



Find Out What's Happening

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

Pleasanton Adopts Cultural Plan

The Pleasanton City Council last week adopted a cultural plan created to provide a framework for assisting the City in directing resources toward facilities and programs over the next 5 to 10 years.

A 14-member task force looked at data, conducted meetings, and heard from the public in making its recommendations for the cultural plan.

Michele Crose, Community Services Manager, told the council that the plan creates a vision and focus on the arts.

The information gathered

by a consultant showed a desire for a movie theater and art museums. Crose noted that 65 percent of those interviewed believe the city should fully support the development of arts and cultural programs, as well as entertainment. They would like to see more performances at both the Firehouse Arts Center and Amador Theater.

Based on the information, the task force set the following goals:

- Enhance arts and cultural programming available to Pleasanton residents, workers and visitors to include a variety of arts and cultural offerings.

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- Expand arts learning opportunities to match needs of residents of all ages, including more arts opportunities for young people, arts in education in schools and lifelong learning opportunities.

- Celebrate cultural diversity and enhance connections among disparate populations in Pleasanton, including diverse racial/ethnic groups, national origin/heritage and age/generation.

- Evolve the public art program. Based on responses received from the community, the plan recommends

developing a community-wide public art master plan and considering enactment of an ordinance that provides funds for art.

- Improve marketing and visibility of the arts and make information about arts offerings more readily available to residents, workers and visitors.

- Develop the organizational capacity of local arts and cultural organizations and artists in the community. Most of the cultural organizations in Pleasanton and the immediate region are small. This goal recommends providing technical assistance,

expanding the grant program and providing information and referrals in order to aid in the development of these organizations.

- Address current and future facilities needs.

- Leverage the economic impact of the arts to increase downtown vitality, reinforce tourism promotion and promote development of small creative businesses. Crose noted that in Pleasanton there is a well-documented economic benefit from the arts that takes the form of direct spending — increased visitation downtown, spending

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Dublin Earns National Award

The City of Dublin and Eden Housing were recognized with the 2014 Jack Kemp Excellence in Affordable and Workforce Housing Award from the Urban Land Institute for its Emerald Vista housing development.

The Urban Land Institute (ULI) Terwilliger Center for Housing selects the winners of the housing awards, a program that celebrates and promotes the efforts of real estate and public policy leaders from across the country working to expand affordable and workforce housing opportunities.

The press states that Emerald Vista replaced a low-density public housing development with nearly 400 new units. It provides amenities to residents of all ages and incomes. The project — developed by Eden Housing, in partnership with KB Home, the City of Dublin, the Alameda County Housing Authority, and Wells Fargo — serves as an innovative model for intergenerational and sustainable development.

Eagles Soar in Doolan Canyon

A report prepared by Douglas Bell for the East Bay Regional Park District found that areas of the East Bay, particularly Doolan Canyon, provide important habitat for the golden eagle.

The report stated that public and private open space lands are used heavily by golden eagles and appear to be vital to maintaining golden eagles in the region. These open space lands include Mt. Diablo, Morgan Territory, Dublin Hills, North Livermore Hills (including Doolan Canyon), Pleasanton Ridge and Brushy Peak/AP-WRA (Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area). Eight of nine transmittered subadult golden eagles used Doolan Canyon multiple times during their tracking periods. Three fledgling golden eagles from two territories that overlap with Doolan Canyon relied on it as well.

The study concluded that golden eagles largely avoid urbanized areas of the East Bay.

Between December 2012 and July 2014, a total of 17 golden eagles (2 adults, 9 subadults, 1 juvenile, 5 nestlings) were captured and outfitted with Global Positioning System for Mobile Communications (GPS/GSM) transmitters (CTT; Cellular Tracking Technologies, Inc).

Most of the 17 golden eagles used the Diablo Range for the majority of their tracking period. Only one eagle, a subadult, appears to have permanently left the Diablo Range, settling in northwestern California.

Subadult and juvenile eagles range extensively throughout the Diablo Range, mostly between Mt. Diablo in the north and the San Luis Reservoir/Pacheco Pass area in the south. Three of the eagles have been recovered either wounded or dead in the APWRA. Two of those were a result of wind turbine strikes.

To illustrate how impor- (See EAGLES, page 4)



Rain didn't stop the annual Football Band Review parade competition from taking place last Saturday. In the photo, the Foothill band marched down Main Street in Pleasanton.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Council OKs Survey of Homeless

The Livermore City Council approved creation of a group of stakeholders and a survey to focus on how to reduce and prevent homelessness in Livermore and the Tri-Valley.

The stakeholders would work in tandem with a council subcommittee comprised of Lauren Turner and Bob Woerner. Livermore would work with other cities in the region to better leverage available resources in dealing with homelessness.

The survey would look at how many people are homeless in Livermore and the factors that contributed to their situation. The cost would be approximately \$25,000-\$35,000 and take

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Dublin Stays Flexible About Charging Developers for Full Impact on Schools

By Ron McNicoll

The Dublin City Council turned down a chance to specifically ask the state to allow the Dublin Unified School District to charge developers the full cost of building a school.

At the same time, the council at its meeting Oct. 21 did not rule out helping the district ask the State Allocation Board to permit full fees from developers. However, councilmembers said that in approving a

resolution in support of the school district, it was better not to lock in just the one option for obtaining full fees.

Councilmembers said that their resolution helps the district be flexible in seeking an array of ways to meet the financial challenge of building the two new elementary schools that the city will need in the next five years.

School development fees are imposed by school districts, not cities. However, cities enforce the fee

requirements by refusing building permits to developers, unless the fees have been paid.

The council's purpose in passing the resolution was to support the school board, which passed a similar one a week earlier.

The resolutions will go to Sacramento in the hope that Gov. Jerry Brown and the Legislature will fix the state's to provide state money to cover school construc- (See DUBLIN, page 5)

The Independent recommends:

- Dublin Measure T: **No**
- Measure BB: **Yes**
- Measures W and X: **Yes**
- Livermore City Council: **Bob Woerner and Steven Spedowski**
- Pleasanton Mayor: **Matt Morrison**
- Pleasanton City Council: **Olivia Sanwonng and George Bowen**
- Dublin Mayor: **Kasie Hildenbrand**
- Dublin City Council: **Don Biddle and Abe Gupta**
- Livermore School Board 4 Year Term: **Ann White, Craig Bueno and Belia Martinez**
- Livermore School Board 2 Year Term: **Chris Wenzel**
- Pleasanton School Board: **Paige Wright**
- Livermore Area Recreation and Park District: **Bob Coomber and David Furst**
- East Bay Regional Park District: **Ayn Wieskamp**
- 15th Congressional District: **Eric Swalwell**
- 16th Assembly District: **Tim Sbranti**

Campaigns Report Finances

The Friends of Livermore Committee (FOLC) reports collecting \$32,735 from Oct. 1 to 18 and \$43,850 to date. They are endorsing Livermore City Council candidates Steven Spedowski and Bob Woerner.

Top donors to FOLC are \$6000 each from Jean King and Denise Watkins, \$5000 from Jeff Kaskey and \$1000 from Loretta Kaskey, and \$5000 from Lynn Seppala, \$2000 each from Diana Hanna, Scott Haggerty for Supervisor, and Virginia Shuler, and \$1000 each from Harriet Cole, William Dunlop, Archer Futch, Robert Girard, Loretta Kaskey, Gary Spedowski, Nova Starling, Lee Younker, and Michael Weiner.

Expenditures total \$58,150 in support of Spedowski and Woerner.

In the race for a Livermore City Council seat, incumbent Bob Woerner lists \$4285 in loans and donations between Oct. 1 and 18, bringing his total to date to \$6364. This includes \$4200 in loans to himself. He received \$250 each from California Real Estate Po-

litical Action Committee, Jean King, Jack Mills, Jim Schmidt, and Lynn Seppala, \$100 each from, Stewart Gary, Charles Hartwig, Sblend Sblendorio, and Cary Spenser.

Chung Bothwell collected \$1390 between Oct. 1 and 18 bringing her total to \$6020 for the year to date, including a \$1750 loan to herself. She received \$250 each from Charles Munger Jr. and the Lincoln Club of Northern California PAC, \$200 from Sridhar Ramana-han, and \$100 from Elaine Goodney.

Steven Spedowski collected \$1125. His total for the year is \$4824 including \$1850 in loans to himself. His donors include \$250 each from California Real Estate PAC, Jeanette King, Jim Schmidt, and Lynn Seppala, and \$100 from Councilmember Stewart Gary.

Chris Pareja reported receiving \$790 during the reporting period for a total of \$2260 for the year to date. The total includes an \$850 loan to himself. His donations include \$100 each from James Fagan and Neil

Mammen, and a total of \$250 from Tom Galletti.

PLEASANTON

Incumbent Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne received donations of \$9868 from Oct. 1 to 18 for a total of \$15,465 to date. He lists \$1000 from the California Real Estate PAC, \$300 Can-Am Plumbing, \$200 each from Frank Auf Der Maur, Tony Dunkley and \$150 each from Douglas Miller, Chamber of Commerce CEO Scott Raty, Mark Sweeney, Charles Wisner of Center Point Properties, and \$100 from former councilmember Sharrell Michelotti.

Mayoral candidate Matt Morrison lists \$6750 and a total of \$10,956 for the year. Donations include \$5000 Jamieson Company, LLC, \$400 from planning commissioner Greg O'Connor, and \$200 each from Brenda Balletto and former mayor Tom Pico.

Council incumbent Kathy Narum reported \$2050 for the recent period, for a total of \$18,497 to date, including a \$3000 loan from herself. Top donors were \$500 each

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A young scavenger hunter skipped cheerfully down the street during last Saturday's festivities in downtown Pleasanton.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

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PET OF THE WEEK

Beguiling Beth sports her Halloween costume year-round! A gorgeous 4-year-old calico, she's ghostly white with just a smattering of colorful black and orange spots masking her face and bobtail. Treat her to new haunts this holiday — ask your mummy if you can adopt Beth from Valley Humane Society today: 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. For more info visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656. Photo - Valley Humane Society/J. Xia



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Section of Highway 84 Expressway Opens

A ribbon cutting was held Monday to mark the completion of the widening of the northern section of State Route 84 Expressway.

Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) representatives were there along with partner California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Also on hand were representatives from the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton were on hand for the ceremony.

This major widening project improves capacity and local traffic circulation, eases congestion and provides increased safety in the area for pedestrian and bicycle access.

SR-84 (Isabel Avenue), which supports local traffic and that from commuters between the Central Valley and Silicon Valley, reaches expressway standards of 55 mile-per-hour drive speeds with the widening.

"These investments ben-



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Officials celebrated the completion of highway project.

efit Tri-Valley residents and Bay Area commuters alike," says Supervisor Scott Hagerty, Chair of the Alameda CTC. "A healthy economy depends on a reliable transportation system. It is in our best interests to see that people and products move safely and efficiently throughout Alameda County. These projects help us meet that goal."

The expressway widening project is the third of five in a series of projects to improve SR-84 funded by a combination of local Measure B, state and federal funds.

Since 1986, when local voter-approved transportation funding began in Alameda County with the passage of the original Measure B, more than \$1.6 billion worth

of transportation capital improvements have been made in the Tri-Valley, including I-580/I-680 interchange improvements and carpool lanes, and the first Express Lanes in the Bay Area on southbound I-680, providing congestion relief and reliable travel times through the Sunol grade. \$562 million of the county's own half-cent sales tax allowed Alameda County to leverage another \$1.1 billion in federal, state, regional, and local funds.

Tri-Valley transportation projects in the 2014 Plan include BART to Livermore, operating funds for the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority's WHEELS, affordable transportation for seniors and youth, and highway improvements along I-580, I-680 and SR-84.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Personal Commission Openings

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors is seeking applicants to serve on the Personnel Commission.

Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, for a volunteer position on the Commission. Personnel Commissioners are appointed by the Board to four-year terms.

The Commission, a volunteer body, monitors and advises the Board on the District's personnel policies, approves the eligibility list for the hiring of full-time staff, hears appeals of disciplinary actions and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors on matters of personnel administration. The Commission meets as needed, but normally not more than once a month.

Applicants must be residents of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

Individuals should submit a letter of interest and information on knowledge and experience with personnel administration to District General Manager Timothy J. Barry, LARPD, 4444 East Ave., Livermore, CA, 94550. For more information about the position, please call Tim Barry at 925-373-5700.

Chamber Endorses Baker

Catharine Baker has been endorsed by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Political Action Committee (BACPAC).

According to a statement made by BACPAC: "Baker will bring a fresh perspective and bi-partisan solutions to Sacramento at a time when it's needed most for public education, labor and environmental law, unfunded pension liabilities and economic development."

"This was abundantly clear as both candidates shared sharply contrasting views about performance vs. spending in education, the 40-hour work week vs. the mandatory 8-hour work day, BART strikes legal or illegal, minimum wage, and pension liabilities and more during a one-hour Chamber sponsored forum on Friday, October 17, 2014."

Steady Growth at Hacienda

Hacienda Business Park in Pleasanton

reported absorption of nearly 161,000 square feet of space in the first three quarters of 2014. The third quarter results are consistent with the steady trend seen since the end of 2010.

"We continue to be encouraged by the reductions in vacancy we have seen over a nearly four year period," said James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager. "Even with a slightly slower start to the year, investment in Hacienda has significantly increased through the end of the third quarter."

Major leases and acquisitions in 2014 have been initiated by companies in a variety of business segments, including Astex Pharmaceuticals (Biomedical), Caltrans (Government), Ellie Mae (Mortgage Industry), Innovate Pleasanton (Business Accelerator), Morgan Stanley (Financial Services), TriNet (Business Services) and Veeva Systems (Software Development).

Early Voting

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters office will be open on Saturday, November 1, 2014 and Sunday, November 2, 2014 to allow voters to vote early for the November 4, 2014 General Election. It will be between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The office is currently open for voting Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Registrar's office also will be open on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Registrar of Voters office is located inside the René C. Davidson Court House at 1225 Fallon Street Room G-1, Oakland, CA. Voters wishing to cast ballots during weekend hours will be able to access the Registrar of Voters office through the 12th Street entrance of the Court House.

For more information about early voting, call the Registrar of Voters office at (510) 272-6973.

Corection

Candidate Chris Pareja ran as an independent in the Congressional primary elections of 2010 and 2012. He registered as a Republican following the 2012 primary.



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EDITORIALS

Best Choices

Chung Bothwell inserted a flyer delivered with The Independent that has caused confusion for voters when it comes to the Livermore City Council race. Her flyer can create the impression that The Independent is endorsing her.

The newspaper believes that the two candidates who would best serve the city and its residents are Planning Commissioner Steven Spedowski and Vice Mayor Bob Woerner.

They support the ongoing vision of a city surrounded by open space. They see the importance of an urban growth boundary in preserving the rural, small town feeling and contributing to the continued development of a culturally vibrant downtown. Their experience will be invaluable in continuing to implement the vision.

We recommend a vote for Steve Spedowski and Bob Woerner on November 4.

Veterans Day Parade

We suggest that a great way to spend time this Sunday is honoring veterans. The annual Veterans Day Parade will be held in downtown Pleasanton on November 2 starting at 1:00 p.m.

The parade will begin in front of the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street and end at St. Mary Street and Main Street.

Marching units will include Color Guards from all branches of the service, as well as local veteran organizations.

Toys for Tots representatives will be present.

Following the parade there will be activities at the Veterans Building, including a concert by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band at 3 p.m.

With the election coming up the following Tuesday, we feel it is appropriate to thank those who have served the country over the years.

PLAN

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ing in local businesses by arts attendees, revenues from arts related businesses and employment.

Crose noted that steps have already been taken to meet this goal, including establishment of a Firehouse membership plan that includes discounts at businesses.

- Consider reconstituting the Civic Arts Commission as the Arts and Cultural Commission.

Crose noted that the plan does not include specific or overall cost estimates. However, it does identify funding options which include sources such as the City General fund and capital budgets, earned income through rentals and tickets sales from City cultural facilities, the City's Capital Improvement Program, fund-raising, public/private partnerships, grants, and sponsorships for festivals and special events as determined consistent with priorities, implementation and scheduling and availability.

During the public hearing, Olivia Sanwong, a member of the Economic

Vitality Committee, suggested there be more interaction with the arts commission. She pointed out that Walnut Creek sees a net benefit of \$1.6 million a year based on its spending for the arts. She also liked the idea of a signature festival, such as the splatter in Dublin.

Council comments, included Karla Brown noting that there are culturally diverse events at the fairgrounds, such as the Scottish Games. She suggested developing a symbiotic relationship with the fairgrounds to promote such events.

Jerry Pentin also liked the focus on culturally diverse programs. He also suggested including Amador Theater events in the brochure for the Firehouse.

It was noted that the Firehouse has the capability of showing movies. Perhaps greater use of that aspect would meet the demand for more movies.

The next step will be for the Civic Arts Commission to prioritize the goals. The plan would then come back to the council where it will be part of a discussion on council priorities.

EAGLES

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tant Doolan Canyon is to golden eagles in the East Bay, the tracking histories of one juvenile and three subadult golden eagles were reported. In addition, the tracking histories of two sibling eaglets were presented as they fledged from their nest near Doolan Canyon and began using the canyon

as they developed flying skills as they were still being fed by their parents.

