguel Llobet.

Fletcher will also perform some of the selections he performed at Carnegie Hall in April 2014, such as Prelude No. 1 by Villa-Lobos which inspired William Gooch, editor-in-chief of Fashion Reverie, to exclaim:

"Every time classical guitarist Peter Fletcher appears at Carnegie Hall, he has a packed house. Whether audience members are hearing him for the

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Peter Fletcher



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

'Fools' - Neil Simon Comedy Offers Both Humor and Heart

By Carol Graham

For 200 years, the town of Kulyenchicov has been cursed with stupidity.

"The curse can only be broken if someone can teach the residents . . . anything," said Dublin High School (DHS) drama teacher Scott Di Lorenzo. "Enter Leon, a schoolteacher, eager about his new job. He meets his pupil, immediately falls in love with her, and learns that if he can't break the curse within 24 hours, he too shall be cursed. Will he run away or stay for love? Come find out."

Six performances of Neil Simon's "Fools" are open to all from November 5th - 8th at Dublin High School's state-of-the-art Center for the Performing Arts. Thursday and Friday shows begin at 7p.m.; Saturday and Sunday shows at 2 and 7 p.m.

"Fools is pure comedic joy!" added Di Lorenzo. "It's a farcical fairy tale with everything from a vaudevillian nemesis to slapstick comedy. The characters are over-the-top reflections of ourselves."

For teens, known to dread embarrassment above all else, Fools is a perfect choice. Simon's witty dialogue

and fast-paced blend of humor and heart allow the young actors to cast off inhibitions.

"Being involved in this production has taught me that no matter how crazy the show is, you've got to go for it. Never hold back," said Savannah O'Callaghan Jones, who plays Yenchna. "I feel like I've really gotten in touch with my inner stupidity."

She and the other 35 cast and crewmembers have also learned that it takes smarts to play stupid.

"This production has taught me not to worry about looking cool onstage," added Savannah Quintero, who plays Lenya. "When portraying such an expressive, charismatic, over-the-top character, it's okay to look stupid. I learned to worry more about playing the character to her fullest potential than about how I look to the audience."

In fact, drama develops countless life skills like public speaking, communication, timing, design, memorization, and empathy.

"I could write a thesis paper on this," said Di Lorenzo, laughing. "Students learn personal responsi-

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Two Chances to See Stunt Dog Experience

Trainer Chris Perondi brings his team of world-class athletic dogs to the Bankhead Theater for two performances of the “Stunt Dog Experience” on Friday, November 6, 2015.

With professional performers and over a dozen dogs, the features stunts, comic antics and tricks, from high jumps and barrel racing, to pole weaving and disc catching. The “Stunt Dog Experience” is unusual in that all the dogs in the performance are rescue dogs adopted from pounds and shelters across the country. Perondi and his dogs have appeared on The Ellen DeGeneres Show, The Tonight Show, Good Morning America, and “Pet Star!” as well as in numerous commercials.

Originally from Stockton, California, director Chris Perondi has produced over 7,000 shows in major theme parks and performing art centers since 1999. Each show includes more than a dozen dogs such as

a border collie mix named “Flashy Ferrari,” “Crazy Confetti” a Jack Russell/Terrier mix, a Texas heeler “Tazmanian Tex,” and “High-Flying Harley,” a Belgian Malinois. In addition, “Stunt Dog Experience” has a mascot, Diggy, whose silly but helpful ways turns him into the star of the show. The “Stunt Dog Experience” is interactive with the audience asked to provide encouragement for the stunts. There are showdowns that are judged by audience applause. The “Golden Bone Showdown,” a series of five separate challenges, tests each dogs’ intelligence, speed, accuracy, and leaping ability. Throughout the performance, the dogs show off talents such as jumping rope, back-flips, and walking backward on their hind legs.

Perondi first began dog training as a hobby in 1996 with an adopted Australian Cattle dog named “Pepper.” After starting Northern

California’s first Frisbee Dog Club a few years later, he created the “Extreme Canines Show” which performed as half-time and sideline entertainment for the San Francisco 49ers at Candlestick Park for many years. He went on to compete and perform in theme parks for the next ten years before adding the “Stunt Dog Experience” show which was designed for stage performance.

Perondi personally trains the dogs to perform specialized tricks and stunts, using treats and toys as rewards, and matches each dog’s particular skills to the feats they most enjoy performing. Perondi is an advocate for animal rescue and adoption, pet spay and neutering, and encourages everyone to spend more time with their pets.

The “Stunt Dog Experience” will be presented twice on November 6th with one performance in the late afternoon at 4:00 p.m. followed by a repeat



Confetti performs a backflip.

performance at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 or \$39 for adults and just \$16 for students.

The Bankhead The-

ater is located at 2400 Firestone Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets may be purchased at the box office,

online at www.bankhead-theater.org, by calling 373-6800 or via the new LVPAC mobile app.

The Cats Are Back! For Show in Livermore

Over 150 cats and kittens will be groomed to perfection and ready to show off before six judges for Best Cat and Best Kitten honors at the annual Golden Gate Cat club cat show on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015. The show is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. Free parking is available in the large parking lot off Loyola Way. Admission donation is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and children under 12, with a \$25.00

family rate. Tickets can be purchased at the gate.

Visitors will be able to see the cats up close and “purrsonal,” ask the owners questions, and hear the judges explain the characteristics of the various breeds. Many breeds will be there, including pampered Persians, massive Maine coons, sleek Siamese, enticing Exotics and bewitching Birman, and others. The cats will compete for awards in categories, for Kittens, Championship and Premier. Champions are adult cats that are not neutered, Premiers are neutered. There is

also a class for Household Pets, not purebred, who win awards. The judging is continuous all day.

This year will again offer children the opportunity to bring their stuffed toy kitties from home and have them judged by one of the cat show judges. Club President Pam Hill states, “The toy kitty judging was fun for kids and adults. Every child was a winner.” The club will provide toy kitties for adoption if children wish to participate and don’t have one of their own. Children must sign up for the judging by 11:00, with judging to commence



Primping for the judges

at approximately lunch time. A maximum of 20 will be signed up.

An “Ambassador” cat, “Danny” will be at the show for petting and meeting the spectators.

There is a café at the showhall for snacking and refreshments.

Golden Gate Cat Club supports various rescue organizations with the show proceeds, and there will be cats and kittens for adoption by Safe Cats, a local rescue group. Winn Foundation, which funds research for cat diseases, is also supported.

An Evening of Jazz Features Livermore's Youth

The bucolic Retzlaff Vineyards will be the site to celebrate the return of a jazz band program to Livermore High School (LHS) after a twenty year

absence. The public is invited to enjoy an evening of free music under the stars this Thursday, Oct. 29th. Also featured is Element

116, a collection of local middle and high school student musicians who have been performing as an ensemble for the past three years. The concert will

showcase the talent that we have in both the local schools and vineyards. Both music groups are directed by Matt Finders, an alumni of Livermore

High School. After a 30-year career as a professional musician, Matt returned to Livermore hoping he could spark some interest in jazz education in his hometown. Currently, Matt directs jazz programs at East Avenue and Mendenhall Middle Schools, and co-directs the LHS band

alongside veteran music educator, Art Gagnier. Livermore High School Jazz Band and Element 116 perform at Retzlaff Estate Vineyards, 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore on Thurs., Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is Free, picnics are encouraged.



Harmony Fusion Chorus to perform.

Program of Popular Songs 'You Have to Love' Planned

Harmony Fusion Chorus, a women's a cappella barber-shop chorus and chapter of Sweet Adelines International, presents "Brown Bag Radio Hour." The program features an afternoon of popular songs through the decades, those "songs you hate to love." Youth performing art groups and other performers will join the chorus to create a variety show of song, dance and fun.

The performance will take place at 2 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 7 at Lynnwood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton.

The setting for the show is likened to the old radio studio shows of the 1940's that evolved into the television variety shows of the 50's through the 80's, with audiences watching performers dance and sing the top songs of the day. The show's format mimics the famous DJ Kasey Kasem's Top Forty Weekend Countdown as the chorus performs songs representing each decade.

Harmony Fusion Chorus director Barbara Vander Putten explains the theme, "There is an old joke that if you loved a record album of schmaltzy music performed by singers such as Barry Manilow, John Denver, Abba, The Carpenters or Englebert Humperdink, you had to hide it in brown bag for fear of total humiliation. Yet the songs were the kind you just can't not sing or listen to over and

over again. So I chose songs that represent each decade of music, songs that get stuck in your head no matter how hard you try to erase them. Songs like "It's My Party," "Coconut" and "At the Hop" are not considered Grammy-worthy, but we can't help sing them every time they come on the radio."

The chorus will perform all songs a cappella –without musical accompaniment – which has gained popularity in recent years.

"A cappella singing is so hot right now," says Vander Putten. "With the success of the "Pitch Perfect" films, the television show "The Sing Off" – the springboard for the incredibly popular group Pentatonix – and the evolving perception of barbershop singing as a cool thing to do, a cappella singing is experiencing a true renaissance. There is really nothing as satisfying as bringing four-part harmony together to create "voices without bodies" or overtones (extra 'voices') that naturally occur with the unique chord structure. It's that harmony sound that audiences love."

To create the variety show theme, additional groups will also perform songs from each decade. Joining the chorus is the Milpitas High School Midnight Jazz Vocal Ensemble, Pleasanton's Hart Middle School Swing

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On duty at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Program Planned on History of the Unknown Soldiers

The Livermore Public Library will host a presentation by retired U.S. Army Sergeant First Class and current Livermore Police Officer Stephen Shodeen on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

This free event will be held in Community Rooms A and B of the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

SFC (Ret) Shodeen served a total of 20 years in the Army and Army Reserves. While on active duty, one of his assignments while with the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The

Old Guard) was as a Sentinel at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. SFC (Ret) Shodeen is one of only 634 soldiers who have earned the coveted Tomb Guard Identification Badge since its inception.

SFC (Ret) Shodeen will give a presentation covering the history of the Unknown Soldiers, and what it takes to become a Sentinel at The Tomb. There will be a Q&A session after the presentation. Everyone is invited to this enriching and inspiring program in honor of Veterans Day.



Vine to Screen Film 'Above and Beyond'

The award-winning documentary "Above and Beyond" by filmmaker Nancy Spielberg will screen on Wednesday, November 11 at 7:00 PM at the Vine Cinema, 1722 First Street in Livermore.

The film captures the heroism of a group of American WWII veterans who risked their lives to help Israel during its early days of statehood. These pilots' dedication helped create the Israeli Air Force in 1948.

Admission is \$10; students \$7. For more info: 925.895.3605 or rivagambert@gmail.com. This screening is presented by the International Film Series.

Teens to Create Landmarks and Buildings at the Livermore Library Using Donated Canned Food Items

Using donated canned food items, teens will compete by creating different landmarks and buildings. Come join the architectural fun at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 2 pm.

Following the competition the canned food will be donated to the Open Heart Kitchen in Livermore. The Open Heart Kitchen has been helping people in need since 1995. They serve over 236,000 meals every year.

This project was supported in whole or in part by the

U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

No registration is required for this free event. Donations of canned food are encouraged but not required of participants. For questions or more information about 2015 Fall Teen Programming, call Caitlyn Lung at 925-373-5576, or visit the library website: www.livermorelibrary.net.

Baker Launches 'There Ought To Be A Law' Video Contest

Assemblywoman Catharine B. Baker (R-San Ramon) is organizing a video contest, open to all high school students in the 16th Assembly District, entitled, "There Ought To Be A Law." The contest winner will have the opportunity to join Assemblywoman Baker at the State Capitol to introduce his or her bill before the California State Assembly in committee and receive recognition by the Assembly.

For this contest, students are asked to identify a problem impacting California that they believe requires a legislative solution, and to propose a bill idea to address the issue. In a short 2 to 6 minute video, contestants will explain the problem that their bill addresses, the details of what their bill would do to solve it, and evidence to support the need for their proposed legislation. Students also have the opportunity to submit an optional—but recommended—essay detailing their proposed bill idea in no more than 1000 words.

Within their video or optional essay, students are asked to address why the problem they identified should be solved by our state government rather than our local or federal government, the private sector, or non-profits, and how their proposed legislation will be paid for. Students are also reminded that their proposed law idea need not necessarily create a new program or regulation; rather, their idea could be to repeal, replace, or modify an existing law.

"This contest will be a great opportunity for high school students to learn about the legislative process and the importance of civic participation," said Baker. "I'm hopeful many students will find the task of creating their own short video to be both a fun and educational experience."

Each contestant will be required to upload his or her video to YouTube and then send the link directly to the Office of Assemblywoman Baker, by visiting <https://ad16.asmrc.org/>, and clicking on the button on the right hand side of the page that says "There Ought To Be A Law." All submissions will be due by November 27th.

Upon reviewing all submissions, Assemblywoman Baker's Office will select the top three videos as finalists for the contest. On December 3rd, the three finalists will have their videos added to the Assemblywoman's YouTube page (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ34bT5Zp5hOFwfnD9ef_EA). The public will vote on their favorite video by clicking the YouTube "like" button on the video they want to have win. When the contest ends on December 17th, the video with the most "likes" wins.

Baker represents the 16th Assembly District, which includes the communities of Alamo, Danville, Dublin, Lafayette, Livermore, Moraga, Orinda, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek.

Livermore Students Visit Japan's Respectful Culture

By Ron McNicoll

During several days of trips into the Japanese countryside with a host family in Yotsukaido, Katelyn Medina heard only one motorist honk a horn.

The courtesy in traffic that Medina witnessed contrasted with the honking horns, fist-waving, and other manifestations of anger to which drivers on California roads have become accustomed.

Cultural differences such as the civic respect for others on the roads impressed Medina, a special education teacher at Christensen Middle School in Livermore.

Medina, along with four other adults, ac-

companied 20 Livermore middle school exchange students to Yotsukaido, one of Livermore's sister cities. Students on the trip were 8th-graders from Mendenhall, Junction, East Avenue, Livermore Valley Charter School and Valley Montessori school. They visited for a week in early October. A Japanese group will come to Livermore in March.

The students were deeply impressed by the Japanese culture, said Keith Jess, who has coordinated the student exchange program since 2008.

"The students love to go to schools, see the temples, and they loved how well-received they were by

the host families," said Jess. Many students make friends. Jess' daughter visited in 2007, and still corresponds with friends she met there.

Looking back at his six visits to Japan, Jess said that immersion in the culture for just one week has been a "life-changing experience. The kids came home more grown up, more aware of the world we live in, with more respect for people and the environment, for teachers, and for life in general."