Eagle tracking histories are based on GPS location information from the GP-SIGSM transmitters. The tracking histories include Google Earth maps of eagle locations per tracking period.

Sheep Shearing Day at Tenuta

Tenuta Vineyards will host a sheep shearing day from noon to 2 p.m. on Sun., Nov. 2 at the winery.

The Mini Weed Munchers will receive a haircut (shearing) and mani/pedi (hoof trim).

The mini sheep are replacing chemicals and tractors in controlling weeds among the vines. They cut down on air and noise pollution, as well as the use of fossil fuels and chemicals.

Local sheep shearers, Russ Duguid and John Veitch, will demonstrate their finesse. Livestock guardian dog, Bonnie, will

be there watching over her flock.

Vineyard owner Nancy Tenuta is taking advantage of a Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Quality Incentive Program cost sharing program. Last year the program became available for gracing in vineyards and orchards. For information about the program, contact Alyson Aquino at 371-0154.

For information about the sheep shearing, contact Allison Batteate at 455-5755.

Tenuta Vineyards is located at 633 Kalthoff Commons in Livermore.

MAILBOX

(Opinions voiced in letters published in Mailbox are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Independent. Letter Policy: The Independent will not publish anonymous letters, nor will it publish letters without names. Abusive letters may be rejected or edited. Frequent letter writers may have publication of their letters delayed. Letters should be submitted by e-mail to editmail@compuserve.com.)

Morrison for Mayor Margo Tarver Pleasanton

Pleasanton is in a position to experience a significant amount of residential growth if the trend set by the current mayor and city council continues. This, at a time when our infrastructure is strained to serve the present population. Our underground water basin, which has served as a buffer to the water we have received from the state in the past, has been our main water supply this year. We have overdrafted that basin to the point that there are worries that the ground level is subsiding in some areas of the city. Our schools are overcrowded to the point that it is bound to impact the quality of education in this community. Our roads and freeways are becoming increasingly overburdened to the point it is difficult to drive through town or in and out of it. We need to draw the line on any new approvals for residential development at this time.

Matt Morrison is the candidate who is willing to draw that line and take the time out necessary to study the impact of further development on our infrastructure and quality of life in Pleasanton.

Candidate Speaks Chung Bothwell, Livermore

I am the Livermore City Council candidate who is running to address the city's unfunded pension liability and the \$20 million shortfall in funding for infrastructure.

The Independent's in depth article on the City Council candidates' qualifications and positions (September 18) based on candidate interviews was fair and balanced. My campaign flyer quoted my position as described in that article. Showing the newspaper's masthead referred readers to the source of my quotation. I never said the Independent had endorsed me, and I never meant to mislead. Paul Weiss in a letter (October 23) unfairly questioned my integrity.

I am grateful for the endorsements from current Councilman Doug Horner, former Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena, and former Councilman John Stein and many others. I am also very grateful for the support of grassroots citizens including Deacon Dave Rezendes and many local people who share my vision for our city.

Ad hominem attacks should not distract us from the real issues!

BB Benefits Many Jennifer Cullen, Senior Transportation Coordinator, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley

Many Tri-Valley citizens think that Measure BB is all about BART. It is not. Measure BB would pay for highway improvements in our area, safer pedestrian and bicycle paths, and amazing transportation programs for Tri-Valley seniors and disabled.

The Tri-Valley area remains geographically isolated relative to other cities within Alameda County. Many critical services are located outside of the Tri-Valley, including specialty medical and behavioral health care. As a result, transportation cost and duration is one of the most significant barriers to receiving essential care. There are many low-income Tri-Valley seniors that struggle to obtain rides to their medical appointments, but VAST (Volunteers Assisting Seniors with Transportation) fills this transportation gap in Eastern Alameda County.

Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley's Volunteers Assisting Seniors with Transportation (VAST) Program supplements existing public and paratransit services by providing door-through-door service for seniors to their medical appointments. Volunteer drivers and staff transport fall-risk seniors enabling them to travel safely in and out of the county in order to access critical medical care. The VAST Program is an essential program for seniors living in the Tri-Valley area. This

program is currently funded by Alameda County Transportation Commission and Measure B.

If Measure BB loses, we all lose. Adult children of elderly parents will have to use much of their sick time to transport their parents to their medical appointments. The worst part is that many of our seniors do not have children that live close by. These seniors will not be able to make it to their critical medical appointments and their health will fail. These seniors will be prematurely institutionalized in skilled nursing sites, which will cost us approximately \$90,000 a year. Let's invest our money wisely. Be proactive and vote "Yes on Measure BB!"

Measure BB Daryl R Carlson Livermore

BART is Lucy holding the football (a Livermore station) and Charlie Brown is the citizens of Livermore who have been duped into paying extra sales tax for decades. You'll see the Second Coming before BART gets to our fair city. Sure, they will spend 100s of thousands on feasibility studies but has anyone noticed that the center of 580 is now being prepared as an automobile express lane for the affluent?

This BB tax proposal smells like 3-day-old unrefrigerated fish. The current tax, I understand, runs for an additional eight years and then they want to double the rate to one percent. So, what's your hurry? At any time, the unprosecuted felons on Wall Street could gamble the economy back into the toilet. How do we know if we can afford the highest sales tax rate in this country in a time of bust?

If BART requires additional funding, perhaps they could ask the citizens of San Jose and Santa Clara County to chip in since, their BART service is assured--without a nickel of their sales tax so far.

Sales taxes are regressive--they take a larger percentage of income of the poor, retired, and hard-working families--money that families need for food, clothing, medical and education expenses. Why should some guy in a Lexus get his potholes patched on the backs of less fortunate but hard-working souls? I am not saying don't fund transportation just do it in a more timely and equitable way.

Thorne for Mayor

Christian J. Miller III
Pleasanton

As I read information reported about the issues in this year's mayoral and city council race it seems there is still some confusion about the City of Pleasanton following a mandate to allow housing to be built for all levels of income. Simply stated, the City was in essence forced to adopt the Appeals Court order or face the permanent loss of our ability to issue building permits and apply local standards to projects.

The City did fight the mandate as long as it reasonably could. Mayor Jerry Thorne has tried to explain the thought process that led to the City's decision to allow construction of some high density housing in Pleasanton. Jerry wants to continue planning the East Side of Pleasanton and place the end result on a ballot for voter ratification. This is just one of the many reasons that I support Jerry in his reelection bid.

He is the best person for the job given all issues facing the city, his reasonableness in helping to solve problems and his communication with all of our residents. I urge every voter to mark their ballot for Thorne for Mayor.

Vote for Woerner and Spedowski Mayor John Marchand City of Livermore

Everywhere I go, people tell me how much they love what we are doing in Livermore. They love our vibrant, award-winning, Great American Main Street, the restaurants, our cultural Arts District and our Bankhead Theater. We are the envy of the Tri-Valley with our successful South Livermore Plan and over 50 wineries. Good governance is not an accident. It takes good planning between the Council and the Staff. You need a creative Council that does its homework. That is why I am concerned.

One candidate claims in their literature that Livermore is on the verge of bankruptcy. That is simply not true and the candidate knows it. Livermore is on sound financial footing. Another candidate has spoken out against our citizen-initiated urban growth

boundary, which is key to our quality of life.

Both Vice Mayor Bob Woerner and Planning Commissioner Steve Spedowski have proven records with years of service to Livermore. They are what we need to continue our record of good planning and smart growth. I cannot do this alone. I need good people who have demonstrated a solid commitment to our community and to our quality of life.

That is why I am voting for Vice Mayor Bob Woerner and Planning Commissioner Steve Spedowski for Livermore City Council. I hope you will too.

White for School Board John Shirley Livermore

Anne White, candidate for the Livermore Board of Education, knows that excellent teachers are the key to excellent schools. The district must hire caring and effective teachers and supply them with first rate, up-to-date materials in order to have the rigorous academic and career activities we want for our children.

With the small increases in funding, Anne's focus will be to strike the right balance between salaries competitive with other nearby districts and innovative, new programs. She is very familiar with the programs offered in Livermore schools and is experienced in performing this balancing act.

With Anne's leadership Livermore can be a first-choice district for both teachers and students. Please join me and re-elect Anne White to the Livermore School Board.

Vote for Anne White

Sharon Draggoo,
Retired Livermore Teacher;
Vaughn Draggoo,
Retired LLNL Scientist

California K-12 education has a golden opportunity! The Common Core State Standards are the California target for a 21st century education for our young people. The new Local Control Funding Formula/Local Control Accountability Plan funding scheme puts most of the responsibility for providing this education in the hands of local school boards. In addition, there are expectations of increased funding because the economy is improving.

Anne White, candidate for the Livermore School Board, has the experience, insight and wisdom to lead Livermore in making the most of this opportunity. She knows Livermore schools from her many years as a board member. As an active community member, she knows the Livermore community. Anne will make time to participate in professional development activities to learn from experts about options to provide the best for our students.

Anne will lead our schools to take the best advantage of this golden opportunity. Join us in voting for Anne White on November 4!

Question for Pareja Kim Vardanega-Kent Livermore

Chris Pareja claims to have lived in Livermore for "most years in Livermore" and "majority of years" according to his website and TV30 interview. My question is, what exactly does that mean? His congressional campaign website listed Richmond, Hayward, San Leandro, Castro Valley, Fremont, and Pleasanton as cities where he lived. Washington D.C. is also referenced as a former residence. A quick search on the internet finds documents from Chris citing Hayward as his home address last year (mtcfilehost.net/TRANSFER/ advisory-applicants/17_Pareja_Chris.pdf and onebayarea.org/file10064.html). Other candidates have been very clear as to how long they have lived in Livermore, maybe Chris should do the same."

Yes on Measure BB John Brymner

As the East Bay economy has recovered, individuals are returning to work and their commutes. In just the last year, there has been a noticeable uptick in the amount of traffic on I-580 and I-680 as more people are finding employment and getting back in their cars to head to work. The Bay Area Council, a business organization, has data that reflects this job growth and confirms what we've all experienced firsthand at the 580/680 junction. Of course, while Tri-Valley residents are happy about the improving economy, they are naturally frustrated by the associated congestion issue.

Thankfully, the November

4th ballot provides Alameda County with the means to address this problem directly, and without waiting for the state or federal government.

Measure BB is the solution to our present congestion problems.

Measure BB provides funding for multiple improvements to Tri-Valley highways, including the 580/680 junction, completion of the HOV/express lane on I-680, and expansion of State Route 84 between 680 and Pigeon Pass. These projects alone do much to alleviate congestion in the Tri-Valley and are only a sampling of what the full \$8 billion Measure BB plan entails.

An added benefit of Measure BB is that it continues the momentum of the East Bay's economic recovery. The Bay Area Council has found that Measure BB creates 150,000 good-paying, local jobs and \$20 billion in economic activity through its investment in transportation.

Vote "yes" on Measure BB this November to reduce traffic in the Tri-Valley!

Visit YesonBB.org for more information.

Olson for Council

Herb Ritter

Pleasanton

Please join me in voting for Arne Olson for City Council. Arne has spent more than a decade participating in City of Pleasanton committees, taskforces, and commissions. His hands-on experience in getting results in the public government sector sets him apart from the other candidates.

I know this because I've worked in the corporate world for many years, and when I started volunteering on committees and now as a Pleasanton Planning Commissioner, I quickly recognized that my more experienced colleagues were more efficient in getting better results for the residents of Pleasanton because they understood the process and the internal working of government. That's the kind of experience Arne will bring to the council. Having served with Arne on the Planning Commission and his years of working with residents, elected officials, and city staff make him the most qualified non incumbent in this race. Arne already understands the issues facing our city, the costs, the scope, the timelines, and all of the elements that go into making sound decisions.

I encourage other candidates to recognize that they should first volunteer for committees and taskforces—and not start their public service by running for City Council. Experience Matters . . . Vote for Arne Olson. Kathy Narum for council and Jerry Thorne for Mayor.

Spedowski for Council Donald James Smith

Livermore

Steve, a solid family man, will be an excellent addition to the Livermore City Council. Concerned about Livermore's future, he brings a well reasoned approach coupled with years of public service experience to the job. Steve, while not a polished, slick, politician, impresses with his ability and willingness to listen and consider other points of view. Not one to offer glib responses to questions nor afraid to admit there are no simple ready solutions to complex issues confronting the Livermore community Steve demonstrates a willingness to work diligently in our best interest. That is why I support Steven Spedowski for City Council and recommend you do as well.

Vote for Catharine

Baker

David Johnson

Pleasanton

Not a difficult choice between candidates. Catharine Baker would ban strikes by BART workers; Tim Sbranti would not. Baker has refused to fill out any secret questionnaires by interest groups, which are often a condition of endorsements and contributions; Sbranti has played that game. Baker agrees with a Los Angeles judge's recent ruling that found that California's overly protective rules on teacher tenure and the primacy of seniority undermine the civil rights of low-income and minority students; Sbranti sees no need to disrupt the status quo on that point.

Sbranti used his position as head of the California Teachers Association political action committee to basically smear his opponent, Steve Glazer, in the primaries with the association spending millions on campaign contributions to assure that

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HOMELESS

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approximately 6 months to complete.

Councilmember Turner stated that it has been 6 months since the April summit on homelessness, now staff is proposing studies that will take another six months. She wondered if additional data were needed? "I think we have enough information to start taking action. I don't want to wait any longer." Turner proposed that actions could be taken in parallel with the survey.

Jean Prasher, Human Services Coordinator for Livermore, said that the survey would learn more about who is homeless in Livermore by actually going into the encampments. She agreed that work on the issue of homelessness could take place at the same time. She said that the survey was necessary because not enough information is available from Alameda County. The county conducts counts of the homeless for the entire county.

Turner suggested that the survey should consider what the homeless need, what they want and what they will accept. There should be a regional approach to solving the problem.

Woener agreed. "Data is necessary. You have to really understand a problem before you can have a solution." He proposed that the council subcommittee be involved with the stakeholder meetings.

Councilmember Stewart Gary suggested that there should be an effort to better connect service agencies and nonprofits.

Mayor John Marchand noted that any proposals need to be sustainable and affordable.

The proposed steps build on the results of the Summit on Homelessness hosted by Marchand in the spring. The goal of the event was to initiate a dialog among community stakeholders to propose actionable strategies to reduce and prevent homelessness in Livermore and the Tri-Valley.

Following the presentations, those attending met. They concluded that there is a need for public education regarding who is homeless

in the community along with the high cost of housing and the lack of affordable units in Livermore and the Tri-Valley. Also recognized was the need to co-locate and coordinate services that include case managers to help a homeless person learn what is available and how to navigate the service delivery system. Coupled with access to services, the groups also reported that it was important to fill gaps in transportation and child care services.

The survey will provide information regarding how many people are homeless in Livermore and the factors that contributed to their situation. Each person participating in the survey would be asked a standard set of questions including where they lived prior to becoming homeless, how long they have been without housing, why they are in Livermore, and their veteran status.

Using the information gathered from the survey and information regarding existing services, the stakeholder group will develop an action plan. Since the solution will need to be regional, other Tri-Valley cities as well as regional agencies will be invited to participate.

Currently, throughout the Tri-Valley, the needs of persons experiencing homelessness are being partially addressed by multiple service providers. While the homelessness problem is regional in scope, shelters, in particular, can only be found in Livermore.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen
Governor Jerry Brown stopped by the Democratic Headquarters in Pleasanton on Monday where he met with reporters.

DUBLIN

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Brown refused to put a new school bond on the Nov. 4 ballot. A spokesperson said that Brown has been saying for the past two years that he wants a dialogue with the Legislature and educators about how to finance school construction in the future. It may appear in his budget message in January.

The school district's resolution is identical to the council's, except that it does ask the state to allow it to go to Level III fees for development impact. At Level III, development mitigation fees cover 100 percent of school costs. Currently, the Dublin district charges Level II fees, which are supposed to pay for one-half of a school. The Dublin school board set the rate at \$5.91 per square foot.

School Superintendent Stephen Hanke told the council that Level II fees are not enough. As an example of projected costs, Hanke cited the expenses needed to build the Amador Elementary School in East Dublin, which is expected to open in 2015. It will cost \$77 million, including land and construction. The district is using reserve developer fees to pay for of the \$77 million, and exploring other ways to finance the remainder.

Amador will be the district's fourth elementary school. It will provide some extra capacity for awhile. However, two more elementary schools will be needed, both bigger and more expensive than Amador. Without

level III fees paying full cost, or sufficient state bond money to make Level II fees work, the district simply can't afford those schools, said Hanke.

Although Level III fees might do the job, relying on them could create a problem, said Vice-mayor Don Biddle. Developers might perceive the fees as so high that they won't follow through on their building plans in Dublin. City manager Chris Foss responded to a question from Biddle by saying that the Level III fees "would be very detrimental to building in town."

Biddle added that by

emphasizing Level III fees in the resolution, it would look like the city is willing to let the state off the hook about shouldering its share of the cost with a new bond or some other financial arrangement.

The council's resolution was important to Hanke, because it shows unity concerning the gravity of the problem and the urgent need to solve it. The council and the board came up with the idea of passing the resolutions during their joint meeting a few weeks ago.

Councilmember Abe Gupta said that he saw the point about being effective

and practical in dropping the reference to asking for approval to impose Level III fees, but his preference would have been to leave it in.

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SPORTS NOTES



Pleasanton Ballistic U10 action pitted Verona against Inter Milan. Senyi Yang did a great job in goal. Zidane and Kadin Sellami were instrumental in offense and defense. Derek Wang scored two goals and William Zhai scored one for Verona. Both teams played very well. Top Offensive Players: William Zhai, Derek Wang, Zidane Sellami; Top Defensive Players: Senyi Yang, Kadin Sellami, Jake Loeffler. In the photo, Derek Wang is showing making a shot. Photo - Laura Zhang.



St. Michael CYO cross country team member Devon Mahashwari (in yellow) runs well to a fifth place individual finish and third place team for boys grades 6-8 in the Diocese Championship at Joaquin Miller Park.



West Coast Fury rolled on Saturday recording a 1-0 victory over the Mill Valley Rockers. The win left Fury unbeaten in their last 13 and 12 of those have been placed in the "W" column. Bella Romero netted the lone goal for Fury and Trinity Sandridge got the assist as West Coast remains atop the Nor Cal Region 3-4 standings. Fury displayed remarkable ball movement led by midfielder Kourtney Kessler.



Pleasanton Rage U10 Silver Team placed first in their division at the San Ramon Fall Classic October 25-26, 2014. After four victorious games and allowing only two opposing goals, the Dalmation-costumed girls claimed their trophy. Pictured with black spots for makeup are (from left, back to front): Coach Jennifer Mayo, Hannah Stewart, Amanda Hunter, Ella Hodges, Hana Sato Kreis, Celeste Murphy, Athena Walling, Helena Stewart, Sienna Bulwa, Julia Zile, Sabreen Abdul.

Cops vs. Cowboys

The public is invited to watch Livermore High School staff/coaches and alumni take on the Livermore Police department.

The 5th annual Cops vs Cowboys basketball game will take place on Wednesday, November 5th at 7pm in the main gym at Livermore High School, 600 Maple Street.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids 12 & under. All proceeds benefit the Lady Cowboys basketball program.

Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage U10 Orange team traveled across the Bay and up an age group to win the Bay Area Fall Cup the weekend of October 25-26 for the U11 age group. The Rage Orange opened play on Saturday playing a tough MVLA team. After a scoreless back and forth first half, MVLA broke through with a goal. The Rage Orange struck back when Livvy Soble dribbled through and around the MVLA defense for a goal to knot the score at 1-1. Both teams battled hard but the game ended in a draw. The second game on Saturday had the Rage Orange going against the Red Stars. The Rage Orange was in complete control and got first half goals from Emma Fuller, Kiana Tahmassebi and Kaitlyn Lemus to win 3-0.

Sunday play opened with the Rage Orange cruising to a 3-1 win over Juventus SC FIAMMA. It was Fuller, Tahmassebi and Lemus again scoring for the Rage Orange. This win put the Rage Orange in the finals back against their first game opponent MVLA. The game mirrored the 1st game with both teams battling hard in the first half. The first half was scoreless and remained that way until MVLA converted off of a corner kick to take a 1-0 lead. But back came the Rage Orange. Tahmassebi crossed it to Fuller and she scored the equalizer. The Rage Orange controlled the last 10 minutes of the game and the 10 minutes of a scoreless overtime to put the game into penalty kicks. MVLA scored their first 2 PK's as did the Rage Orange with Tahmassebi and Alana Owens finding the back of the net. Goalie Tasha Laberge-Shusterman made the save of the day with a diving stop to stop MVLA's 3rd PK attempt. Then it was Rage Orange's Fuller, Soble and Paige Morgan who closed out the PK's by finding the back of the net to give the Rage Orange a 5-4 edge in PK's. It

was a great effort for the Rage Orange. The defense was strong with Morgan, Soble, Kelly Queen, Ava Hofstede and Sam Riter all making big contributions in the back. The Rage Orange offense was team effort. Fuller, Tahmassebi, Lemus, Owens, Andrea Castillo, and Alura Hagan put tremendous pressure on the defense all weekend. And Laberge-Shusterman and Riter both played excellent goalie all weekend.

Pleasanton Ballistic

U16: Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club U16 Cagliari F.C. defeated Livermore Fusion, 7 to 4, in a rainy game early Saturday morning. Joey Brasil played an excellent game with a hatrick, scoring three goals, one via an awesome chest goal off a corner kick. Joey also made two key assists - one to David Tovar, who scored twice this game, and another to Danny Lopez who scored once. Josh King scored one contributing to Cagliari's win with a final score of 7-4. Outstanding defensive plays, speed and focus by Yuvus Ozkabak. Special thanks to great goalkeeper, Timothy Wolfenberger, who played keeper the entire game.

U12: Borussia Dortmund 1, Bayer 2: It was a rainy day but the boys fought through it. It was a defensive game with the score tied 1 - 1 until the last 30 seconds when Bayer 04 scored the go ahead goal to take the game 2 - 1. Jonah Snider scored the lone Borussia Dortmund goal.

West Coast Soccer

West Coast Soccer Wave U13 girls, coached by David Mahabali, brought home first place in this weekend's Almaden Halloween Classic Tournament, in Morgan Hill. It was a hard fought tournament, and on Saturday they ended the day with one tie, and one loss. The girls came back Sunday ready to win. They had a 4-0 shutout in their third game against Orchard Valley Crush, which ultimately sent them into the finals to take on the Burlingame SC Hawks. Tori Trautwein netted the team's first goal on an assist from Leila Ganz, ending the first half of the finals 1-0. Wave went on to score one more goal in the second half on a beautiful pass to Alivia Ganz from Jessa Lyons. West Coast continued to battle it out, and only allowed for one goal made by the



Livermore Fusion U14 Intensity girls team played in the Kick or Treat tournament in Fremont. Teams were allowed to wear costumes. The Fusion U14 girls chose to "Play for the Cure," in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness month.



The Fusion Boys U9 Maroon team enjoyed a fantastic Halloween tournament at the Fusion's Ghouls & Goals this past weekend. The team played tough in two ties vs. Mustang Arsenal and Montclair Clippers and then won their playoff game 2-1 vs. Mustang Hammers. There were plenty of soccer tricks and treats for the boys who had a blast in their Zombie costume uniforms. The Fusion Zombies had their usual graveyard defense shutting out one opponent while allowing two others a mere one goal. Pictured are (from left) Jacob Johnson, Randy Pico, Gabe Henninger, Alistair Bealer, Parker Warner, Max Thompson, Tyler Marta, Marco Wilde, and Andrei Gran.



The Fusion's U11G Black "The Mighty Minnies" had an impressive second place finish at the Fremont Kick or Treat Tournament held this past weekend. The Mighty Minnie's finished first place in their bracket with a 3 - 0 record, thanks to their fabulous team work, passing, defensive and goalie play all weekend. The championship game was a battle but the ladies fell to the Mustang Crushers on Sunday afternoon. Pictured are (from left, top row) Skyler Jester, Abby Knuth, Sonia Fletcher, Isabella Finch, Samantha Wilder, Viola "V" DeSzily; (bottom row) Katie Fogerson, Gracelyn Mutz, Sydney Gutierrez, Camryn Quartaroli, Samantha Remy, and Erin Schrader.

Burlingame offense, ending the game with a 2-1 win, and giving West Coast Wave a first place victory.

West Coast Soccer Club has been issued a city proclamation by Livermore Mayor John Marchand.

The Proclamation of The City of Livermore Honors West Coast Soccer Club and the U16 Wild girls' soccer team for representing Livermore and the Tri-Valley region at the U.S. Club Soccer National Championships earlier this summer. The girls beat out teams from all over the country to bring home the 2014 national championship title. This is the 7th appearance for the Livermore based club, West Coast Soccer, in the national finals and the club's second national title.

The road to the national tournament started in September where team Wild beat out top teams from all over California in Norcal's State Cup tournament winning the State title and securing a spot at the national tournament in Greensboro, North Carolina. In Greensboro, the girls outplayed top teams from New York, Ohio, Oregon, and California to bring home the Cup.

The West Coast Wild currently play fall soccer in two California premier leagues, Norcal Premier League (NPL) and California Regional League (CRL). The Wild are ranked number one in the state and are often sought out by tournaments and teams to defend their title. The next tournament for the girls is the prestigious "invitation only" Surf Cup being held in San Diego in November. The Surf Cup is a college show case tournament and a good opportunity for the girls to put their talent on display for college coaches.

Livermore Fusion

Livermore Fusion U10 Boys Select White remained in first place after two tough games this past weekend. In Saturday's matchup against Fremont, Fusion came on strong on the offense lead by Mateo Vigil who scored 2 goals. Christian Cordero, Milan Pannu

and Denny Derham all had a goal each to help Fusion with their 5-1 victory over Fremont.

Fusion defense shined in a match against San Ramon. Fullbacks Shane Pollard, Riley Durrant and Jordan Dennett, combined with spectacular saves by goalie Dominic Persi kept San Ramon scoreless the entire game. It was a battle to the very end where the teams walked away with a draw, 0-0. Liam Murphy, Mason Shelton, Jayden Madriz, Aidan Reilly and Jacob Garcia also had strong performances in both games contributing to both the offense and defense.

In addition to the games held Oct. 18 and 19, Coach Maurice recognized 6 athletes with a Scholar Athlete Patch. Congratulations to Aidan Reilly, Christian Cordero, Jacob Garcia, Mateo Vigil and Denny Denham, as well as all other Fusion scholar athletes on their academic accomplishments.

Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks swim team competed at the "Rocktoberfest C/B/A+" meet. The Alameda Islanders hosted the event on October 18-19, 2014 at the "Soda Aquatic Center at Campolindo High School in Moraga.

Many new Best Times were achieved. Swimming for the Pleasanton Seahawks: Paige Bennett (8) 2New Best Times, Aanika Singh (8) 2BT, Jessica Tsai (7) 1BT, Connor Chen (8) 1BT, Nabil Danandeh (8) 6BT, Asayush Gupta (8) 4BT, Sahil Mehta (8) 2BT, Alexander Suen (8) 2BT, Dominick Wonosaputra (8) 3BT, Zoe Chu (9) 4BT, Hailey Fesai (10) 5BT, Aria Harris (9) 3BT, Breuklynn Harris (9) 6BT, Alcina Kenny (9) 1BT, Olivia Kim (10) 6BT, Aven Lee (10) 6BT, Cynthia Li (9) 2BT, Florence Rui Lin (9) 3BT, Sydney Lu (10) 4BT, Sophia Pedersoli (9) 3BT, Vaishnavi Rao (10) 7BT, Vivian Sun (10) 5BT, Chandra Tien (10) 2BT, Christina Tsai (10) 6BT, Emily Tsai (10) 1BT, Crystal



West Coast Kaos U12 made it to the finals at the 2014 Davis Legacy Lily Niessen Memorial Tournament. The Kaos girls beat out teams from northern California and Nevada to reach the championship match against the Manteca Flash premier team. Pictured are the West Coast Kaos (top row) Angelyca Chapman, Cassidy Garza, Mariana Medrano, Brooke Schaible, Bridget Yocham, Gabi Casillas, Jenny Barron; (bottom row) Katie Reid, Maddie Allum, Maddie Sullivan, Jenna Nielson, Kate Zeck, Taylor Spratt, and Alana Cox. Missing is Hailey Miller.



Fusion's U9G "Evil Minions" had an impressive Second Place victory at the Impact 2014 Boo Fest Tournament held this past weekend in Byron. The Minions finished first in their bracket and thanks to their excellent team work, on-target passing and great defensive play, had an action-packed, nail-biting, championship game only giving up one last minute goal to Union City Sparks on Sunday afternoon. Pictured are (from left, top row) Cassidy Bartolotto, Ginger Hopcus, Berina Husic, Avery White, Lauren Stoneberger, Rivers Dominguez, Coach Makaila Griggs; (bottom row) Madeline Snodgrass, Sierra Bradford, Alexis Traynor, Jessica Gutierrez, Kylia Oki and Ashton McGrail.



Pleasanton Rage U10 Orange captured the Bay Area Fall Cup in the U11 age group.

Wang (10) 7BT, Mica Wang (10) 2BT, Kyle Chen (10) 2BT, Akshay Gupta (10) 8BT, Alexander LeCoque (9) 3BT, Jordan Lee (9) 2BT, Andy Liu (10) 4BT, Brycen Martin (9), Aric Shen (9) 6BT, Alexander Smedley (10) 7BT, Gordon Tam (10) 2BT, Ronin Tsang (10) 7BT, Ethan Wang (9) 3BT, Aiden Wong (9) 2BT, Alexis Barrera (11) 5BT, Megan Chung (12) 5BT, Grace Kim (12) 3BT, Kaela Lee (12) 6BT, Mackenzie Lee (12) 5BT, Jocelyn Martin (11) 6BT, Rachana Mukkamala (12) 2BT, Emily Nie (12) 1BT, Vasuki Rao (11) 6BT, Stephanie Shao (12) 7BT, Claire Suen (12), Emma Washam (12) 4BT, Gwyneth Wong (11) 6BT, Sophia Xing (12) 1BT, Andrew Li (12) 2BT, Aditya Mehta (12) 2BT, Alex Ren (12) 1BT, Jalen Shen (12) 2BT, Jovanni Shen (11) 2BT, Andrew Wang (11) 3BT, Morgan Gallagher (13), Chloe Gosselin (13) 5BT, Victoria Luo (13) 2BT, Sruthi Mukkamala (14) 3BT, Katherine Risher (13) 1BT, Isabelle Smedley (13) 6BT, Raza Aziz (13) 4BT, Darron Dai (13) 3BT, Kyle Kenny (13) 2BT, Aaron Lee (13) 6BT, Aaron Lin (13) 3BT, Alexander Luo (13) 2BT, Robert Mitu (13) 2BT, Matthew Neufeld (14), Robert Torres (13) 4BT, Hudson Tsang (13) 2BT, Jack Wilkerson (13), Bryce Wong (13) 2BT, Nicholas Wonosaputra (13) 3BT, Justin Huang (15) 3BT, and Ryan Lau (17) 1BT. Congratulations to the Pleasanton Seahawks swimmers. Great Job!

(14) 1 BT, Paulina Umansky (13), Emma Valentine (13) 2BT, Nja Zuniga (14) 2BT, Mattias Blanco (13) 2BT, Calvin Chui (13) 3BT, Jonah Cooper (14), Calvin David (13) 7BT, Aditya Gupta (14) 2BT, Christopher Jhong (14) 3BT, Tyler Lu (14) 9BT, Nicholas Skinner (13) 3BT, Benjamin Sproul (14) 6BT, Christina Chong (16) 2BT, Samantha Howell (15) 3BT, Victoria Kaleta (16) 2BT, Sofia Moufarrej (15) 2BT, Moriah Simonds (16), Ryane Skinner (16), Kennedy Truex (16), Sarah Wang (16), Danielle Zacharias (16), Jared Brandley (16) 8BT, Brandon Brown (15) 3BT, Christopher Lee (15) 1BT, Michael Martin (15) 2BT, Jonathan Mui (16) 3BT, Maxime Rooney (16) 1BT, Benjamin Song (15) 6BT, Nathaniel Sproul (16) 3BT, Alex Suehiro (15) 4BT, Jeffrey Tang (16) 3BT, Shahini Ananth (17) 1BT, Iris Brand (17) 1BT, Eva Chung (17), Andrea Hall (17), Amanda Helle (17), Caitlyn Plattel (17), Mary Woods (17) 1BT, Alexander Gilchrist (17) 5 BT, Anthony Jhong (17) 5 BT, Trevor Lee (17) 1BT, Thomas Neufeld (17), Robert Scott (17) 1 BT and Bailey Wong (17) 2 BT. Congratulations PLS on a great meet!

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Pleasanton Rage U12 Orange (Pleasanton Team 2) dressed as "Apps" from the App Store, competed in Brentwood's annual Halloween tournament. Rage took home their second tournament trophy this fall, by going undefeated over 4 games on the weekend. Pictured (top) are Head Coach Jarrett Chan, Audrey Googins, Bella Segundo, Sophia Ghoddoucy, Kylie Weed, Sydney Walsh, Kate Derham; (middle row) Ella Camp, Samantha O'Brien, Eva Bull, Rylee Scanlon; (bottom row) Stephanie Lee, Reese Lombardi, Penny Murphy, Faith Johnson, and Meghan Penrice; (Not Pictured) Coach Kevin Whitehand, Jenna Benner, Lizzy Shriber, Danielle Caccamo.



Granada High School junior varsity water polo team defeated crosstown rival Livermore, 10 to 4. Pictured is the Granada goalie making a save.

against strong defensive units. Hits from Trenton Westrope and Josh Martin along with a fumble recovery by Zach Fumero halted a Broncos' drive.