Respect is seen everywhere in Japan, from the polite greetings, to the total lack of litter and graffiti. "If people smoke, they go outside. The house is

always immaculate. It is a very clean culture based on respect," said Jess.

One thing that is much different from U.S. education is that the schools don't hire custodians. That does not translate to dirty classrooms. The students clean the classrooms -- every day.

The school day is a little longer than in the United States, but what really adds time to Japanese educa-

tion is learning outside the classroom. Students go to clubs after school, where they are involved in such interests as martial arts or music.

The middle school students wear uniforms adorned with a different color stripe for each of the three school years. Some of the Livermore students got into the spirit by wearing the uniforms during their school visits.

The whole student exchange program is self-supporting, with families paying for their students' trip. Some 60 students make the final selection group; only 20 of them are chosen to go.

Jess said that any current 7th grade students interested in next year's trip for 8th-graders should e-mail him at lysco2014@gmail.com.

Teen Leadership Conference Set

The City of Pleasanton will host its inaugural Teen Leadership Conference on Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 8:30am-5:00pm. This daylong workshop is open to all high school students in order to give them the opportunity to collaborate and develop a citywide event in Pleasanton while learning and demonstrating leadership skills needed to succeed in everyday life.

Students will be divided into teams and assigned to one of the following lead roles: marketing, event concept, project manager, finance, or presentation. Team members will work

together to develop the concept and details of their event and then present their plan at the conclusion of the day.

Students will hear from a keynote speaker, Laurie Bodine, of START Leadership. As a parent and an executive strategist, Laurie has identified similarities between the leadership and management of exceptional businesses and those of exceptional individuals, families, and classrooms -- especially with respect to developing, empowering and inspiring current and future leaders who can make a positive and

productive impact.

Laurie has worked with and for companies that include 3M, Workday, Wells Fargo, UCSF, and the San Mateo County Office of Education.

Lunch and post-workshop mixer are included. Students may register at Pleasantonfun.com Course: 60857. Workshop fees are \$40 for Pleasanton residents and \$44 for non-residents.

For more information please contact David Weisgerber at (925) 931-3474 or dweisgerber@cityofpleasantonca.gov

Planning Begins for Thanksgiving Dinner

Since 1993, the Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner has hosted an annual Thanksgiving Dinner for residents of Livermore and the Tri-Valley. Each year about 1300 Thanksgiving Dinners are served to Senior Citizens, Veterans, and residents of the Tri-Valley area.

This year, the Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be hosting the 33rd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday November 26, 2015 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St. in Livermore.

The committee is looking for food donations, monetary donations, and volunteers to help organize and host this event. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, November 11th, at 7:00 PM, at the Bothwell Center. At this meeting, there will an overview of the dinner and people can begin to sign up for the various volunteer jobs.

For more information please check out our website at www.lctd.org or call 455-9782

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Events, Authors Highlight National Novel Writing Month

At midnight on November 1, 2015, armed only with their wits, the vague outline of a story, and a ridiculous deadline, more than 250,000 people around the world will set out to become novelists. Why? Because November is National Novel Writing Month, or NaNoWriMo, the world's largest writing challenge and nonprofit literary crusade. Participants pledge to write 50,000 words in a month, starting from scratch and reaching "The End" by November 30.

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

This year, authors Anne Perry, Victoria Zackheim, and J.L. Powers, along with local writer and NaNoWriMo participant Jake LeBeau will be en-

couraging aspiring authors through a series of events. In addition, Mark Coker, founder of Smashwords--world's largest distributor of indie e-books--will teach you how to create and self-publish your own e-book on December 6. All events are free and take place at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

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

The Kick-Off Event will be held on Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 2:00pm.

Authors Anne Perry and Victoria Zackheim will discuss the ups and downs of novel writing. They will offer tips on getting started, as well as character and plot development. Victoria Zackheim is the author of the novel *The Bone Weaver* and editor of six anthologies, the most recent being *Faith: Essays from Believers, Agnostics, and Atheists*. Her screenplay, *Maidstone*, a feature film, is in development, as are her theater plays *The Other Woman* and *Entangled*. *The Other Woman* will be given simultaneous reading in several dozen theaters coast-to-coast on November 9, 2015. Victoria also writes documentary films and teaches creative nonfiction (personal essay) in the UCLA Extension Writers' Program. Anne Perry is a *New York Times* and international bestselling author noted for her memorable characters, historical accuracy, and exploration of social and

ethical issues. Two of her series—one featuring Thomas Pitt and one featuring William Monk—have been published in dozens of languages and are now being considered for two television series. A recipient of the prestigious Edgar Award, she was selected by the *London Times* as one of the 20th century's 100 Masters of Crime.

Throughout the month of November, the Civic Center Library will host Write-Ins, informal meet-ups where local NaNoWriMo participants get together to write and cheer each other on. Hosted by local writer and NaNoWriMo participant Jake LeBeau, these Write-Ins will be held at 6:00pm-8:30pm on November 3, November 10, and November 24. No sign-up is needed to attend these Write-Ins.

Celebrate the conclusion of NaNoWriMo at the TGIO (Thank Goodness It's Over) event on

Monday, November 30 at 6:30pm. Author J.L. Powers will talk about what to do once a writer has a draft, such as editing, knowing when it is done, and publishing. She will share her knowledge of the process of getting a book published by either the traditional route or through self-publishing. J.L. Powers is the author of three novels for young adults: *Amina*, *The Confessional* and *This Thing Called the Future*; editor of an anthology of essays for all ages, *That Mad Game: Growing Up in a Warzone*; and author of a picture book, *Colors of the Wind: the story of blind artist and champion runner George Mendoza*. A small reception with cookies and refreshments will follow

the presentation.

On Sunday, December 6, 2015, 1:00pm-4:30pm, there will be a presentation by Mark Coker, founder of Smashwords--world's largest distributor of indie e-books. Coker will give an introduction to e-book self-publishing, and discuss the secrets of e-book publishing success and how to leverage e-book preorders to hit the bestseller lists.

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

The Friends of the Livermore Library has sponsored the library's NaNoWriMo programs. For more information about other events at the Livermore Public Library, visit www.livermorelibrary.net.

That '70s Exhibit Hustles Into Museum on Main

Feather that hair, pull on those bell-bottoms, and get ready to boogie when That '70s Exhibit comes to Pleasanton's Museum on Main on November 4. Originally developed by the Hayward Area Historical Society, That '70s Exhibit revisits the fads and fashions of the Me Decade, from the hits of TV, radio, and movie theaters, to the toys and games that shaped our childhoods, to the clothes and décor that set the stage for our daily lives.

Visitors to That '70s Exhibit will find themselves surrounded by iconic images and objects from the era: 8-track tapes, posters for *Jaws* and *Saturday Night Fever*, first-generation Star Wars merchandise, Tiger Beat pinups of David Cassidy and Erik Estrada, an Atari 2600 video game console, classic TV commercials, and many, many more! The exhibit will also feature interactives where visitors can "Feel the '70s" with such textures as shag carpet, naugahyde, and macramé; they will also have the opportunity to try on the Great Hairstyles of the '70s with cutout posters of Farrah Fawcett, Burt Reynolds, and other style icons of the decade.

The exhibit will open with a public reception at the Museum on Wednesday, November 4, from 5-7 PM. Light refreshments will be served.

Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. There is no admission fee, but donations are always appreciated. For further information contact 925.462-2766 or curator@museumonmain.org.

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bility, time management, and group dynamics. My teaching philosophy is, "We are a professional theatre company - located in a high school."

Fools is the third production held in DHS's new, 500-seat Center for the Performing Arts, located on campus at 8151 Village Parkway.

"This is my directorial debut here," said Di Lorenzo, who has earned degrees from UC Santa Barbara and Chapman University. In his teaching career, he has led students to New York's English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition two years in a row; represented California at the American

High School Theater Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland; and was recently chosen to represent Northern California during a three-week performance class at Shakespeare's Globe theatre in London.

In selecting Fools for his inaugural DHS production, Di Lorenzo noted, "Neil Simon is one of the best comedic writers of all time. You hear his name you know comedy will follow."

Although Simon earned the Pulitzer Prize and has received more combined Oscar and Tony nominations than any other writer, he didn't intend for Fools to be a hit. During divorce proceedings, Simon's wife

was promised the profits from his next play. Fools, which opened on Broadway in 1991, was allegedly written as the result of that agreement.

Yet Simon is too good a writer to be bad, even when he tries, and critics have nicknamed Fools "Fool's Gold."

"Neil Simon wrote it as a flop, but even then this show is so funny! Everyone involved has a blast both watching it and acting it," said Mathew Glynn, who plays Dr. Zubritsky but says character Count Gregor is a favorite. "He's not in the show that much but whenever he's on, he absolutely steals the show."

Student stage manager Brittany Wallage's favor-

ite character is Sophia because, "She adds an element of fun, but deep and meaningful moments as well. She's a dynamic character who seems to be just as stupid as the rest of the town but deep down, there's so much knowledge and wonder inside her heart."

Tickets cost \$12 for adults, \$10 for students.

"I hope the audience comes out saying, 'Wow, that was a high school show!,'" said Di Lorenzo. "And I hope they take away the theme: we are more than what people tell us that we are."

To purchase tickets or sign up for future-event notices, visit www.dhsdrama.com.

Review

Jekyll and Hyde The Musical - Captivating, Sinister Treat

By Carol Graham

For the haunting story of Jekyll and Hyde to transcend mere thriller status, it takes a towering performance by an actor able to walk a razor's edge between hero and monster.

Christopher Sanders is that actor.

Tall, strapping and long-haired, Sanders fills the stage like a gothic rock god, leaving audience members unsure of whether they are being seduced or repelled. He doesn't play the character - he is Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, both sides - and incomprehensibly, at the same time. As the upstanding Dr. Jekyll, Sanders projects a tangible undercurrent of danger, while as Mr. Hyde, he reveals a humanity, even a sexiness, that leaves audience members unable to look away.

The superb "Jekyll and Hyde The Musical" opened at Livermore's Bankhead Theater on October 24th. Upcoming performances take place on Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, and Nov. 7 - 8. Saturday performances begin at 2 and 8 p.m.; Sundays, at 2 p.m.

The Tony-winning musical is the perfect choice to kick off the 32nd season of the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre (TVRT). The brooding quality of Robert Louis Stevenson's 1886 story (published two years before Jack the Ripper terrorized Whitechapel) suits this time of year, with autumn's deepening nights and chill winds blowing crackling leaves down empty walkways like footsteps.

Jekyll and Hyde is a captivating, sinister treat. Set in London, it incorpo-

rates the delicious elements of a Victorian thriller: creeping fog, shadowy mansions, men in cloaks and top hats, women in corsets and lace.

Yet for a story to resonate for nearly 130 years, it must tell the truth, and Jekyll and Hyde unabashedly toys with life's dualities like a cat with a mouse, batting it back and forth: good and evil, darkness and light, privilege and poverty, chastity and lust.

"In each of us there are two natures," says Jekyll. "It is the curse of mankind that these polar twins should be constantly struggling."

The story begins with Jekyll's attorney and prospective father-in-law reflecting on the strange circumstances that have led to the present, starting with Jekyll's visit to his father in an insane asylum. Dr. Jekyll believes he can save others from the darkness into which his father has fallen with a serum that separates the good and evil in men's souls. Unable to persuade medical authorities to support his work, he decides to experiment on himself, injecting Formula HJ7 into his veins. The result is far from what he expected. Jekyll is overtaken by an alternate, murderous personality, Mr. Hyde, who begins to dominate the doctor's life.

"The transformation from Jekyll to Hyde is my favorite scene because of its intensity. It's a thrill to watch," says Marcel Saunders, who plays lawyer Utterson with a restrained dignity that elegantly heightens the mounting tension.

It is the type of dramatic



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Christopher Sanders performs the lead role in Jekyll and Hyde The Musical.

moment in which TVRT excels, bringing together numerous theatrical elements - a preposterously talented cast, sumptuous costumes, eerie sets and lighting, spine-tingling music - to seamlessly create a spellbinding whole.

"I find myself humming a song from the show over and over again only to realize - when did I start doing that?," muses Director and Choreographer Scott Maraj. "There are beautiful moments in this show that I enjoy watching over and over."

Unlike Stevenson's novella, the musical features two love interests played exquisitely by Rebecca Davis as Emma and Morgan Breedveld as Lucy.

"Jekyll and Hyde isn't the only character that has a duality to him," says Davis. "Often in the-

ater, it's easy for female characters to fall under specific tropes, like being the ingénue or the whore, but the characters of Emma and Lucy have depth and complexity. Yes, Emma is a sweet, well-behaved, upper-class woman, but she also has strength and self-determination. Lucy has a real sweetness and innocence to her despite her profession."

Davis and Breedveld's rendition of "In His Eyes" offers a mesmerizing moment that highlights how similar dissimilar people may be. In fact, the beautiful score, under the deft direction of Jo Anne Fosselman, weaves throughout the production, delivering both power ballads like "Dangerous Game" and "Bring on the Men," and tender songs like "Take Me

as I Am" and "Someone Like You."

Jekyll and Hyde The Musical broke box office records when it premiered in Houston in 1990. It opened on Broadway in 1997, winning four Tony awards and running for four years with 1,543 performances.

"I'd like to urge the community to continue to support the arts and in particular the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre," says Sanders. "Theater companies are closing all over the country, but TVRT is still going strong thanks to its incredible staff and their desire to not become another statistic. Bravo to them for keeping the arts alive."

As a guest actor and Actors Equity Association member, Sanders has per-

formed in venues around the world, though he says his favorite memory this production has been, "Watching my co-stars shine onstage."

Yet it is the titular character on whom the story focuses.

"Our Dr. Jekyll is fantastic," says TVRT Vice President Debbie DeSantis. "When he turns into Mr. Hyde he is so spooky that you will see his face and hear his voice in the dark when you're going to sleep."

Jekyll and Hyde is rated PG-13. For tickets, \$29-\$43, or more information, visit www.bankheadtheater.org or www.trivalleyrep.org.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore.

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Webb's Work at Wente

Oil painter Norma Webb will be showing her Northern California landscapes during the month of November in the tasting room at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore.

For many years, Norma's artwork has depicted rural scenes and especially the Tri Valley's beautiful hills and vegetation including oaks and eucalyptus. Although many areas have given way to suburbs, she still finds inspiration in peaceful places off main roads.