Midway through the 2nd quarter, the Colts' offense, led by tenacious Ryan Anderson, stormed down the field. First downs by Josiah Knight and a TD run by Gavin Napier, combined with a successful 2-point conversion put the score at 8-0 Colts. The Colts' defense continued the upward momentum with big hits and tackles from Rylan Myhre and Calvin Fletcher. Matt Hagan blocked the Broncos' punt, placing the Colts' offense on the 35 yard line where they put together an exciting scoring drive. A run from Joey Dougherty was followed by a long throw from Cole Gibson and a sensational catch by Gavin Napier. Nick Hill advanced the ball with a 1st down, giving the Colts position for a TD by Josiah Knight. With another 2-point conversion, the Colts headed into half-time leading 16-0. The Colts' defense shone throughout the 3rd quarter with huge tackles by Jackson Brown, Mo Labrucherie, and Adan Cavalanti. Key blocking from the Colts' offense paved the way for Gavin Napier to burst down the field for a TD run, increasing the Colts' lead to 22-0. Following a Broncos' TD, the firm hands of Luke Moylan foiled an outside kick attempt. Cole Gibson needed only one play, handing the ball off to Josiah Knight who scored his 2nd TD for the afternoon. The Broncos struck early in the 4th, narrowing the score 28-14 but still needed a new weapon to keep their offense on the field. The Colts' defense fought hard led by Zach Fumero, Jacob Dennett and Blake Teixeira. Two successful outside kicks resulting in two Broncos scores quickly shifted the game into an intense, nail-biting battle. Both teams were digging deep with the score tied at 28 all. The remaining minute of the quarter showcased another Colts' offensive drive but they were stopped on 4th down in the red zone with only 10.8 seconds left on the clock. A determined Broncos' offense lined up for one final play to send the game into overtime, but a gutsy Colts' defense was not going to take a chance and denied the win. Josh Martin charged the Broncos' ball carrier, stripping the ball loose for Jackson Brown to recover and burst into the end zone for the game winning TD as the horn blew.

Senior Division: Giants 20, Packers 0; Chiefs 48, Steelers 12.

CYO Cross Country

The St. Michael CYO cross country team finished out their season with a great performance at the Diocese Championship Oct. 17 at Joaquin Miller Park in Oakland. The top performance was a first place overall out of over 30 teams for the grades 3-5 girls led by Sasha Piper (2nd), Jana Barron (8nd), and Melanie Reed (16th). The grades 6-8 boys also ran well to take third place. Scoring for the team were Devon Mahashwari (5th), Giorgio Piazza (28th), and Julian Galicia-Thomas (32nd); also running well were Chase Vogler, Jacob Walker, Gavin Breen, Damian Varnum, Ashton Kuhn, and Josiah Thomas.

The grades 3-5 boys took third overall led by Dillon Mahashwari (3rd), Justin Peterson (11th), and Adrian Gomez (13th), while the grades 6-8 girls team of Veronica Valenton (8th), Viviana Valenton (29th), and Nina Fillari (33rd) were fifth. Finally, in the grades K-2 race, Nicolai Barron and Mikaela Beeler completed an unbeaten season as the fastest boy and girl in their age brackets.

Race to the Flagpole

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

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

Race-day registration begins at 6:45a.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.

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

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

Spring Lacrosse

Spring 2015 Registration is now open for Livermore Phantom Lacrosse.

Early bird registration includes a \$50 discount as well as access to fall and winter tune-up clinics. See www.phantomlacrosse.org for more info.

PGSL Registration

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

Lacrosse Clinic

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

LGSA Softball

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



Matthew Thompson on the run to score for the Livermore Junior Football League Junior Division Falcons.



Gavin Napier of the Livermore Junior Football League Colts runs for the TD.



Livermore Junior Football League's youngest cheerleaders showed their support. Pictured are (back) Madison, Camille, Rachel, Julia, Amaya, Karleigh; (front) Kaitlyn, Keilani, Thalia, Madilyn, and Allie.

LNLL Registration

2015 Livermore National Little League walk-in registration will be held Sat., Nov. 15 and Dec. 13 from noon to 4 p.m. at Mt. Mike's Pizza, 2175 First St., Livermore.

Registration open to ages 4 to 15 before April 30, 2014. Register early so the league knows how many teams will be needed and to avoid late fee charges. For more information, go to www.livermornational.com or call 925-443-5655.

The Livermore Fusion Talent School U8 Girls team conjured their wicked soccer spirits at the Ghouls and Goals tournament against San Ramon this past weekend. The U8 girls teams sported their graveyard ghoulish style and brought all their tricks to play full throttle on the field. Pictured are (top, from the left) Eva Torricco, Alyssa Eaton, Elena Derting, Eden Kokelaar, Autumn Johnson, Reece Bingham, Mani Ribabaiti, Avery Maxwell, Lauren Lopez, Mea Neubauer; (bottom row) Aspen Rosingana, Riley Horn, Kylie Hahlbeck, Abi Aranas, Piper Sweeney, Kayla Clarin, Jessica Orthmann, Maya Derting, Ashley Pritchard. Coached by Nelly Santana and Luis Ormalles.



West Coast Wave U13G brought home the Almaden Halloween Classic Title. Pictured are (bottom row, from left) Savannah Maselli, Alivia Ganz, Leila Ganz, Monique Reil, Eliana Eme, Jessica Zogaric; (top row) Jordan Goodwin, Tori Trautwein, Lindsay Plant, Jessa Lyons, Kaila Vasconez, Caitlyn Garrison, Allison Jamison, and coach David Mahabali.

playoffs were held over the weekend. **Junior Division:** Falcons 59, Lions 24.

Texans 12, Raiders 8: A playoff game between the Texans and the Raiders proved to be a nail biter. There were four fumbles in the first quarter alone. The Raiders were first to get on the board with a touchdown by Jake Johnson and a two point conversion; leaving the score 8-0 Raiders, early in the first quarter. Texans' defensive player, Deegan Rabino recovered one of the fumbles. Later in the quarter, Draven Naeg sped out of nowhere and intercepted the ball from the Raiders, returning the ball to the Texans. Jacob Solhoff scored a touchdown for the Texans making the score 8-6 with the Raiders on top going into the second quarter. Jacob Solhoff ran for touchdown number two for the Texans, putting them on top at 12-8 going into the half. Although the Texans were ahead, this game was too close for comfort for this undefeated team. The Raiders played smart and were not about to hand this game over to the Texans without a fight. After half time, a rejuvenated Texas team stepped up their game. Hollis Sturgill, the Texans' quarterback, proved her versatility when she made two unbelievable sacks. Jacob Solhoff recovered another fumble from the Raiders, handing the ball back to the offense. The Raiders' defense held the Texans from scoring again. Within the last few minutes of the game, Dylan Jones and Jake Bearden made a tackle on fourth down, to shut down the Raiders' offense. Neither team was able to score in the second half. In the end, the "Mighty Texans" were able to bring home a victory and remain number one going into next week's Championship game. Credit goes to the Raiders for playing an incredible game. Congratulations goes out to the entire Texans team (Hollis Sturgill, Joel Indrebo, Jacob Solhoff, Jake Bearden, Dylan Jones, Anthony Riccardi, Deegan Rabino, Joey Williams, Alex Stoneham, Riley Christophersen, Julius Lorenzo, Domenic Hurrado, Eli Worley, Ben Castillo, Arik Vivians, Nickolas Gomez, Draven Naeg, and Vincent Torres) and their incredible coaches for such an amazing season thus far.

Intermediate Division: Vikings 12, Eagles 13: The Vikings had a hard time in the first half of this game, as the Eagles plugged the running lanes on defense and moved the ball effectively on offense, leading to a 13-6 deficit at halftime. The Vikings' TD came on a run by Dylan Cole, following some nice passing from Dylan Prusso to Shaun Smith. The team made some adjustments, and came out strong in the second half. The defensive line, led by John Clapp and Joe Porter, toughened up and did not allow the Eagles to score in the second half. Shane Waechter was able to put another TD on the board, sprung loose by a downfield block by Nate Lee. The point after attempt was unsuccessful, which ended up making the difference in this well played 13-12 playoff loss.

49ers 6, Ravens 7: The Ravens came out in the first half motivated and determined. Defense continued to push through the Niners' offense, as Anthony Zarsange, Brandon Harvey, Derek Thompson, Alex Alamillo, Logan Tucker worked tirelessly to keep the Niners from scoring. Joey Orluck sacked the QB. Although the Ravens went scoreless in the first quarter, they answered back in the second quarter with the first touchdown of the game, a handoff from QB Eli Nuddelman to Yanik Anderson who followed his blocker Diesel Sorgdrager Dreher

allowing for the TD. Then twin Eli Nuddelman handed off to his brother Ben Nuddelman to score the extra point. Joey Orluck continued to lead the Ravens defensively with 2 more QB sacks in the 2nd quarter. The offense continued to make great strides this half after a 30 yard punt return by Ben Nuddelman, and 25 yards rushing by Hunter Barbero and Diesel Sorgdrager Dreher. Ravens had a huge stop by Ben Nuddelman, preventing the Niners from scoring as the clock wound down to halftime. Ravens led 7-0 at halftime. Jason Sanders started the second half recovering the kickoff return. The defense continued to battle with stops by Logan Tucker and Max Tufer. The Niners scored a touchdown. Defense by Logan Tucker, Jason Sanders, Derek Thompson, Yanik Anderson alongside fellow teammates prevented the extra point conversion. Derek Thompson played a great game defensively and added to his highlights with a QB sack. Both teams continued to fight for the win. Defense continued to dominate the 4th quarter with some huge stops by Jason Sanders, Derek Thompson, Joey Orluck, Logan Tucker, Bryce Gray, Anthony Zarsange, Max Tufer, Brandon Harvey, Alex Alamillo and Ben Nuddelman. Offense continued to work up the field with great runs by Hunter Barbero, Eli Nuddelman, Yanik Anderson and Diesel Sorgdrager Dreher. Great ball handling and excellent work by Alan Tellez. The boys earned this win as a team. Coming into this game as the 4th place team, collectively they earned the opportunity to play in the championship game and they all deserve to be mentioned for their efforts: Hunter Barbero, Michael Ayler, Brendan Paterson, Adan Tellez, Shane Gomez, Tyler Stewart, Diesel Sorgdrager Dreher, Jessie Haight, Logan Tucker, Derek Thompson, Jason Sanders, Justin Torres, Corey Stimpson, Eli Nuddelman, Yanik Anderson, Dalton Silva, Ben Nuddelman, Joey Orluck, Alex Alamillo, Max Tufer and Bryce Gray.

Advanced: Bears 6, Jets 28: The Jets came out on top in the playoff game, despite the Bears battling to the very end. The Jets began the game with several good carries by Joey Gomez, including a 30-yard run. Quinn Tudor completed a pass to James Duperly, positioning Cameron Stephenson to score the first touchdown of the game. Joey Gomez made the two point conversion ending the first quarter with Bears 0, Jets 8. The Jets' defense dominated the second quarter with solid tackling by Kacen Shreffler, Travis Silva and Jacob Kilbane. Joey Gomez continued to gain yardage and the Jets' second touchdown was scored by James Duperly. The third quarter had JJ Knight completing a great run, with key blocks by Bryce Beasley. Joey Gomez scored the third Jets' touchdown. Travis Silva was in on the action with a quarterback sack and Blaze Hill also had a sack on the day. Hunter Kronmal, Nick Lydon and Dylan Clinton played strong with key tackles shutting down the Bears' offense. In the fourth quarter, Joey Gomez scored the final touchdown of the game with Travis Silva running in the extra point. The entire offensive line, Owen Hopkins, Drake Demo, Joe Hager, Damien Diggins, Cameron Wells and Austin Lane played unified and strong holding their ground. The defensive line, Jacob Kilbane, Jake Hager, Carson Moehler, Blaze Hill and Joe Hager had many great tackles holding back the Bears' solid offense.

Colts 34, Broncos 28: At stake in this game was a chance to play for the Advance division championship. First quarter action saw both teams battling for field position and find momentum

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FINANCES

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from Charles Munger, Jr. and California Real Estate PAC, \$200 from Craig Schwab and \$100 from Tim Pico.

Council candidate George Bowen collected \$3051 during the reporting period, bringing his total to \$15,427 for the year, including a \$625 loan to himself. Donors include \$400 from Don Ragland, \$200 from Stephen McGrogan, and \$100 each from Harry Lutz, Tom Pico, and Clay Widmayer.

Olivia Sanwong received one donation of \$1000 from the Unity PAC, a Sponsored Committee of the Alameda County Labor Council, AFL-CIO between Oct. 1 and 18. Her total to date is \$10,996 including a \$3550 loan to herself.

Arne Olson received \$2100 in cash to bring his year to date total to \$8030 including \$1017 in loans to himself. Donors include \$400 from California Real Estate PAC, and \$150 each from Frank Capilla, Robert Philcox, and Mark Sweeney.

DUBLIN

Dublin No on Measure T Committee collected \$3050 in cash from Oct. 1 to 18. It has received a total of \$62,791 in cash and non-monetary donations year to date. The Tri-Valley Conservancy has made two donations of \$12,500 each for a total of \$25,000. Save Mount Diablo has given a total of \$30,191 in expenditures and contributions; Lynn Seppala donated \$5000. Giving \$1000 each were Kathleen McCandless and Clay Widmayer, and Robert Girard \$600.

Measure T's backers, "Let Dublin Decide, Dublin Community Partnership LP" reported no new donations and no new expenditures. All of their donations came during the first six months of the year during which they reported \$150,000. The money came from Pacific Union, the Danville-based developer that has proposed building 1600 homes in

Doolan Canyon.

In the mayor's race, Councilmember David Haubert has collected the most money, including \$5325 Oct. 1 to 18 for a total of \$39,921 to date. Donations include \$500 each from California Real Estate PAC, Dublin Hyundai, Dublin Volkswagen, Lincoln Club of Northern California, and Fung Ng, and \$300 each from Estella Wong, Jie Zhu, \$250 each from Susan Bonilla for Assembly, Jon Haubert, Carmen Ng, and Christopher Withrow.

Councilmember Kevin Hart, who is running for mayor, reported \$2250 during the recent reporting period and a total of \$14,354 in cash for the campaign. He received \$500 each from Ronald Tong, Michael Tong, Jennifer Tong, and John Wong.

Former Councilmember Kasie Hildenbrand, who is also running for mayor, lists \$1807 in cash, which includes a \$1000 loan to herself during the Oct. 1 to 18 reporting period. Her total to date is \$5111, with loans at \$2750. She received \$500 from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 595 PAC.

In the council race, incumbent Abe Gupta reported no donations during this period. His total to date is listed at \$21,316 including \$5000 in loans to himself.

Incumbent Don Biddle reported \$3064 given Oct. 1 to 18 and a total of \$6619 for the year. Donors include \$500 each from the California Real Estate Political Action Committee, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 595 PAC, International Association of Firefighters, Local 55, and Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 District 20 PAC; and \$200 from Dick Schneider.

Susan Wakamoto-Lee also reported no donations. She has loaned herself \$4200 and received a \$50 donation during the earlier reporting period.

Las Positas College, Lab Present Seminar Series

Las Positas College has announced that Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientists Jon L. Maienschein, Ph.D. and Sabrina C. DePiero will be the speakers on Wednesday, November 5 at the second evening of this year's Annual Science and Engineering Seminar Series at the College.

This year's series is the fifth joint effort of Las Positas College and Lawrence Livermore Labs to explore the overall issue of "Theory to Practice: How Science Gets Done." Dr. Maienschein and Ms. DePiero will discuss the explosive topic "Energetic Materials R&D at LLNL - Explosions in Livermore (!)."

The speakers comment that "Everyone knows about explosives, such as C-4 or TNT, but how well do you really understand them? And how are propellants (Think rockets to Mars!) and pyrotechnics (fireworks) similar AND different than explosives? The Lawrence Livermore National Lab has been conducting research and development in Energetic Materials (i.e., explosives, propellants, pyrotechnics) since its inception in 1952. Today explosives are detonated in the High Explosives Application Facility at LLNL, less than 5 miles as the crow flies from the Las Positas College campus."

In their presentation, Maienschein and DePiero will explain how energetic materials really work; they will show some of the research techniques used to study them today at LLNL and they will highlight a few current activities, including the study of homemade explosives.

Maienschein is the Director of the Energetic Materials Center at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he has held a variety of technical and management positions for over 30 years. He has led or been involved in programs for the Department of Energy, Department of Defense, and Department of Homeland Security.

DePiero is the Deputy Group Leader for the Energetic Materials Group at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory where she has worked for the last 8 years doing explosives research. Her focus has been primarily on formulation and characterization of homemade explosives.

The evening with Mainschein and DePiero is open to the general public. They will be speaking in the College's Multi-Disciplinary Building Lecture Hall, Room 2420 at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 5. As a community outreach effort, there is no charge for admittance but visitors are reminded that the campus has a \$2 parking fee. Daily tickets are available from vending machines in the campus parking lots. The College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore 94551. For more information, contact Biology Professor Nan Ho at 925-424-1344 or nho@laspositascollege.edu.

Commenting on the success of the first four years of the program, Professor Ho said, "I have been impressed with how our College, the Labs and general community have embraced this special series. It is a real win-win for both Lawrence Livermore and LPC. We bring the Lab to the greater community so that it can share its research. This, in turn, gives our students and the general public a truly unique community college experience."

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MAILBOX

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their lackey was the Democrats choice. The California Teachers Association has spent a record \$211 million in the last decade to influence political outcomes. Follow the money and it is obvious who Sbranti is beholden to. In addition, Sbranti opposes transparency in public-sector collective bargaining, supports BART workers ability to strike, bringing the Bay Area to a grinding halt (refresh your memory on both the frustration and time delays caused by the unreasonable demands by the BART unions) and opposes reduction of future pension benefit accruals that local governments clearly cannot afford..

Catharine Baker brings a reasoned approach to the table, not beholden to unions that continue to make unreasonable and unsustainable demands.