Norma is an award winning artist whose work is regularly seen at the Blackhawk Gallery and Livermore Art Association Gallery as well as several local art festivals including Art Under the Oaks.

The public is invited to visit with the artist at a reception at Wente Vineyards, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore, on Sunday, November 1 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. There is no admission charge.

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

Members of the Pleasanton Art League Public Art Circuit are currently exhibiting art at six businesses in the Pleasanton - Dublin

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

Artists at Work Nights, Bothwell Downtown Art Studios, 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 12: artists at work night. 62 South L Street, Livermore. www.bothwellartcenter.org.

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

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

Special Fall Exhibits: On view through December 5. The Harrington Gallery and Firehouse Arts Center present works by two distinct artists in the public exhibition areas. Prolific Los Gatos artist Ed Lucey will be exhibited in the hallways galleries. Lucey's paintings in oil are of the Central California farmlands. Oakland artist Jon Steven Walters has created two paintings specifically for the Grand Atrium exhibit space. View during Firehouse Arts Center open hours. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated. For more information, contact Gallery Director: JFinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov, or call the gallery: 925-931-4849.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Artists at Work, a new monthly event, the second Thursday of each month

features a new artist and artists at work at the Livermore Downtown Art Studios, 62 So. L St., Livermore.

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

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

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

Preschool Art classes: Thursday mornings 9:45 - 10:45. Children aged 3-5 are welcome to join this class. Classes cover drawing, painting, print-making, sculpture and ceramics. For further information, contact Thomasin Dewhurst at (925) 216-7231 or thomasin_d@hotmail.com or visit http://childreart-classesprojects.blogspot.com/

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

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

PPL/Pleasanton Poetry League,

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

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

Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2015 - 2016 school year art classes. Artist Peggy Frank offers small group instruction in art to students ages 7 through high school and also is offering an adult class. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. High school students working on advanced portfolios are welcome. Peggy has been an art instructor in the Livermore Valley since 1980. Contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email frank.a@comcast.net.

WINE & SPIRITS

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

Rodrigue Molyneux Estate Winery and Vineyard invites all to have a Howling Good Halloween on Saturday, October 31. For the mathematician tasters, guess the amount of Candy Corn in the wine bottle to enter a raffle for a bottle of wine for the price of a bag of Candy Corn. Secret Witches Brew made with our Il Segreto. Those who come in costume get 10 percent off a select varietal. Saturday and Sunday of Halloween weekend 12:30 to 5 PM. RM Winery, 3053 Marina Ave. Livermore. www.rmwinery.com

Concannon Vineyard, Haunted Hallow-Wine Walk, October 29 - 31, 6:45 and 9 p.m. This spooky adventure includes a special wine and Halloween candy pairing at each of the shadowy encounters. Tours at 6:45 and 8 p.m. (925) 583-1559,

4590 Tesla Road, Livermore. www.concannonvineyard.com
Las Positas Vineyards, Livermore, Sat., Oct. 31, celebrate Halloween, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; two for one reserve tasting for anyone in costume. Sun., Nov. 1, "Sunday Funday," newest wine and cheese pairing flight, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sat., Nov. 7, 7th National Wine Tourism Day, special tasting and tour with a portion of proceeds going to the Wounded Warrior Foundation, flight and tour \$20, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. or 3 p.m. options. For more information, about events, email curt@laspositasvineyards.com

Cedar Mountain Winery, Port and Cigar Night, 6-9 p.m., Nov. 7. Evening of port, cigars, food and music. Flight of 6 Cedar Mountain Ports, 2-Premium cigars, appetizers, and live music. Tickets are \$50 p/person. Non-Smokers Port Flight only option \$30 p/person. Contact Cedar Mountain Winery Tasting Room at (925) 373-6636 Non-refundable advance paid reservations required.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Blacksmith Square, music every Saturday 3 to 6 p.m. in the courtyard, 21 South Livermore Ave., Livermore.
Chris Bradley's Jazz Band appears regularly at: The Castle Rock Restaurant in Livermore/on Portola Avenue-- the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from 7:30-9:30--Dance floor, full bar, small cover.

Paco Pena, Flamenco guitarist. Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

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

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

From Broadway to Hollywood: Live, Nov. 13, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Richard Cionco, pianist, Del Valle Fine Arts. 8 p.m. Nov. 14. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Nov. 21, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Pacific Chamber Symphony, Nov.

22, 2 p.m. Beethoven and Prokofiev program. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

A Flock of Seagulls, Nov. 27, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Holiday Youth Music Festival, 2 p.m., Nov. 28, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

'Those Were The Days' Featuring William Florian, 2 p.m., Nov. 29, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

ON THE STAGE

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

Nightmare: a Creatures of Impulse Production. A totally improvised, live horror show! The Bay Area's award-winning teen improv troupe celebrates the kick-off of their 6th Season at the Firehouse Arts Center with the fall classic. Audience suggestions drive the characters and stories for this un-scripted theatrical horror fest. Every show different! Thursday, October 29 and Friday, October 30 at 7:30 p.m. Special Halloween shows Saturday October 31 at 2:00 and 9:00 p.m. (costumes encouraged!). NOTE: 9:00 p.m. show recommended for ages 14+. Free preview show: Tuesday, Oct 27, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. General admission tickets: students \$5, adults \$10. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Box Office at the center. Doors open 7:10 p.m. Free parking.

Leading Ladies by Ken Ludwig, Oct. 30-Nov. 15, Role Players Ensemble production. Tickets and Information at www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com. The Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville.

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

South Pacific: Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre production at the Firehouse Arts Center, Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. Set against the dramatic background of an idyllic South Pacific island during WWII, the story intertwines the themes of romance,

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duty, and prejudice to create a story that is at once hilarious, heartbreaking, and thought-provoking. Opening Saturday, November 7. Shows run through Sunday, November 22. Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Additional full matinee performance Saturday, November 14, 2:00 p.m. Reserved seat tickets are \$18-\$39. Purchase online at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

The Stunt Dog Experience, Nov. 11, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

COMEDY

Paula Poundstone, Oct. 30, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

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

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

Auditions, Las Positas College: Chicago - The Musical, November 4 and 5 from 7-10:00 p.m. in the Mertes Center for the Arts' Black Box Theater at Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore. Directed by Titian Lish, music director is Diana Cefalo and choreographer

is Morgan Mulholand. Performers are asked to prepare and memorize 16-32 measures of a song from a musical theater production and to prepare and memorize a one-minute monologue. Performers should also come dressed to dance. Callbacks will take place on Thursday, November 12 from 7-10:00 p.m. on the Main Stage in the Mertes Center for the Arts. To participate in the play, cast members will be required to enroll in THEA 47A (3 units) and MUS 47 (1 unit).

OPERA

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Political Issues Book Club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs in both the national and international arenas. Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history, sociology, science, the climate, and

religion. Contact Rich at 872-7923, for further questions

We're Talkin' Books! Club is a member-centered book group led by a small group of book club veterans, with reading selections based on member recommendations and consensus. No homework required—share your insights or just listen in! Contact Susan at 337-1282 regarding the *We're Talkin' Books! Club*.

Storied Nights: An Evening of Spoken Word. 2nd Thursday of each month. Features local authors reading their work 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Peet's Coffee and Tea, 152 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Sponsored by LVPAC and Peet's. Information go to <http://facebook.com/StoriedNights>
Dublin Schools, 1915, 1950 and To-

day, special exhibit, Oct. 17 through January 2016. Little Classroom, Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, 660 Donlon Way, Dublin. www.DublinRecGuide.com.