No on Prop. 1

Paulette Kenyon Pleasanton

For years, Southern California corporate agricultural interests have attempted to shove the peripheral canal (aka the tunnels) down the throats of Northern Californians. No California citizen (north or south) has the desire to see the fisheries ruined, our pristine lakes, rivers, or the Delta immeasurably ruined; so, every time this issue has come to the voter, we have wisely voted no.

However, this time, the wolf has come disguised as a sheep. Last minute, Proposition One sneaked through the backdoor like a thief in the night; and, with so many politicians backing it, it makes me wonder what knife has itself poised against whose throats in order to get this through at last. Vote no to save our Northern California riparian habitats, fisheries, wildlife, and our water. Zone 7 voted yes and voted in an increase in rates at the same time; which makes one wonder who ran for office last time in Zone 7 and what could possibly make this attractive to anyone in Northern California.

While we are forced to make drastic cutbacks, Southern California is awash in our water. What madness is this? Please vote no on Proposition One.

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Elect Arne

Brad Hirst Pleasanton

Please elect Arne Olson to the Pleasanton City Council on Nov. 4. Arne is intelligent, considerate of all opinions, city experienced and a consensus builder. His eight years of service on the Planning Commission emphasized neighborhood protection and improvements; and attracting new business and jobs to Pleasanton.

Arne puts forth common sense solutions and those things that benefit the entire City.

No on Measure T

Seth Adams, Land Conservation, Director, Save Mount Diablo.

Look who's behind the deceptive Measure T Initiative

One can tell a lot about an initiative by looking at who is funding it. According to official records on file at Dublin City Hall, one company, the Pacific Union Land Company, put up all the money to get Measure T on the ballot (\$150,000).

They are an out-of-town developer, the same company that proposed building 1,990 housing units in Doolan Canyon in East Dublin. Measure T is the developers' plan to break Dublin's newly-enacted growth limits and begin the process of annexing and rezoning Doolan Canyon for development.

All five members of the Dublin City Council, all five members of the Dublin Planning Commissions, Tri-Valley Conservancy, Save Mount Diablo, Sierra Club and Save Dublin Open Space all officially endorse No on Measure T.

To protect Dublin's open space vote No on Measure T or get ready for more traffic and air pollution from Pacific Union Land Company's next

big development.

Vote No on T - It's the developer's plan.

For more information visit Facebook.com/openspace-dublin.

Against Sbranti

William Kasten Livermore

I write in response to Michael Lutz' October 16th letter of endorsement of Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti for the 16th Assembly seat. Lutz claims we should vote for Sbranti because he is politically experienced and Baker is not. He also lists several organizations that have endorsed Sbranti's candidacy. Sounds reasonable until we delve into the background of Mr. Lutz and those other endorsements. Lutz is Business Manager for a union local and he is endorsing another union activist. One hand washes the other. The listed endorsing organizations never saw a tax dollar they didn't want to get their hands on, either. Electing Sbranti to the legislature is as logical as promoting the fox to protect the chicken coop. Let's not.

Wright and Miller

Valerie Arkin Pleasanton

I am supporting Paige Wright and Mark Miller for the Pleasanton School Board. With many pressing issues facing our district, Board members must believe in transparency and open communication with all stakeholders, especially the community.

A very important quality for a Board member is being able to listen to all people as well as being open and accountable. Taking all input into consideration when making decisions is what a School Board member should strive to do. Board members also need to be informed, engaged, passionate about the issues, trustworthy, and willing to dedicate themselves to the role. Both Paige and Mark embody these qualities that are necessary to fulfill a Board member's duties.

I am confident that these two candidates will make decisions that are in the best interests of all of our students. Please join me in voting for Paige Wright and Mark Miller for the Pleasanton School Board.

Unfair Criticism

Barbara Mitchell Livermore

Last Thursday's mailbox section had both Janet Armantrout and Paul Weiss criticize a mailer by Chung Bothwell for allegedly misrepresenting herself. It was implied that she wants readers to believe the Independent endorsed her, but that is NOT what her mailer says. The mailer quotes exactly what Janet Armantrout wrote in her September 18th interview with all the candidates. Chung Bothwell was very happy with the way her positions were outlined in that article; that is why she refers readers back to it. It is clear the candidate is expressing belief that her own financial and legal skills are needed by a city struggling to recover from a recession.

I have to wonder why the Independent's editor and a supporter of another candidate felt they had to twist what was clearly stated in Chung Bothwell's mailer to discredit her. Could it be that they worry that Chung has the guts to stand up for Livermore's taxpayers when everyone else pretends we do not have a huge unfunded liability for retirees and a \$20,000,000 shortfall in infrastructure spending? We get a lot of "happy talk" from the powers now ruling Livermore, but we will be the ones to pay for their fiscal irresponsibility by higher taxes and/or reduced

public services.

Chung Bothwell's mailer was correct. Integrity, dedication, and passion are indeed qualities she possesses in abundance. I would refer readers to her website, bothwell4livermore.com to get the full story. Chung Bothwell deserves your vote!

Anne White

Blake Myers Livermore

Anne White, candidate for the Livermore School Board, is our avenue for first hand information about California education issues. Anne is a Region 7 Director of the California School Boards Association representing Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. She is connected with the twenty Region 7 delegates to the CSBA Delegate Assembly. With just a "send" instruction Anne can ask for ideas about solving local problems. Often, other districts have had similar issues and delegates can, and do, offer suggestions. As a member of the CSBA Legislation Committee, Anne joined in deciding CSBA's position, "support" or "oppose" on pending legislation. She brags about successful Livermore programs. Representatives from other areas call to inquire or even come to see for themselves. Granada hosted visitors from Santa Rosa to observe the Freshmen In Transition (FIT) after Anne told of its success. We need Anne on the School Board to learn from others and highlight Livermore's successes. Join me and vote for Anne on November 4!

Support White

Mary and Bill Zagotta Livermore

Anne White, a candidate for the Livermore School District Board of Trustees, knows that the responsibility of the School District is to provide opportunities for our young people. Arts, athletics and academics are all important. Even though the cuts in resources over the years have impacted Livermore schools, Anne has worked to maintain our music program, support our athletes and more recently she voted to continue the traditional math program that allows a calculus option for high achieving students. Career programs are everywhere: a Biotechnology Pathway at Granada High School; a Green Engineering Academy at Livermore High; a Culinary Arts Academy at Del Valle. Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) education begins in the Transitional Kindergarten SPROUTS program. Anne always puts our students first. Her motto: "Provide students opportunities and get out of

their way." Anne votes for what is best for all Livermore young people. Join us and vote to re-elect Anne White to the Livermore School Board.

Re-elect Mayor Thorne

Mike Roesbery Pleasanton

Please re-elect Jerry Thorne your Mayor of Pleasanton. Jerry is our champion of the high quality of life we all enjoy. He has been a vigorous leader of parks, sports, and recreation for many years. He is always there to support our active troops and veterans. Jerry is fiscally responsible. During his tenure all city bonds have been paid off. He oversaw the completion of Stoneridge Drive to El Charro. He worked long and hard to support the approvals of Stoneridge Creek for high quality senior living- and Kottinger Village/Pleasanton Gardens for affordable senior living.

Jerry is our Leader in keeping Pleasanton a wonderful place to live, raise a family, work, and do business

Follow the Money

Brian Sanborn Pleasanton

To those deciding how to vote on Propositions 45 and 46 I suggest you follow the money. The health insurance industry is spending tens of millions of your premium money to defeat them. That money could be used to improve our health care.

Prop 45 would let the elected insurance commissioner block egregious rate increases. The same commissioner who has done so much to control our auto and home insurance rates.

Prop 46 was written with (not by) trial lawyers but every initiative needs backers. The increase in awards (from 250k to 1.1 million) is chump change to the for profit health insurance industry Anyone afraid of a narcotic drug prescriptions database hasn't shopped at Target or any of the other hacked retailers.

Please don't let the big money scare tactics of the for profit health insurance industry stop you from voting yes on 45 and 46. They care nothing about you, only about their own bottom lines.

No on BB

Michael Ferrucci Vice President, Citizens For Balanced Growth

Citizens for Balanced Growth is recommending a "no" vote on Measure BB, the Alameda County sales tax increase and extension. It will raise sales taxes by 1/2% for at least 30 years and make

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MAILBOX

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Alameda the highest taxed county in California. Sometimes tax increases are wise, but we don't believe BB will provide an honest value for the Tri-Valley, or adequately address the environmental issues that are important to CBG and our donors.

The promise of Livermore BART and reduced traffic congestion is attractive, but Measure BB fails in both these respects. A careful reading of their "plan" reveals that the BART money is uncommitted; it could easily result in the all too familiar story of Livermore paying the tax and not getting BART. As for traffic congestion, ACTC's own projections show that it will be worse after their spending plan is implemented, not better. ACTC is trying to solve tomorrow's traffic problems with yesterday's solutions, and they won't work.

As for paratransit, bus subsidies and the rest, they can be provided with reallocation or even a sensible local tax. Otherwise, ACTC can propose a more effective plan which should be achievable in a couple of years. With almost eight years before the existing tax expires, they have all the time they need.

For 32 years, CBG has promoted environmental actions that make good sense. Unfortunately, Measure BB falls short. Vote "no" on Measure BB CitizensForBalancedGrowth.org

Bowen for Council Kay Ayala, Pleasanton City Council (1996-2004)

I am voting for George Bowen for Pleasanton City Council for the following reasons:

(1) George understands our city is at a crossroads with 1900 housing units approved but not yet built. We do NOT have infrastructure in place, i.e. water, schools or traffic capacity to handle this growth.

(2) The present council is studying a plan that will rezone up to an additional 2,200 housing units on the East side of our city. George Bowen wants to see the effects of the 1900 already approved units before rezoning for more housing.

(3) George Bowen understands the organizational chart of our city, which puts citizens at the top, followed by elected officials who answer to the citizens. George will represent the community not special interests.

Join me on November 4 in voting for George Bowen for Pleasanton City Council.

For school board I am voting for Mark Miller and Paige Wright.

Experience Matters! Carol Marshall Pleasanton

Our City Council needs vision, dedication and a passion for Pleasanton. That passion we have come to know and respect is represented by

Kathy Narum, current Council member.

Exhibiting experience, familiarity, vitality, and the heart it takes to honestly represent the citizens of Pleasanton, Kathy has a great grasp already of what our community needs.

Kathy understands the political process, and not only desires quality; she will continue to demand it. Listening to our needs, and taking concerns to heart, she has and will work diligently to maintain our trust.

I urge you to contact Kathy as she welcomes the opportunity to meet you and express her commitment to the issues that concern you. She is passionate about our thriving, growing community, with public safety, state-regulated growth, and downtown enhancements as her top priorities. Kathy deserves your vote on November 4.

As former Planning and Parks and Recreation Commissioners, and as current Council member, Kathy has proved that re-electing her to City Council is of great merit to us.

Keep Pleasanton vibrant . . . vote for Kathy Narum, City Council!

Please visit Kathy's website at www.kathynarum.com

Measure BB Jamie Belden

Measure BB is a smart investment in our future.

Measure BB, on the November ballot, provides Alameda County with the opportunity to plan for our future, with affordable, safe and efficient transportation to meet our local needs.

Good local transportation systems require careful, long-term planning. The network of roads, BART and public transit in Alameda County that keep seniors, students and people with disabilities mobile and able to live, work and play independently didn't just spring up out of nowhere - it is the result of advanced planning.

Every dollar this plan will invest has been carefully measured and calibrated to have maximum impact in Alameda County for Alameda County residents. The plan mandates tight safeguards for administrative spending, annual audits and ongoing monitoring by an independent citizens watchdog committee. The organization that will implement Measure BB has a AAA Fitch rating and is restricted to 1% administrative costs.

Measure BB has been reviewed by many prominent advocacy organizations, like the League of Women Voters and the Alameda County Taxpayers' Association. After careful review, they have decided to encourage a YES vote on Measure BB. Local publications like Pleasanton Weekly and The Independent have also endorsed a vote of YES on Measure BB.

Join this broad coalition of business leaders, community

groups, watchdog organizations, the Sierra Club and the cities of Alameda County; all have endorsed BB.

Vote YES on Measure BB! Visit www.yesonbb.org for more information about how the Tri-Valley benefits from Measure BB.

No on Prop. 1 Russ Greenlaw Livermore

I see Governor-for-Life Edmund G. "Medfly" Brown is making TV ads that say that this is the worst drought ever and the reservoirs are dry because of the drought - therefore, says he, we should build more reservoirs and waste a lot of money on unrelated pork-barrel projects.

Balderdash! First- there have been 12 worst droughts in the last 150 years, most of them in the 19th century, which was drier than the 20th according to actual rain records.

Second- how do new reservoirs magically become full if we can't fill the reservoirs we have now?

Third- some of our reservoirs are empty (while others are nearly full) not because of the drought, but because the government released literally tens of billions of gallons of water last April - so that the fish could swim out to the ocean.

The same government that wants your lawn to turn brown, and for farmers to grow no crops, and for livestock to perish ... that same government thinks that fish can't swim downstream without government help.

What did the fish do 150 years ago before all our present dams were built? Did they walk to the ocean? Or ride on your bullet train?

Vote "no" on proposition #1, which is just another Medfly Boondoggle, like the train to nowhere, and his absurd Delta tunnels.

Follow the money John Carroll Pleasanton

Jerry Thorne's form 460 for filing period June 1st through June 30, 2005 (page 3 of 11) shows that he spent \$36,774.03 on his campaign in 2005 to defeat his opponents in his third run for a seat on the City Council. His campaign was \$25,172.71 in debt just after the election, and the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce's BACPAC (Business and Community Political Action Committee) helped raise the funds to pay off Jerry's campaign debt. On Jerry Thorne's form 460 for filing period July 1st through December 31, 2005 (page 12 of 14) you will see a contribution of \$10,000 received on 7/29/2005, and a second payment of another \$10,000 on 8/29/05 both from the Chamber of Commerce's BACPAC.

The only reason Jerry Thorne did not become a three time loser was a last ditch marketing effort by PG&E,

and other special interests that flooded mail boxes in Pleasanton with pro Jerry mailers. Much of this flood of advertising was not paid by Jerry's campaign fund, but by outside interests spending which the FPCC classifies as "independent expenditures." PG&E paid for two separate mailers at a cost of around \$5,000 each in support of Jerry Thorne's campaign. So you can draw your own conclusions about all the money being spent on local Pleasanton elections, but it will be interesting to see how much money the Chamber of Commerce will be spending on their favored candidates this November. The Chamber of Commerce's BACPAC is required by law to file a Form 460 revealing the donors to their Political Action Committee and their expenditures.

Vote for Matt Morrison for Mayor of Pleasanton: he will be working for you and the best interests of Pleasanton!

Please also vote for George Bowen for City Council so we can elect a slow growth majority!

Sanwong for Council Cheryl Cook-Kallio Pleasanton City Council

Olivia Sanwong is extremely intelligent and will bring diversity of opinions and strengths to the Council. She will engage in a conversation with all stakeholders and she represents a demographic that has no current representation on the council.

She has business experience both in her personal life (MBA in business and works for a Fortune 500 company) and her service as chair to the economic vitality committee. This is excellent succession planning. We want someone who sees all of Pleasanton with no agenda except to serve the community.

Olivia Sanwong will make her decisions based on input from all the stakeholders and on what is best for the future of Pleasanton. She has made no promises to anyone but to be the most transparent and fair that she can be for all of us. More info? www.vote4olivia.com

Catharine Baker Phyllis Couper Pleasanton

Catharine Baker is my choice of Candidate for Assembly District 16. There has been nothing but smear literature sent out against her by her opponent, Mr. Sbranti. I am disappointed that his focus is on trying to destroy another candidate's reputation instead of concerning himself with the needs of those in AD 16 as Catharine has and is doing.

And, based on his smear campaign, I doubt his ability to be a fair and honest member of the California State Assembly. Catharine Baker takes an interest in all aspects of the community, not just unions as does her opponent. Even if I did not know Catharine, I would still vote for her based

on the negative, undermining tactics of her opponent.

Livermore Endorsements Jim Harris Livermore

Here in Livermore we are proud of our city, our mayor, city council and its staff. To me the city and its surrounding area reflects excellent planning and foresight. Our downtown, including the Bankhead, is just plain charming. That didn't happen by accident. It happened because of quality people like Bob Woerner and Steven Spedowski.

I note the Independent newspaper is endorsing Vice-mayor Bob Woerner and Planning Commissioner Steven Spedowski for City Council - but not Chung Bothwell.

Although Chung Bothwell lists integrity as her first qualification, I seriously question the accuracy of that claim. In both an insert in The Independent and a campaign handout, she has placed The Independent logo over a positive quote, implying the Independent supports her - which it does not. It's not clear who she is quoting, perhaps herself? In any case this deceptive practice should not be rewarded.

Therefore: I recommend a vote for Woerner and Spedowski, who do have integrity and professionalism, which they will bring to the Council.

Hart for Mayor Paula E. Pacheco Cupertino

I have known Kevin Hart for over fifteen years. He's the stepfather to my five Godchildren.

Kevin married my dear friend Susan, who has three children and two stepchildren. Kevin has two children. Without hesitation but gusto, he took on the role of a stepfather to five young children.

Kevin never hesitated to love and discipline each child to create one united family. As their Godmother I quietly watched at first, until I got to know Kevin. Many times I was at their home when it was the weekend to have all seven children. I remember a blur of activity. Kevin and Susan created a home of love and care, children's laughter, homework, games, chores, and one time-out seat being used, sometimes two.