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

Poetry at Ravenswood, Sunday, Nov. 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. The City of Livermore and Poet Laureate Kevin Gunn host the latest in a continuing series featured poets are Bruce Snider and Robert McNally. Featured readings begin at 2 p.m. Open Mic follows, after a short break. Admission is \$5.

Light refreshments will be served. Ravenswood Historic Site is located at 2657 Arroyo Road, Livermore. For information, contact Kevin Gunn at livermorepoetry@gmail.com or 925-216-1891.

Authors Anne Perry and Victoria Zackheim on Sunday, November 1, 2015, at 2:00pm at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. They will discuss the ups and downs of novel writing. They will offer tips on getting started, as well as character and plot development. There is no cost to attend this program, and no registration is needed. Copies of books will be available for sale and signing. Event kicks off National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)

at the Livermore Public Library. Throughout the month of November, the library will host programs to help and encourage NaNoWriMo participants. For more information on National Novel Writing Month, visit www.NaNoWriMo.org. visit www.livermorelibrary.net.

Tri-Valley Conservancy Jeans and Jewels on Safari. Nov. 5, gala fund-raiser. Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, Pleasanton. Includes dinner, dancing, cocktail and live auctions. www.trivalleyconservancy.org/
Annie Barrows, the exact center of the world: family, lies and fiction. Rae Dorrough Speaker Series. 7:30 p.m., Nov. 5. Bankhead Theater,

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PETER FLETCHER

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first time or were so enraptured by his technical skill and poised delivery that they've become diehard fans, Fletcher understands how to put together a repertoire that keeps audiences wanting more."

In addition, Fletcher will perform Bach's Third Lute Suite, William Walton's Five bagatelles, and the ever popular Cordoba by the Spanish composer Isaac Albeniz.

Fletcher began guitar study at the age of seven under classical guitar instructor, John Sutherland. In 1980, classical guitarist José Tomás, Andrés Segovia's teaching assistant in Spain, held a week long Master Class in Atlanta, GA. Peter Fletcher was the youngest student to perform in the class, playing music by Bach and Carcassi.

In December 1983, he made his formal debut at the age of fifteen under the auspices of The Brasstown Concert Association in North Carolina. Wrote the critic of The Cherokee Scout, "He has technical facility but what one remembers about his playing is the nuances, the poeti-

cal phrasing, dynamic and tonal changes, his harmonics, his cadences."

Fletcher furthered his studies in Master Classes with David Leisner, David Russell, Oscar Ghiglia and Pepe Romero. As a performer in the Christopher Parkening Master Class in 1988, he was broadcast on National Public Radio (NPR). In 1990, the Music Teacher's National Association (MTNA) awarded Fletcher a prize at its National Level Competition, and in 1995 he received the Master of Music degree from the Eastman School of Music under Nicholas Goluses, and was twice the recipient of an Eastman Graduate Award.

In demand as a performer in cultural venues throughout the country, Fletcher has been invited to

give recitals at the George Eastman House in Rochester, NY; Cincinnati's Memorial Hall; St. Philip Cathedral in Atlanta; Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina and many others. In 2003 he performed on the Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert Series at the Chicago Cultural Center. In January 2005, he was invited to join the distinguished Jury of the 9th Annual Schadt String Competition in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He made his New York Debut at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in February 2007, and returned in 2008, 2009 and 2010 to a completely sold-out house.

Peter Fletcher's three recordings, *The Art of Classical Guitar*, *A Peter Fletcher Recital* and *Federico Mompou: Guitar*

Works (Centaur Records CRC 2588), have received critical acclaim. In September 2005 Centaur Records released Peter Fletcher plays Erik Satie. His current release, *Peter Fletcher Plays Baroque Music for Guitar* was released in 2008 on the Tower Hill Recordings label.

Interests outside of music include reading and cross-country running. He lives in New York City

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

HARMONY FUSION

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Dancers, folk singer duo Kincheloe and Atkinson, as well as other a cappella quartets and ensembles.

"A main element of our mission statement is to reach out to the community," explains Vander Putten. "For me, that is especially true with respect to young performers. Each year we try to include at least one youth group in our shows. We're very proud of our support and commitment to keep music and performance alive in the schools and in the community. This concert will underscore that commitment in a big way!"

Tickets are \$22 in advance and \$25 at the door. Seniors (65+) and students are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. Advance tickets may be ordered by visiting the chorus website at www.harmonyfusion.org, or by calling the chorus performance chairperson Carrie Shaeffer at (925) 846-1857 or email shaeffer1@earthlink.net.

Harmony Fusion Chorus will host a reception for all guests immediately following the performance in the church fellowship hall.

More information about the Harmony Fusion Chorus is available at www.harmonyfusion.org.



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Tickets Available for Holiday Spirit Stroll in Downtown Pleasanton

The Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) will host the third annual Holiday Spirit Stroll on Saturday, November 21 from 5 - 8 p.m. More than 25 downtown merchants will be paired with local breweries, wineries and bars for a festive night sampling beer, wine and cocktails. Participants are encouraged to dress up to participate in the Ugly Holiday Sweater contest during the event.

Presale tickets are available for \$35 online at PleasantonDowntown.net as well as at Redcoats Pub - 336 St. Mary Street and Studio Seven Arts - 400 Main Street. On Friday, November 13, ticket prices will be raised to \$40. Tickets can be redeemed on Saturday, November 21 from 4:30-7 p.m. at the starting location, Firehouse Arts Center located at 4444 Railroad Avenue. If the event is not sold out, tickets will be available for \$45 cash or check only.



Beer, wine and cocktails will be served by Altamont Beer Works, Eight Bridges Brewing, Elliston Vineyards, Enoteca Five Fenestra Winery, Garré Vineyard & Winery, Handles Gastropub, Lagunitas Brewing Company, Medea Vodka, Raff Distillerie, Redcoats Pub, Wente Vineyards and many MORE!

Event is rain or shine, no refunds.

For information on downtown events hosted by Pleasanton Downtown Association, call (925) 484-2199 or go to www.pleasantondowntown.net.

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2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

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

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

Livermore-Granada Boosters 6th Annual "Race to the Flagpole," Saturday, November 14, 2015. Includes a 5K run/walk, 10K run, half marathon and one-mile fun run. All events start at Independence Park and go through Livermore's

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

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

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

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

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

Livermore Lions is partnering with the Tri-Valley Haven in holding their Annual Xmas Boutique on Sat., Nov. 7 at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Bothwell Arts Center 8th Street in Livermore. Handcrafted gifts are the primary focus. There may be some retail manufactured gifts from many popular companies. There will be food and regular raffles of gifts and prizes. Entry to the Bothwell is free for buyers. Raffle tickets will be sold in support of the fund raising for the Lions and Tri-Valley Haven. The ticket purchase will be for gifts that the crafty vendors have provided for the Boutique. Sales of food and drink go toward helping with our community service in the Tri-Valley area. For information on tables, pricing and access times to the site for setup or special needs please contact Lion Ben Barrientos at 925 449-9974 or Tri-Valley Haven Stacey Connor 925 449-5845 XT 274 for further details and entry times for vendors. Event opens 9-5 PM for buyers. Times for vendors will allow time to setup, call in advance.