Kevin always took the time and effort to patiently raise them to be honorable, productive members of society. These seven children are adults now. That is exactly who they are and so much more because of Kevin.

Kevin simply led by example, teaching all his children exactly the man that he is.

Sbranti's Experience Eloise Hamann Dublin

Tim Sbranti has 12 years of experience in local gov-

ernment. As mayor, Sbranti balanced the budget including pension obligations in hard times with minimal cuts to services. Under his leadership, Dublin was chosen as an All-American city and earned an award from the Silicon Valley Leadership Council for its business climate. Green lawn signs popping up like dandelions prove his popularity in Dublin.

In addition, Mayor Sbranti has served with 4 regional transportation groups, 2 communications groups, 3 governmental agencies including Bay Area Air Quality (BAAQMD).

Most important, Sbranti has experience getting disparate parties together to get things done.

He has seen first-hand how local governments can handle projects better than the state and will advocate for more funding to return to cities and counties.

The reason this matters is that as a consequence of term limits, legislators on average have less experience which means greater dependence on paid lobbyists and aides, more bills written by outside special interests, and lost time learning the ropes. Tim Sbranti is poised to hit the ground running.

Yes on Prop. 45 Susan Steinberg Livermore

Yes, Proposition 45 will allow "one person" (the Insurance Commissioner) to halt skyrocketing medical insurance rates. That would be GOOD for all of us.

That's why big insurance companies and Kaiser-Permanente are flooding mailboxes with misleading anti-45 propaganda pieces. Even Bay Area News Group, not the most liberal paper, has written extensively about the errors and deliberate falsehoods in these anti-45 mailers.

Currently, California enjoys one of the nation's lowest auto insurance rates. That's because the Insurance Commissioner has the power to deny outrageous rate hikes.

Prop 45 would empower the Insurance Commissioner to halt outrageous rate hikes on medical insurance. Presently, he can criticize them, but has no legal power to stop them.

Voters need to give the Commissioner that power and protect themselves from insurance company vultures by voting YES ON PROP 45.

Bothwell for Council Mila Shapovalov Livermore

With the November 4th elections just around the corner, I wanted to voice my support for a Livermore City Council Candidate, Chung Bothwell. She is a long-time Livermore resident and has been an outstanding Financial Analyst at the Lawrence Livermore National Laborato-

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OBITUARIES

Marc Mitchell

Marc was taken unexpectedly from his family and loved ones far too early and is now reunited with his



dad Bob in heaven. He lived in Pleasanton his entire life and graduated from Pleasanton Unified School District in 2004.

Marc was kind hearted, hardworking and his great people skills directed him to the retail business world. He loved his dogs, and was a diehard Raider and Warrior fan. He was a loving son and faithful brother, survived by his mom Pat, sister Kristen, her husband Anthony, and their two children.

The services were held last Friday and Saturday at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton.

Carolyn Sue Brock

Carolyn Sue Brock, age 78 born April 2, 1936 of Livermore died on October 3, 2014. She is survived by her son: Tom, daughter: Robin, grandchildren: Jarrod and Danielle, great grandchildren: Jarrod Jr., Aliyah, Warren, Jordan and Lexey.

A private viewing was held for the family on October 10, 2014 - Carolyn's final resting place will be alongside her husband Mel-

vin in the Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

Leopoldo "Leo" Garza Jr.

(1933 - 2014)

Leopoldo "Leo" Garza Jr., 81, peacefully passed away on October 23, 2014 surrounded by his beloved family.



Leo was born on January 1, 1933 in the small town of Cotulla, TX. He joined the United States Army in 1951 at age 18 where he served two terms and traveled through Europe after WWII. Leo returned to Cotulla and married his childhood sweetheart Lilia Salazar in 1955. He worked as a barber in a family owned barber shop. During this time Leo and Lilia welcomed four children, Leticia, Loretta, Leo III (who later passed away of pneumonia at a year old), and Leslie. Leo wanted to give his family more opportunities and a better quality of life, so he moved the family to California in 1962, residing in Oakland, CA.

While in Oakland, they had two more children, Leo IV and Larry. Leo became the caregiver at the Oakland Baptist Church where he worked for 10 years. In

1972 he moved the family to the little country town of Livermore. Leo took a job as an eye glass technician but was later put on disability for back disease during his 40's. He was an active member of the community. He enjoyed having coffee with the locals at Winchell's and bargain hunting at the local thrift shops. Leo and Lilia were avid antique collectors. They collected everything, from furniture to barber poles. They enjoyed going to auctions, garage sales, flea markets and later sold antiques downtown at Mr. B's.

Leo wasn't just passionate about antiques; he was man of many talents. He had an amazing voice and loved singing and playing the guitar with his sisters. Leo also had a love for wood working. Anything he could imagine he could create; fish, swans, birdhouses and more. He loved working with his hands, he was a true artist. Leo was also born with a green thumb. He spent most of his time in the backyard creating beautiful gardens and arrangements. He worked with all plants from bonsai trees to cactus which he would later end up selling through Alden Lane Nursery. Leo was able to find beauty in almost everything. His influence definitely carried over into the family. His children and grandchildren follow in his footsteps and share his love of the antiques, art and

gardening. Leo was also an amazing cook and enjoyed a good party. The Garza Family BBQ's were always memorable gatherings of friends and family filled with good food, dancing, music and a few bad jokes. Leo loved to tell jokes and had a sense of humor that could make anyone smile.

January 6, 2014 Leo lost the love of his life, Lilia, to cancer and was never the same. He will be lovingly remembered by his 5 children; Leticia and Carmino Rosa (Livermore, CA), Loretta DeGregoria (Babylon, NY), Leslie and Doug Lord (San Ramon, CA), Leo Garza (Sebastopol, CA) and Larry Garza (Lafayette, CA), 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, on Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 1 pm followed by a military burial service at Roselawn Cemetery at 2 pm Alden Lane will host a reception at 3 pm for friends and family. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the

Valley Humane Society.

Callaghan Mortuary, 925/447-2942; www.callaghanmortuary.com

Evelyn Deal Roberts

Evelyn Deal Roberts, died after a lengthy illness.

Born October 5, 1924 in Silverton, Oregon. Died October 15, 2014 in Walnut Creek, California.

She attended Williamette University where she was affiliated with Delta Gamma Sorority. She graduated with a Bachelorette Degree Class of 1947. She worked in Portland, Oregon as the Assistant Woman's Page Editor of the Longview Daily News. In May of 1950, she married Albert E. Roberts, of Grants Pass, Oregon who was employed by the U.S. Geological Survey, in Portland, Oregon.

She and Albert made

their homes in Portland, OR; Washington D.C.; Denver, CO; Alexandria, VA; and Menlo Park, CA during Albert's career as a geologist. After his retirement they enjoyed travelling and visiting their children and grandchildren.

Evelyn Roberts was preceded in death by parents Hanvey and Mildred Deal, husband Albert E. Roberts, and sister Dorothy L. Wells. She is survived by her brother Allan H. Deal of Benicia, CA, daughters Karen J. Canada of Olive Hill KY, Paula K Pabst of Madison AL, son Scott A. Roberts of Livermore, CA and six grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the American Heart Association.

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MAILBOX

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ry (LLNL) for over 30 years! Over the years I have witnessed first-hand her financial expertise time and time again, ranging from my past work-related interactions with her at LLNL to my current interactions with her on the UNCLE Credit Union Board, which she has successfully chaired for years.

I firmly believe that Livermore only stands to benefit from her financial expertise and legal knowledge, especially as the City is currently dealing with significant unfunded retirement benefit liabilities, a problem we all hope to see successfully addressed for the sake of current and future residents.

In addition, I couldn't help but comment on Chung's personal character. She is an exceptionally warm, caring, dedicated, and honest person. Chung has Livermore's best interests at heart.

If you haven't already met Chung, I invite you to experience these qualities for yourself by reaching out to her and learning about her priorities in this election. Her contact information can be found on her website at bothwell4livermore.com

Vote well!

Vote for Hart Monica Lendway Dublin

For those of you still on the fence I urge you to vote for Kevin Hart for Dublin Mayor. He is a dedicated family man who loves where he lives. He has served on the Dublin School Board for 8 years. Our schools in Dublin have always been a priority to Kevin. So much so that he served four years on the Citizen Bond Oversight Committee for the School District to watch over the much needed 180 million dollar bond measure to rebuild Dublin schools.

I have personally known Kevin and his wife Susan for 13+ years. I know what a determined, hardworking man he is. Our kids went to school together so I also know what a fun loving, personable guy he is despite the tough exterior he may portray. The tough exterior comes from serving in the Alameda County Sheriff's Office for 31 years. He retired as division Commander in 2012.

In the love of our community, he is now serving his second term on the Dublin City Council. He was elected twice in his current position and now seeks your vote for Mayor of Dublin. Kevin will listen to you & fight for us, the Dublin residents. He is a born leader who has also served his country in the U.S. Army. If you want to know more of where Kevin stands on certain local issues you can view his web page www.HartforDublinMayor.com

Kevin is strong, loyal and fair. He is the best choice for Mayor of Dublin.

A New Perspective Julie Testa Pleasanton.

I support Matt Morrison for Mayor, George Bowen for

City Council and Wright and Miller for School Board.

I have long been concerned about overcrowding in Pleasanton schools. Every Pleasanton school is overcrowded; any new growth impacts the quality of life for existing residents. Pleasanton Unified School District has done a very poor job of preparing for growth; they have been poor stewards of taxpayer capital facilities dollars. PUSD illegally took millions of taxpayer dollars and still left our district with millions of dollars in facilities debt. Our City Council has been approving thousands of housing units knowing that every Pleasanton school campus exceeds Pleasanton planning guidelines, with no plan or ability to build needed schools.

I will not vote for current community leaders who are not standing up to this threat to our community. They are supporting unmitigated growth, knowing the only solution will be another large tax on existing residents.

I will vote for Matt Morrison for Mayor, George Bowen for City Council and Wright and Miller for School Board.

Bothwell for Council Anthony P. X. Bothwell, Esq., San Francisco

The Independent has tried to mislead voters by falsely claiming that Chung Bothwell misled voters.

Chung is the Council candidate who has both the integrity and the knowhow to remedy the city's budget problems.

A devoted Catholic, she is a highly-regarded leader in St. Michael's Parish.

A recognized expert on budget systems, she became a National Director of the prestigious Institute of Management Accountants.

Electing Chung on Nov. 4 will be a big step forward for Livermore.

Pleasanton Election Doug Miller Pleasanton

I urge Pleasanton voters to elect George Bowen to the Pleasanton City Council, and reelect Mayor Jerry Thorne and City Council member Kathy Narum.

The addition of George Bowen to the City Council will best represent those who want a new and fresh perspective regarding growth issues. Unlike other candidates who will be beholden to huge special interests like the Sierra Club or powerful unions, George Bowen will bring a mature, independent and balanced perspective to issues.

Perhaps the best indicator of George Bowen's appeal is that he is surprisingly drawing endorsements from a wide variety of Pleasanton citizens, people who do not often support the same candidate.

Please vote for George Bowen, Jerry Thorne and Kathy Narum on election day.

Vote for Thorne Jim Jellison Pleasanton

There's an old saying that "actions speak louder than words." So let's look at the actions of mayoral candidate Matt Morrison. Earlier this year Morrison wanted a seat on the Zone 7 Water Board. On June 3 he didn't get elected finishing last in a field of 7. Two months later he declares that he wants to be Pleasanton's mayor. Does it bother anyone else that being mayor was his second choice?

Morrison has made much of the fact that he was born and lived all his life in Pleasanton. I question that where someone is born makes them a better candidate than someone who made an informed decision to live here. And during the 50+ years that he has lived in Pleasanton he chose never to serve on a commission, a committee, or a task force. The city has offered hundreds of opportunities during his lifetime to get involved and learn how government works. He chose, however, to not become involved. He has no practical training in government process or practice. It's just common sense that you don't give the keys to the Ferrari to someone who doesn't know how to drive.

Morrison tosses out figures for the East side that are meant to frighten but fails to tell you that the largest number mentioned (1300) is, at this point, only a suggestion and the other 9 possibilities being looked at all call for less development, not more.

Pleasanton is a great place to live and to work. We need someone who is experienced, knowledgeable and ready to lead. That person is Jerry Thorne. He chose to live here for the past 38 years, he's demonstrated his willingness to participate actively in the community and he has said, in writing, that he will not build more than is required by law or make changes to the East side without letting the citizens of Pleasanton vote on those changes. Jerry has proven his commitment to our city over more than 20 years of public service. He is fair minded, thoughtful and supports citizen participation. If we speak, he will listen. Vote Jerry Thorne for Mayor of Pleasanton.

Wright and Miller Anne Fox Pleasanton

With the recent passing of Ben Bradlee, legendary Washington Post editor, I was thinking about the early 1970s, a couple of years before the Washington Post won the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service for its Watergate coverage, when Wallace Carroll's Winston-Salem Journal won the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service for environmental reporting to block strip mining in the mountains of Appalachia. Even 40 years ago, the youth in Appalachia were provided math textbooks. However, here in Pleasanton, in the year 2014, many of the youth have no math textbooks.

In 2003, when I was appointed to the PUSD Strategic Planning Committee, never in my worst nightmares did I ever expect the Most Outlandish Venomous Attack in Pleasanton History Campaign, with district administrators and the incumbents ousting a well-respected principal. There was more due process in the Salem witch trials than what has occurred recently in our town. Who wants to find themselves the subject of PUSD's next target of outrageous accusations making them sound like a cross between Fidel Castro, the Godfather, and Rain Man? No one. No wonder dozens of principals/vice principals have fled.

The superintendent's tumultuous tenure now includes backroom deals with union negotiators to shorten the PUSD summer break with the public left in the dark. It is time to end the powerful grip hold the unions have on the school board and the mindless compliance the rubberstamping incumbents have toward the superintendent.

The school board is elected to represent the community and must operate with transparency. Our kids in the community deserve better. Please join me and vote for Paige Wright and Mark Miller for PUSD school board.

Chose Wright Sharrell Michelotti Former City Councilmember

In the coming PUSD School Board election, I urge you to vote for Paige Wright, a new voice for the community during these challenging times. As one who has been involved in the schools for many years as a PTA executive Board Member and President, school and community volunteer, and as one having eight years of experience within PUSD as a Substitute Teacher in grades K-5, Paige understands and knows first hand the challenges that must be overcome: 1) implementation of Common Core, where no child is left behind; 2) balancing parent and community concerns with setting policy—listening and insisting on transparency; and 3) supporting the needs of teachers and school site administrators and staff who are educating our most valuable asset—our children—as the District faces mandated change, budgetary constraints, and uncertain state funding.

Our children are our greatest asset, and Pleasanton's schools so very important to this community. Paige Wright will bring a new and needed perspective to the Pleasanton School Board.

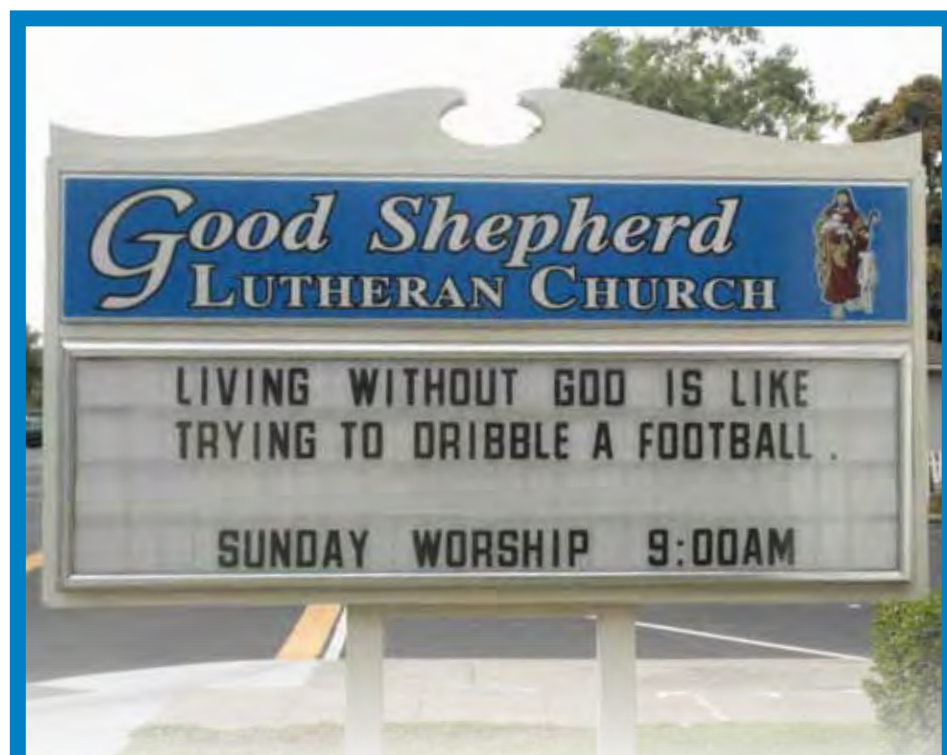
Please join me in voting

for Paige Wright for School Board on November 4th—the "Wright" choice for Pleasanton!

Bowen for Council Jody Wallen Pleasanton

I am casting my ballot for George Bowen for Pleasanton City Council. George is a breath of fresh air on the local political scene, and he has opened my eyes and understanding to plans our city has for hundreds of high-density units. It makes so much sense to me that Pleasanton currently is challenged with traffic and full schools. We all are feeling the pinch of this year's drought on our water system. It is hard to imagine what our schools and traffic will look like once thousands of new residents take their places. As an example, we all get antsy waiting at the Stanley-Valley intersection; think about what it will become once hundreds of new units are built on the northeast corner and surrounding area.

We have known George for more than 25 years. He has been an unselfish friend, a tireless and modest community worker, and a wise and thoughtful leader. Please join me in voting for George and preserving our very special community.



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The following person(s) doing business as: Running Frenzy, 6567 Altamont Creek Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Gordon Sing Woo, 6567 Altamont Creek Drive, Livermore, CA 94551
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Signature of Registrants
:s/: Gordon Woo
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda

on September 24, 2014. Expires September 24, 2019. The Independent Legal No. 3697. Published October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 495865

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Signature of Registrants
:s/: Jennifer W. Perazzo, Manager
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on September 9, 2014. Expires September 9, 2019. The Independent Legal No. 3698. Published October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 495959

The following person(s) doing business as: Venture Sotheby's International Realty, 5880 W. Las Positas Blvd #34, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Explore Ventures, Inc., 5880 W. Las Positas Blvd #34, Pleasanton, CA 94588
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Signature of Registrants
:s/: Dave C. Cunningham, CFO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 11, 2014. Expires September 11, 2019. The Independent Legal No. 3700. Published October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2014.

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

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

2. THE COURT ORDERS that

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 12/12/2014
Time: 8:45 AM
Dept: 504

b. The address of the court is: **Hayward Hall of Justice**
24405 Amador Street
Hayward, CA 94544

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

The Independent
Legal No. 3701
Published October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 496780

The following person(s) do-

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Signature of Registrants
:s/: Elizabeth Hsu
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The Independent Legal No. 3702. Published October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 496961

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Signature of Registrants
:s/: Debrah Hudgens, President
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 496754

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 496752

The following person(s) doing business as: La Colina, 10651 Mendenhall Rd, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1)Robert Scott Irby (2)Nancy Sue Wilson, 849 E. Stanley Blvd #301, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on October 1, 2009. Signature of Registrants :s/: R Scott Irby. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 2, 2014. Expires October 2, 2019. The Independent Legal No. 3705. Published October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 496964

The following person(s) doing business as: Healthy Clean, 1673 Peachtree Cmn, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Moises R. Israde, 1673 Peachtree Cmn, 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/: Moises R. Israde.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 496587-8

The following person(s) doing business as: (1)Sonia Dhillon DDS (2)A Plus Family Dentistry, 423 N. L Street, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): G. K. S., Inc, 423 N. L Street, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on March 2005. Signature of Registrants :s/: Nirmal Singh, Director :s/: Sonia Dhillon, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 29, 2014. Expires September 29, 2019. The Independent Legal No. 3707. Published October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 496980

The following person(s) doing business as: Hoover Nuclear, 1457 Third Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Todd Hoover, 2439 Marbury Rd, Livermore, CA 94550. 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/: Todd J. Hoover, Sole Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 8, 2014. Expires October 8, 2019. The Independent Legal No. 3708. Published October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 497022

The following person(s) doing business as: Kilkenny-Locke Real Estate Services, 2342 Palm Ave., Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kenneth J. Lewis, 2342 Palm Ave., Livermore, CA 94550. 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/: Kenneth Lewis. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 9, 2014. Expires October 9, 2019. The Independent Legal No. 3709. Published October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 2014.

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Pirate Ship Sets Sail in Livermore

One neighborhood in Livermore has been thoroughly promoting Halloween excitement for 15 years.

The Staton House is located at 1312 Winding Stream Drive in Livermore. 2014 is the 15th Anniversary of the Staton Halloween Extravaganza so the family joined forces with long-time neighbors, Kevin and Lisa Gemberling, to go bigger than ever before extending the lengths of two houses. Deserted sunken ship floats nearby in a glowing green moat while the Wicked Wench skeleton pirate ship sails nearby. The Wicked Wench sports a speaking Medusa at the masthead and all the while the ship's captain shoots cannons at the fortress next door. Trick or treaters will "walk the plank" between the cannonball battle of the fortress soldiers and the skeleton pirates. The journey then takes the little scallywags around the burning fortress to observe skeleton pirates hanging in their jail cages and poor Carlos getting dunked in the well for information he will not provide.

Attendance at the neighborhood has grown over the years, prompting the neighborhood to get a permit from the City of Livermore to close the street to traffic for safety reasons. Although John Staton has started the trend, many of the houses on Winding Stream Drive decorate up big during the Halloween season and, certainly, are going through multiple bags of candy and take "shifts" getting the door on Halloween night for the steady stream of scurvy scallywags and wenches.

The Staton house has become an annual community event for Livermore residents and friends across Alameda, Santa Clara and Contra Costa County. The main visionary is John Staton, a Mechanical Engineer who works in the Silicon Valley. He gets help from Jeremy Travis, Kevin and Lisa Gemberling, Dave and Logan Warner and too many other contributors to mention. Neighbors not only have donated time but also gift cards to Home Depot and candy to keep the event going year after year. Thanks to Borg Fencing for donating scrap lumber for this year's display.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

John Staton checks the mechanism that makes the ship's bow move.

Community Invited to Provide Input for Alviso Adobe Strategic Plan

The City of Pleasanton will host two upcoming community meetings regarding the Alviso Adobe Strategic Plan. The plan is intended to develop a mission, vision and strategic plan with both short-term and long-term goals for Alviso Adobe Community Park.

Both meetings will be held at the Pleasanton Senior Center, located at 5353 Sunol Boulevard. The first session is set for Wednesday, November 5, the second for Thursday, November 6, 2014 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. The meetings will focus on the park's characteristics, programs, issues, and the community's vision for Alviso Adobe Community Park.

Additional information regarding the Alviso Adobe Strategic Plan or the community meetings can be downloaded at <http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/services/recreation/AlvisoAdobeTaskForce-Overview.html>

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Two International Piano Gold Medalists Team Up to Perform in Pleasanton; Benefit for Arts in the Schools

Tickets Available for Purchase at the Firehouse Arts Center for Event at the Amador Theater

International recognized pianists and Bay Area favorites Tamriko Sipsrashvili and Temirzhan Yerzhanov will perform a "Night to Remember" concert to benefit arts in the schools at 8 p.m. on January 24 at the Amador Theater.

Both musicians come from the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory and have had their own prominent solo careers launched by winning one of the world's most prestigious competitions, The Schumann International Piano Competition in Zwickau, Germany. They will play together for the first time in a two piano concert presented by the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council (PCAC). All proceeds from this concert will be donated in an effort to expand arts in Pleasanton public schools.

Tickets are now on available for purchase.

The program will present a variety of compositions for two pianos including a rare piece by Schumann whose music brought together these two outstanding musicians.

The program includes Schumann-Debussy: Six Etudes in the form of a canon Op. 56; Ravel: La Valse; Rachmaninov: Suite No. 2 Op. 17; Saint-Saens: Dance Macabre Op. 40; and Martinu: La Fantaisie

H. 180.

"It will be a privilege and unique experience for Pleasanton to be part of this one-of-a-kind concert. It is exciting to see something of this caliber coming to us in a local venue," said Charlotte Severin, the founding President of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council.

Sipsrashvili, an award-winning pianist, has performed concerts throughout Europe, Russia, Georgia, Chili, Argentina, Canada, and in the United States as a soloist and chamber music performer. She played with venerable orchestras such as Leipzig Gewandhaus, Zwickau Philharmonisches, Budapest Symphony Orchestra, and Georgian Philharmonic Orchestra along with several others. She has also performed in such halls as Berlin Konzerthaus, Moscow Big Hall and Small Hall Tchaikovsky Conservatory, Rachmaninoff Hall, Gnessin Concert Hall, Georgian Philharmonic, Bela Bartok National Concert Hall in Budapest, Moscow and St. Petersburg Philharmonic Halls, and Dvorak Concert Hall. Tamriko Sipsrashvili made appearances on Radio Russia, Voice of America, Deutsche Radio Berlin, and on Italian Radio, along with several others. She



Tamriko Sipsrashvili (right) and Temirzhan Yerzhanov in a playful moment at the piano.

has recorded with Nimbus Record Company and XCP in France to produce CDs. Tamriko is a Steinway artist and the owner of Inspire Academy of Music and Arts in Pleasanton.

Yerzhanov has toured

in 12 countries in solo, chamber music and with Moscow Radio Tchaikovsky Symphony, Zwickau Philharmonisches, Sacramento Philharmonic, San Luis Obispo Symphony, Vogtland Philharmonie,

The Symphony Orchestra of India and others. He has appeared in prestigious venues such as London Wigmore Hall, Berlin Konzerthaus, Leipzig Gewandhaus, Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory, Paris

Salle Gaveau, New York Carnegie Weill Recital, Moscow and St. Petersburg Philharmonic Halls, Deutsche Radio Berlin, Hong Kong Radio, Radio Russia. A graduate and former faculty member of his alma mater he became an international educator and opera conductor. He was awarded 'Best Performance of 2007' title by San Francisco Classical Voice and "Yenbek Sinirgen Qairatkeri," the highest title in his native Kazakhstan.

Tickets at \$35 adults, \$30 seniors, and \$20 students are available at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org/events or by calling 931-4848.

Those who are unable to attend are invited to donate to PCAC. Donors of \$250 and up will be listed on the program. Checks should be sent to PCAC, Arts in the Schools, PO Box 1298, Pleasanton, CA, 94566.

The 8 p.m. January 24 concert will be held at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. If there are tickets remaining, they may be purchased at the Amador Theater on the day of the performance.

For additional information, contact Charlotte Severin at 846-6382.



"Fight" scene includes Justin Buchs, Brittany Danielle, plus Mark Flores and Nick Sears and the 2 villains. Photo - Michelle Gould

'Singin' in the Rain' Opens Company's Musical Theater Season

Pacific Coast Repertory Company kicks off its 5th Season of professional musical theater at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton with a new production of one of the most celebrated and beloved films of all time, "Singin' in the Rain."

1920's Hollywood is the setting for this zany, light-hearted romantic comedy about the early days of "the talkies," when many a movie studio found itself scrambling to salvage the career of its chipmunk-voiced silent picture star.

Silent film star Don Lockwood (of the "humble roots" variety) barely tolerates his vapid leading lady, Lina Lamont, who is convinced that their screen romance is real. When the first talking picture hits the silver screen, Lockwood and Lamont have no choice but to "speak." Disaster ensues. Meanwhile, Don falls for aspiring ingénue Kathy Seldon, who ends up dubbing the film for its star Lina. Cosmo Brown, Don's sidekick and bff, conspire

to undo Lina's malicious manipulations, in a wonderful rollicking romp towards the final curtain.

The MGM classic has been faithfully adapted, with each unforgettable scene, song and dance accounted for, including the show-stopping title number. Hilarious situations, snappy dialogue, and a hit-parade score of Hollywood standards from the Golden Age of movie musicals are all in this production.

Justin Buchs and Brittany Danielle (courtesy of Actor's Equity Association) star as Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont. Also starring are Bay Area favorites Brandy Collazo as Kathy Seldon, William Hoshida as Cosmo Brown, and Steve Wilner as R.F. Simpson.

Set designer Patrick Brandon has created an inventive use of the Firehouse stage to accommodate the many set changes in this production. PCRT co-founder David Judson directs, with musical direction by Brett Strader, and choreography by Staci

Arriaga.

An "Inside the Show" discussion with the principal actors will take place after the Sunday, Nov. 9 matinee performance. Admission is free with a ticket to the performance.

The show opens Friday, November 7, and plays Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. through November 23 on the Firehouse Arts Center stage. Reserved seat tickets are \$17-\$38, and youth, senior, and group discounts are available.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org up to two hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday-Friday, 12 noon-6:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance. The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.

Avenue Winds Performing New Works And Classics at the Bankhead

The Del Valle Fine Arts' 2014-2015 chamber music season continues at the Bankhead Theater on Saturday, November 9, 2014 at 8:00 pm with Avenue Winds performing.

Avenue Winds features new works by local San Francisco Bay Area composers as well as the classics of the woodwind quintet.

Melanie Schattschneider Keller, flute and piccolo, is currently serving as Principal Flute in both the Vallejo Symphony Orchestra and Symphony Napa Valley. She has also performed with the San Francisco Lyric Opera and many other Bay Area ensembles. She won 1st Place in the 2005 Mid-Atlantic Flute Fair Young Artist Competition.

Adrienne Malley, oboe, is a freelance performer and instructor in the Bay Area. Adrienne performs with the San Francisco Symphony, and the symphony orchestras of Berkeley, Monterey, Napa Valley, Oakland East Bay, Santa Cruz, and Santa Rosa.

Ginger Kroft is Principal Clarinet of the Sacramento Philharmonic and the Carmel Bach Festival. She is a member of the Oakland East Bay Symphony and has performed with the San Francisco Ballet. In addition, she has held positions with the California, Monterey, Santa Cruz and the Bridge Players, the ADORNO ensemble and the Worn Ensemble. She is



Avenue Winds in Livermore on November 9.

also a faculty member at Santa Clara University.

Daniel Wood, horn, is a performer, composer, educator and musical entrepreneur. He is the chair of Musician-ship and Composition at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. His music favors small ensembles, including brass, wind and string chamber music, steel drum ensembles and jazz combos with commissions from Avenue Winds, CSMA Brass, and members of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

Charles Moehnke, bassoon, is a freelance performer and instructor in the Bay Area. He is a past member of the St. Peters Chamber Orchestra and plays with the symphonies of Marin, Berkeley, Santa Cruz, Vallejo, Napa Val-

ley and Symphony Silicon Valley. While in Indiana, Charles also performed with the Columbus Philharmonic and Ardo Opera Company.

Tickets are \$42/\$35/\$28 and are available at the Bankhead box office, 2400 First Street in Livermore, by phone at (925) 373-6800 or online at www.bankhead-theater.org.

High school students are free but tickets must be arranged by calling or going to the box office. College students are \$10 on the day of the performance. The remaining DVFA concerts are the Avenue Winds on November 8, the Cypress String Quartet on February 14, Stanislav Kristenko on the piano on March 28 and violin/guitar Duo Rendezvous on May 2.

Volunteers Needed for Annual Dinner

The Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner is celebrating 32 years of providing free hot meals on Thanksgiving Day.

Guests include seniors, singles, shut-ins, families and veterans from the VA Hospital. This dinner is for anyone alone or without on Thanksgiving Day.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 27, between 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM over 1000 meals will be served at the Bothwell Arts Center and hundreds more delivered to those unable to attend. Transportation is available to give people rides to and from the dinner.

An information and planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12th at 7:00 PM at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Volunteer sign-ups will begin at this meeting.

For more information go to WWW.LCTD.ORG.

Hero Leaves His Hobbit-hole for PCS Concert



Bilbo Baggins, J.R.R. Tolkien's celebrity Hobbit and the hero of an upcoming film (the climax of "The Hobbit Trilogy,") will perform another star turn November 9 at 2 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Fans both young and old are cordially invited.

Baggins will enter, transformed as a piccolo, in *The Hobbit: A Symphonic Portrait*. The work, composed by Christopher Caliendo, was commissioned last spring by the Pacific Chamber Symphony for its season opening program, *The Sorcerer's Apprentice Meets The Hobbit*.

Mayor John Marchand, fresh from narrating *The Sherlock Holmes Suite* for PCS last year, will narrate *The Hobbit*.

The trip begins with the evocative music of *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* by Paul Dukas, followed by Hungarian gypsy strains in Bella Bartok's beautiful *Suite for Small Orchestra*. Finally, Baggins will enter, transformed as a piccolo, in *The Hobbit: A Symphonic Portrait*. The work, composed by Christopher Caliendo, was commissioned last spring by PCS for its season opening program.

Bilbo Baggins is not the

first literary character to inspire Caliendo to create an audience magnet. The composer noted a satisfying number of young people at an earlier PCS concert that included his *Sherlock Holmes: Symphonic Suite*. "I asked what motivated them to come," he said. "They told me it was *Sherlock Holmes*."

He and PCS conductor Lawrence Kohl, who are old friends, realized they had given people "a comfortable way in" to new music through a familiar and beloved character. "It gave them something to hang their hat on," Kohl said.

"I like the idea of using large-scale music for our iconic characters, said Caliendo during a recent phone call. "After books and movies, why not the concert hall?"

Caliendo had loved reading *The Hobbit* as a boy and had actually tried to adapt the story to the stage in his seventh-grade drama class. That early effort was the springboard for this suite in five movements: one each for Bilbo Baggins, the wise wizard Gandalf, the Dwarves, Gollum and the evil Smaug.

The Tolkien story recounts a quest that Bilbo



Christopher Caliedo

Baggins undertakes with some reluctance. He's a fellow who likes his pipe, his dinner, a handsome waistcoat and blowing smoke rings with his friends in the evening. But with the prodding of Gandalf, he becomes the Dwarves' apparently necessary "burglar" on their journey to retrieve their fortune. Although he ends back in his cozy hobbit-hole, he has survived many adventures and helped win many battles, and is a better hobbit for it.

Caliendo first went to work on the Dwarves' movement (the third) because he could build upon his seventh-grade effort for their theme. "I had loved the Dwarves' first poem (in the book)," he said, "and it had such a rhythmic sound I kept it in my head all these years."