Holiday Boutique, Livermore Pleasanton Elks #21117, Sat., November 21 at Elks Lodge 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Unique handmade gifts for all occasions, holiday decorations, jams/jellies, soap, children items, jewelry, many more items all handmade. raffle, baked good sale, lunch. Have room for a few more vendors. For more information, call Polly 925-447-5986

Boutique, Unique Christmas presents and lots of holiday decorations, based on items from the past created new and

original. Free refreshments. Sat., Nov. 21 and Sun., Nov. 22 9am to 5pm. 727 Polaris Way, Livermore (just beyond Holmes at Concannon).

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

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

Tri-Valley for Bernie (Sanders) is having weekly tabling at Pleasanton Farmer's Market 9AM-1PM. Join us to #FeelTheBern! The next organizing meeting with phone bank training will be held on Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m. in Pleasanton. For detail please visit map.bernieanders.com or call Kyoko at 925-290-7124.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, Nov. 1, 11 a.m. brunch in Livermore, RSVP by Oct. 30 to Ruby, 462-9636. Nov. 8, 1 p.m. general meeting, birthday lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by Oct. 5 to Gloria, 846-8320. Nov. 12, 1 p.m. Lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by Nov. 10 to Gloria, 846-8320. Nov. 15, 2 p.m. South Pacific performance, RSVP to Pat by Nov. 12, 846-3808. Nov. 19, 5 p.m. happy hour in Pleasanton, RSVP by Nov. 17 to Mary, 705-7337. Nov. 21, 1 p.m. friendly bridge, RSVP by Nov. 14 to Athene, 846-0111. Nov. 22, 1 p.m. lunch in Danville, RSVP by Nov. 19 to Marilyn, 583-5829.

Ohlone Audubon will meet Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estadillo Avenue, San Leandro. Peter Pyle will talk about Discovering and Conserving Bryan's Shearwater. Bryan's Shearwater, a new bird species found in the Hawaiian Islands, was identified via DNA in 2011. No admission charge. Refreshments served. For more information and directions visit the website www.ohloneaudubon.org.

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet on Thursday, November 12, 2015, 7:00 at Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Speaker will be Nicky Hughes, owner of Gold Rush Nursery in Soquel, which specializes in water-wise plants and plants that provide food for birds, butterflies and beneficial insects. Her topic is "Plants that Deserve more Limelight." Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Bev at 925 485 7812 or visit www.lavgc.org.

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

November 9th.

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

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

Soroptimist International of San Ramon Valley is seeking applicants for its Live Your Dream Award given to women who are head of household and in need of financial assistance for their education expenses. Awards range from \$500 to \$3,000 with opportunities for further awards at the District and Regional level. For more information and an application form go to <http://www.soroptimist-sr.org> and look for Grants.

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

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

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

ClutterLess Self Help Support Group, nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Cluttering is a psychological issue, not an organizing issue. New meeting location: Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue (main entrance), 2nd Floor

Activity Room, Pleasanton. Mondays except some holidays 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Come or call a volunteer at 925)289-5356 or 925-922-1467. More information at: www.clutterlesseastbay.org

Writing club for young adults. Whether a seasoned writer or just starting out, join published Young Adult author J.L. Powers at Livermore Public Library for the Writing Club for Young Adults, ages 13 through 21 will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on the third Thursday of the month: Nov. 12 and Dec. 17. The meetings will be held at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The club is free and no registration is required. For more information, please visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website: www.livermorelibrary.net, or contact Jennifer at 925-373-5576.

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

Questers is an international organization of lovers of antiques, collectibles, and history who encourage preservation and restoration of historical landmarks. At chapter meetings, members learn about antiques, share and view member's collections, visit historic sites, museums and antiques shops and help non-profit organizations with restoration and preservation work. Chapter meets the 4th Tuesday monthly from September to May. New members are invited to join the local Amador Chapter. If interested call President Rickie at 925-292-8123 or e-mail rjfgiono@comcast.net.

Celebrating 125 years of Livermore High School: Livermore High School & the Livermore High School Alumni Association are beginning to organize interested, committed volunteers to work/help the various committees to organize & plan celebratory events. The goal is for events to follow through the 2016 school year in honor of 125 years and not be limited to one day. Interested? Call: Susan C. 925-447-6071 or Email: sdcnfield@comcast.net or Cheryl: cperry415@aol.com.

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

Tri-Valley Stargazers Astronomy Club. Feed your wonder about the Night Sky and the Cosmos by joining us on the 3rd Friday of the Month for our club meeting. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. talk starts at 7:30 pm. For more info visit us @ <http://www.trivalleystargazers.org/>

Ravenswood Historical Site, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Docents in 1890s costumes give free guided tours beginning at noon, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Each tour includes the 1885 Cottage and the 1891 Main House, and the beautifully landscaped grounds. For information on the Ravenswood Progress

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League (RPL) or the volunteer Docent Program, please call the Docent Coordinator at (925) 443-0238.

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

NAMI Tri-Valley Parent Resource & Support Group meets monthly for parents/caretakers of children ages 5-17 years with (or suspected of having) emotional/psychiatric disorders. It meets the third Tuesday of the month from 7-9pm at Pathways to Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in and free. Contact person is Marsha McInnis at 925-980-5331.

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

American Legion Post 47 in Livermore is looking for veterans in the Livermore area who are interested in performing community service for young people and promoting veterans affairs. Interested veterans will meet with other like-minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veteran's causes. The American Legion is the largest federally chartered veteran's organization that is the veterans lobby and voice to congress. The Livermore American Legion Post 47 meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Enter the building from the ramp on the 5th Street side. For more information go to <http://www.calegion.org/> or contact Bill Bergmann at calegion.post47@gmail.com or (925) 443-2330 or Roy Warner at 925-449-6048.

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

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

Navy, Marine Corps & Coast Guard

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

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

Bereaved Mother's Network of the Tri-Valley meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Livermore Civic Center Library, Small Conference Room. The aim of the network is to allow bereaved mothers to make connections with, share resources, and support other mothers who have been through the worst experience of their lives, losing a child. For more information, contact katiestrube@comcast.net.

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

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

Pleasanton Military Families is a Pleasanton based support group for those who have a loved one serving in the Military. The group gathers at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to share concerns, fears, and to celebrate the joys that are experienced. There is no better support than being surrounded by others who know what you are going through. Three times per year, the group collect supplies and sends care packages to the troops. Contact PMFSG.ca@gmail.com for the location of the next meeting.

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

email.livermoremilitaryfamilies@yahoo.com.

RELIGION

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

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

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

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

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

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore, services 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at Third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Hispanic service starts at 2 p.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School 9:15

a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Intercessory prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Senior adult ministries meet every other month. Call the office at 846-8650 for more information.

Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Ave. Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., and Sunday School and Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday night there is adult Bible study, youth activities and children's choir at 6:30 p.m. Child care during all events. 447-1848, www.trinitylivermore.org

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

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

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

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. www.saintbartholomew.org. Service Schedule: 8:00 a.m. Contemplative Eucharist; 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (check web-site); 10:20 Sunday School (Godly Play); 10:30: Sung Eucharist with choir, child care provided.

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

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

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

Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Avenue, Livermore; worship service 10:15 a.m. Sundays. www.trivalleychurch.org.

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

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

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

Cedar Grove Community Church,

2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. www.cedargrove.org or call 447-2351.

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

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

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

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

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Pleasanton 1st Ward: Sunday at 1 p.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Pleasanton 2nd Ward: Sunday 1 p.m. at 3574 Vineyard Ave. Pleasanton 3rd Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 3574 Vineyard Ave. Pleasanton 4th Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Dublin 1st Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 8203 Village Parkway.

John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Rd., Dublin. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for ages 3-18 during worship. Adult education Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Jr. High youth group Sundays 4:00-6:10 p.m. High school youth group Sundays 5:50-8:00 p.m. www.jkpcdublin.org (925)828-1846.

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

Unity of Tri-Valley - 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. 10:00 am Sunday service. All are welcome. Ongoing groups and activities. www.unityoftrivalley.org 925.829.2733.

St. Francis of Assisi, 193 Contractors St., Livermore. Sunday School (all ages) - 8:30 a.m. Communion - 9:30 a.m. 925-906-9561 stfrancisanglican.church.

Center for Spiritual Living
Livermore Valley - People from all faith traditions, cultures, races and sexual orientations welcome. Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Youth and teen programs offered as well. All are welcome. Meeting place 1617 2nd St., 2nd Floor, Livermore. For more information contact revharietl@yahoo.com or visit us at <http://cslivghouse.org>.

St. Matthews Baptist Church, 851 Rincon Ave., Livermore. www.smbclive.com or 443.3686. Dr. Allen S. Turner. Wor-

ship services 8 and 11 a.m., Sunday family Bible school, 9:30 p.m., Bible study and youth ministry, Wednesday 7 p.m. Feed the homeless, Saturday 11 a.m. Prayer, 6 p.m. weekdays.

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

Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Worship is at 10 a.m. The worship celebration is called "Ancient Future" because it is rooted, as the early church was, in God's story, which is central to participants' lives. The gatherings typically include a mixture of songs, hymns, Scripture, art, ancient prayers and creeds and a biblically based message. Sunday school, child-care and separate gatherings for teenagers are all offered each Sunday concurrently with the worship service. For more information, go to www.centerpointechurch.org or call the office at (925) 846-4436.

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) for women of all ages and life stages. Meets Thursday mornings 9:30-11:30am through May 15. St. Charles Parish - Borromeo Hall, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Questions: Donna Leach (925-443-6815) [dleach45@gmail.com] or Kristen Barton (925-449-8002) [ladele_obrien@hotmail.com]

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

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

Christ Church (a nondenominational evangelical church formerly meeting in Pleasanton). Now meeting at Arroyo Mocho Elementary School, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Worship service at 9:00 a.m.; Educational Classes for all ages at 11:00 a.m. Fall adult education course: "Human Sexuality: Biblical and Theological Perspectives," taught by Robert W. Evans (Ph.D. in clinical psychology and Ph.D. in systematic theology). visit: www.christchurch-trivalley.org or call 925.846.0665.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, Of the 200,000 or so Jews in the Bay Area, over half are members of interfaith or intercultural families. These families will be celebrated and welcomed by the Jewish community during Interfaith Family Month this November. On Sunday, November 15, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will sponsor a movie and potluck. Deli Man, a film about the recipes brought to America by Jewish immigrants from Central and Eastern Europe, will be followed by an ethnic potluck. Participants are asked to bring a dish from their own ethnic heritage. The event will be held at The Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St. between I and G in Livermore. The movie will be shown at 4:00 p.m. RSVP to (925) 485-1049 or reservations@Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org.

Milestones Community

Kansa Recognized for Work in Meshless Numerical Methods

Edward J. Kansa, PhD, a 35 year resident of Livermore, and former research scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, was awarded the second George Green medal for his ground-breaking work on Meshless Numerical Methods at the 2015 International Conference on Boundary Elements.

As recognition of his pioneering work on Meshless Methods, Kansa was the keynote speaker and opened the conference this September speaking on "Radial Basis Functions: Accomplishments and Challenges."

After Edward J. Kansa obtained a PhD in multi-body quantum physics from Vanderbilt University, he worked at the US Bureau of Mines in Pittsburgh as a research physicist modeling coal dust fires and explosions. He moved to Lawrence Livermore Lab as a physicist modeling liquid natural gas explosions, ammonia tank car ruptures and spread, earthquakes, ground water pollution spread and remediation.

Kansa became concerned that the codes available for use were not faithful to the physics of the problems being solved. He abandoned mesh based methods for radial basis functions and was able to use transformations to calculate time dependent problems more accurately. His innovative ideas have led to numerous publications on Meshless Methods. In addition, he has been



George Green Medal awarded to Dr. Edward Kansa, center by Professors Carlos Brebbia (left) and Alex Cheng (right).



recognized throughout the world for his many contributions to computational mechanics. He has more than 100 scientific publications and 3750 citations in peer reviewed journals. He has spoken at many international conferences and mentored

many Ph.D. students from the US, Columbia, UK, Spain, Portugal, Canada and Hong Kong. Kansa currently works as the principal investigator of a computational science company.

The importance of George Green's work cannot be over-emphasised, particularly the development of his functions which set the basis for boundary elements. Very little is known about George Green. He was totally self-taught and published a few copies of his most famous works on a subscription basis only.

It is impossible to understand how George Green was able to acquire his knowledge in Nottingham

England as he only had access to a local library. He distributed his work to sponsors who were unable to fully appreciate the importance of his work.

One of these sponsors pointed out the work to a Cambridge Don and this led to a minor appointment at that University. He had to leave due to illness and died shortly thereafter. His research was forgotten and only rediscovered much later on thanks to Lord Kelvin. The Green Medal was established to honor George Green and as a reward for outstanding research carried out in Boundary Element Methods.

Amador Student Finalist in Siemens Competition

The Siemens Foundation today announced the 2015 class of regional finalists for the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology, the nation's premier research competition for high school students.

Sidharth Bommankanti, a student at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, was among the ninety-seven regional finalists invited to advance to the next round of the competition. They will vie for one of the most prestigious science honors awarded to high school students in the country today. These regional finalists were picked from a group of 466 semi-finalists that were announced on October 16. These semi-finalists presented projects that were considered outstanding and notable from a pool of nearly 1800 projects submitted this year.

The 97 regional finalists will advance to one of six regional competitions held over three consecutive weekends in November.

"Today's regional finalists represents an outstanding group of students whose remarkable projects not only demonstrate a very advanced aptitude in STEM research but represent ideas that address some of today's most challenging issues," said David Etwiler, CEO of the Siemens Foundation. "We congratulate the regional finalists on their accomplishments and wish them luck in the next phase of the competition."

The Siemens Competition, administered by Discovery Education, awards a \$1000 scholarship to each regional finalist, in addition to one \$3,000 prize to an individual winner and a \$6,000 prize to a team winner at each regional competition.

Winners of the regional events will advance to the National Finals at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., December 6-8, 2015, where \$500,000 in scholarships will be awarded, including two top prizes of \$100,000.

Education

Several local residents made the academic Deans' List at Azusa Pacific University. These students are honored for a spring 2015 grade-point average of 3.5 or better. They are joined by 1,880 students receiving the same honor. They are from Livermore: Timothy Anaya, Skylar Burt, Gabrielle Cox, Malani Hibbard, Sara Shull, Jacqueline Summers, and Shawn Throckmorton; from Pleasanton: Samantha Hoffman, Daniela Martin, Emma Reynolds, and Cameron Vaughan; from Dublin: Hannah Villanueva.