In the first movement,

Caliendo chose the piccolo to represent Baggins for its sonic resemblance to the Gaelic fife. A nice hollow, folksy sound, suitable for a resident of Middle Earth. In the second movement, Caliendo said he needed the full orchestra for "the huge personality" of Gandalf.

In the fourth movement where the Hobbit meets the scrawny Gollum, listen for the harp and the glockenspiel, sounds of hope.

In the fifth movement we come to the showdown with Smaug, a dragon so fearsome there's a reddish glow before you see him. The bass drum gives him breath, and the contra bassoon and bass clarinet announce his awful presence

A narrator (Mayor John Marchand) —in fact Gandalf himself—will help guide the audience through Baggins' exciting journey.

Caliendo's journey is almost as spectacular. He was born to immigrant Italian parents and raised in Jackson Heights, Queens. He took up the guitar at age 5 and began composing at 14. His degrees include a master's in composing from UCLA, from which he graduated magna cum laude.

Caliendo has composed more than 500 musical works, including sacred music for the Vatican, rousing music for the U.S. Air Force, and a number of scores for TV and film, as well as works for countless

music groups and orchestras. *The Hobbit* is his fifth composition for the Pacific Chamber Symphony. He is also an acclaimed concert guitarist. And he teaches a course called, not surprisingly, "Composing Success."

Pacific Chamber Symphony presents *The Sorcerer's Apprentice Meets The Hobbit* at 2 pm Sunday, November 9, at the Bank-

head Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets at \$28-\$55 may be purchased in person at the theater box office, 2400 First St. during business hours, by phone at 373-6800, or online at www.bankheadtheater.org.

Next for PCS is Handel's *Messiah* on Sunday, Nov. 30 at 2:00 pm., *Romancing the Tri-Valley* on, Feb. 15 and *An Italian Feast* on April 19.



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Non-Profits Band Together

By Carol Graham

The Tri-Valley Non-profit Alliance hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 9th to celebrate becoming a member of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce.

"The Tri-Valley has dozens of nonprofits. They exist to care for our children, our sick, and those with special needs. They protect our land, care for animals, assist victims, help the helpless, feed the hungry, and help people get back on their feet. They fill the gap where government, school and insurance end but need continues," said Kathy Young, Co-Chair of the Alliance. "We are coming together to support each other, share with each other, and make each other stronger."

The Tri-Valley Non-profit Alliance (TVNA) is a resource organization created to provide nonprofit workers with opportunities



Livermore Mayor John Marchand was on hand to help cut the ribbon.

to meet, collaborate, share resources, and strengthen each other, as well as to raise community awareness.

Of the Alliance's first meeting in March, Young said, "You could feel the energy in the room. There is something very special about those involved in the nonprofit field. People are motivated by positive impact, and most work from their hearts. It does not matter how big or small an organization is - they really touch people's lives."

The Alliance has grown to include more than 40 Tri-Valley nonprofit organizations after its formation last year by Young, Chief Operating Officer of the Fannie and John Hertz Foundation, and Mony Nop, President of the Mony Nop Foundation.

"Momentum is building and so is our reputation," says Nop, a Livermore realtor. "Our role is to connect and strengthen all of the local nonprofit organizations, bringing awareness and services to the Tri-Valley."

The ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Bankhead Plaza followed the regular October meeting during

which Nop spoke about the Art of Networking, using a lively speed-dating format. The noon ceremony was attended by Livermore Mayor John Marchand, County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, and representatives from the offices of Congressman Eric Swalwell and Assemblymember Joan Buchanan.

The Alliance meets on the second Thursday of each month, from 10:30 to noon. In addition to providing a forum for networking and sharing information, meetings feature brain-storming sessions with peers and seminars by industry leaders with topics including Social Media Best Practices, Fund Development, Crafting Elevator Pitches, Working With the Media, and Financial Best Practices for Non-Profits.

"The Alliance is a wonderful opportunity for nonprofit groups to pool knowledge and resources to make their individual organizations stronger, which in turn increases the reach and effectiveness of the services they provide," said Steven Spedowski, who is running for Livermore City

Council. "I attended in order to learn more about services available to the community. The TVNA's formation and success is a direct reflection of the strength and commitment of our support organizations. Our community comes together to help those in need."

The next meeting, on November 13th, will feature a talk called, "It's Not Too Late: a Presentation and Discussion on Annual Giving Programs." Meetings take place in the boardroom of the Hertz Foundation, at 2300 First Street, Livermore. They are open to all, including non-profit workers, community members, business leaders and government officials. No pre-registration is needed.

"We are here to support our community, yet we need our community's support," said Young. "Coming together we can raise our visibility so the community can know where to go for help, and where they can go to help. Together, we are better."

For more information, visit trivalleynonprofitalliance.org, or like on Facebook.



LUMA: Theater of Light coming to the Bankhead Theater.

Light Used to Paint Brilliant Images

LUMA: Theater of Light takes the canvas of a dark theater and uses light-filled illusions to paint a dancing tapestry of brilliant images across the space. Returning to the Bankhead Theater following their last sold out performance in 2008, LUMA will stage their newest show "Art in Darkness" for one night only on Friday, November 14, 2014.

Called "the theatrical equivalent of the Aurora Borealis" by British publication *The List*, LUMA takes the childlike wonder of waving a sparkler against the night sky and explodes it into a spectacular, larger-than-life experience of color and movement.

LUMA is the second show in the 2014-2015 LVPAC Presents Family Fun Series and one of several truly unique entertain-

ment experiences offered to audiences at the Bankhead this year.

While on a camping trip in the Arizona desert, LUMA's founder Michael Marlin was captivated by a vision of light against darkness when a burning branch from the fire pit sent off a storm of sparks that rose up to meet the starry night sky. A former circus performer who was working as a comic and juggler in Las Vegas at the time, Marlin decided to leave the entertainment fast lane to pursue his fascination with light and movement. He relocated to Hawaii where watching the luminescent glow of stars at night led to his first work, which spoke to the loss of the night sky through overuse of artificial lighting.

In Marlin's latest show

"Art in Darkness," LUMA's images project a world of light, color and motion and tell a story of how light connects humanity. Shadowed performers use light forms in different shapes and sizes to create the colorful illusions with well-coordinated motions that combine rhythmic gymnastics, dance, magic, puppetry, and physics. Seen in 15 countries, "Art in Darkness" is the first to have an all-female cast and features Melissa Staroszik, Canada's rhythmic gymnastics champion.

Tickets are just \$16 for students and \$29 or \$52 for adults.

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

Boutique and Craft Sales Include the Annual Animal Lover's Boutique



The Animal Lover's Boutique, located year-round in the lobby of Feline Medical Center (FMC), 3160 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton, will hold the 15th Annual Holiday Sale for the Animals event on Saturday, November 8th.

Proceeds from the 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. boutique will benefit Jackie Barnett's Just Like New (JLN) Fund, a Paws In Need program that aids sick and injured pets.

The one-day Holiday 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 your pet, several vendors will be on hand selling additional pet-related items. There will also be opportunities to win several gift baskets.

The Just Like New Fund was founded in 1995 by Pleasanton animal advocate Jackie Barnett, who passed away in 2009. The fund, which now bears Jackie's name, provides financial assistance to Tri-Valley residents who cannot afford emergency, lifesaving veterinary care for their pets. Since its beginning, the JLN Fund has helped save the lives of nearly 500 companion animals.

Volunteers are continuing Jackie's work. Volunteers raise money for the JLN Fund by making and selling catnip toys and other handmade items and by operating the Animal Lover's Boutique at Feline Medical Center (FMC). Although FMC does not offer veterinary services on weekends, it is opening its lobby on Saturday, November 8th for the special Holiday sales event.

For more information, contact Cindy Ferrin at 925-323-8517, or visit the Paws In Need website at www.Paws-In-Need.org.

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

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

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

Holiday Craft Fair, Tri-Valley

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

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

Holiday Boutique at Our Savior, 1385 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. November 8, 10am - 3pm. Shop in a festive atmosphere with booths offering a wide variety of goods from local artists. Merchandise includes a large selection of edible items from confectionery, jams, jellies and sauces, to fresh baked bread. Also, an array of unique one-of-a-kind items from a local woodworker as well as other artists selling jewelry, tote bags, knitwear, personalized napkins and more. High school youth will be selling breakfast and lunch items to benefit their outreach and mission work. For more information, call the church office at 447-2429.

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

Holiday Craft Show, Livermore Eagles hosting their Annual Holiday Craft Show on Novem-

ber 15th from 9am to 3pm. We are in need of crafters who specialize in hand made items to participate in our Boutique. Those interested, contact Linda at lindahogues49@yahoo.com or call Evelyn at 925-980-7216.

Holiday Craft Boutique, Saturday, November 15, 2014, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Presented by the Dublin Senior Center and the Dublin Senior Foundation. Selection of original handmade

arts and crafts. Entrance is free. For more information call (925) 556-4511 or email seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov.

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

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

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Work Begins on Dante Robere's Winery and Tasting Room

Wine lovers can look forward to a new tasting location in Livermore Valley Wine Country. Dante Robere Vineyards broke ground last week on a new facility on Wetmore Road.

It is expected to start greeting visitors in June 2015.

Located across from Sycamore Grove Park on a 2 acre parcel, the winery will feature a warehouse, storage, production pad and a 1400 square tasting room along with two patio areas. The new facility is surrounded by a 6 acre Syrah vineyard. Views of the vineyard and Sycamore Grove Park provide a rural backdrop for wine tasting and picnicking.

Currently, Dante Robere shares the Eagle Ridge Winery site.

Dan Rosenberg, one of the owners, notes that the winery facility will blend in with the neighborhood with a modern look with rustic touches. The tasting room will be housed in a stucco building.

Rosenberg and partner, Bob Bossi planted a small Zinfandel vineyard in Dan's backyard and began making wine at home. They also volunteered their time assisting various Livermore Valley winemakers as a way to learn the various winemaking processes. Eventually

they began looking at the idea of a winery as a second career for both of them. In 2012, the winery was officially started. Bossi has already retired; Rosenberg continues to own an insurance agency.

Both serve as winemakers. Rosenberg says that Dante Robere's focus will be on Rhone wines including Syrah, blended wines featuring the estate Syrah, and other Rhone varietals such as Grenache and Mourvedre. He says, "Livermore is lacking in Rhone wines. And, I enjoy drinking Rhone wines." He adds that Dante Robere will also create the well known wines, such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, and Chardonnay along with small, fun lots of other varietals, such as Tempranillo.

The signature wine, Dante's Inferno, received a high score from the Wine Enthusiast. "It will be our signature wine, notes Rosenberg. A new wine, following the Dante theme, "Purgatorio," was released last week. Plans are to release Paradisio next year.

Dante Robere will host wine club events at its new location. It is not zoned to be an event center. Small, fundraising events are likely, but no huge events will be held at the Wetmore location.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Partners Bob Rossi and Dan Rosenberg were on hand for the start of construction. Below is an artist rendering of the tasting room.

This year the winery will produce 1700 cases. The goal is to reach about 3000 cases a year.

Rosenberg says of the new winery, "It's at a great location, near Las Positas Vineyards, Cuda Ridge and Rodrigue Molyneaux. It will be a nice little wine trail. We hope to hold events together."

He added, "We're pretty happy with the way things are going."



Tenuta Vineyards will host a sheep shearing day from noon to 2 p.m. on Sun., Nov. 2 at the winery.

The Mini Weed Munchers will receive a haircut (shearing) and mani/pedi (hoof trim).

The mini sheep are replacing chemicals and tractors in controlling weeds among the vines. They cut down on air and noise pollution, as well as the use of fossil fuels and chemicals.

Local sheep shearers, Russ Duguid and John Veitch, will demonstrate their finesse. Livestock guardian dog, Bonnie, will be there watching over her flock. The Batteate family and friends will be on hand to make sure everyone is accounted for and in good health.

Vineyard owner Nancy Tenuta is taking advantage of a Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Quality Incentive Program cost sharing program. Last year the program became available for grazing in vineyards and orchards. For information about the program, contact Alyson Aquino at 371-0154.

For information about the sheep shearing, contact Allison Batteate at 455-5755.

Tenuta Vineyards is located at 633 Kalthoff Commons in Livermore.

'Trick Or Treat So Folks CAN Eat' Halloween Concert, Canned Food Drive

Las Positas College (LPC) Performing Arts Presents for the first time in concert a multi-media extravaganza at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 30. Featured will be the LPC Jazz Ensemble and combo, the Orchestra, students from the Dance Department and from the LPC Video/Photo programs.

The eve o' Halloween offers an eclectic night of The Sorcerer's Apprentice, Thriller, Purple Haze, Blue Tango, Minnie The Moocher, Sir Harry Potter, March to the Scaffold, I Put A Spell On You, Chopin's Funeral March, Black Magic Woman and to close out the night, a

little Superstition.

Also included in the program is the World Premiere of Children of the Night by Kyle Kaldhusdal.

In collaboration with the LPC Art Department, this is the final night of the "WE CAN" art auction and food drive. Visit the LPC art Gallery while dropping off canned foods. Most needed non-perishable food: canned fruits and vegetables, canned meats and fish, low-salt soups, stews and chili, pasta, peanut butter. All donations will go directly to the Alameda County Community Food Bank.

Bring in a can of food and receive \$5 off a ticket. General admission is \$15, students/seniors/staff \$10. Tickets will be available at the door - csh or check only, or in advance at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/815737

The program will be presented on the Main Stage at the Barbara F Mertes Center for the Arts. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore. There is a \$2 parking fee.

All ages are welcome.

For more information, please go to www.laspositas-college.edu/performingarts/index.php

Registration Underway for First Ever Foot Golf Tournament

Livermore Downtown Inc. will be hosting its Inaugural Foot Golf Tournament on Monday, November 10th at the Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore. This event will be raising funds to support the Livermore Downtown Restaurant Marketing Fund and Livermore's 4th of July Fireworks Celebration.

Foot Golf is basically golf, but competitors use feet instead of a club and a soccer ball instead of a golf ball. The tournament will be played on a nine hole course at Las Positas Golf Course that has been permanently adapted for this fun new use. Foot Golf is a fast growing, new sport in the United States taking the skill and finesse of soccer and utilizing the outdoor experience of golf courses as a fun day



out with friends. New to all, no one should be intimidated from participating. This tournament is a way to all learn this together.

A fun addition to the day is that Downtown Restaurants will be sponsoring each of the nine holes. They will be providing a bite sample from their menus, giving competitors a "Taste of Downtown" along the course. Local beers will be featured as well.

Livermore Downtown Inc. is currently looking for Sponsors and Foursomes to sign on for this fun and unique experience, so join the team. If you do not have a foursome to play with, no problem. Individuals are signing up as well.

Registration Fee is \$75 per player which includes Golf and Awards Dinner; awards dinner only is \$30.

Tee time/kick off is at 3 p.m. Dinner begins at 6 p.m.

Tee Time/Kick Off is 3:00 PM Dinner is at 6:00 PM

Contact the Livermore Downtown Inc. office for information on Sponsorships and how to get a business involved: (925) 373-1795 or lms@livermoredowntown.com More info can be found at www.livermoredowntown.com

Navigating Special Education Next in Series

The City of Pleasanton continues the 2014 free Community Education Series on Wednesday, November 5 with "Navigating Special Education" presented by Cheryl Theis, MA, an Education Advocate with the Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund. Interested participants can register for this free program (course number 59250) at pleasantonfun.com, or at the event.

Approximately 11% of California public school students participate in an Individualized Education

Program (IEP) and are designated as special education students under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. In this presentation, participants will identify their child's need for an IEP, learn how to work successfully with the school district to develop an IEP, and ask questions regarding your child's education.

The parent education series was developed by the Community Services staff, in conjunction with the Pleasanton Youth Commission, the series was designed

to meet the goals of the Youth Master Plan.

All programs will be held in the large meeting room of the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The next monthly presentation will be held in the same place, at the same time, on the following date: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 - Parents and Homework: What is Your Role?

For more information, please visit <http://ptownlife.org/parent-education-series>, or call (925) 931-3474.

Wine Release Raises Funds for Foundation

ValleyCare Charitable Foundation hosted a Wine Release Event at Rubino Winery on Saturday, October 11, with funds raised going towards new patient monitoring and documentation equipment for ValleyCare's Cardiac Cath Lab. Rubino Estates produced a 2012 Zinfandel named "Philanthropy" for ValleyCare.

"With a goal of raising \$1 million this year and next, we are grateful for the overwhelming support by the number of people who attended and purchased the wine," says Robert Shapiro, co-chair of ValleyCare Charitable Foundation.

ValleyCare was recently awarded a Platinum Performance Achievement Award from the American College of Cardiology's NCDR ACTION Registry -GWTG

(Get With The Guidelines), and is one of only 256 hospitals nationwide to receive the honor. The award recognizes ValleyCare's

success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients and has reached an aggressive goal for these patients.



ValleyCare Charitable Foundation Board members Joyce Shapiro, Bob Shapiro and Randall Brown prepare to celebrate with other ValleyCare supporters at Rubino Estates Winery. Photo - Randal Cole Brown



ROY ORBISON RETURNS

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

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

TICKETS ~ \$34 - \$46

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

Texture and Luminosity – A Mosaic Art Exhibit, on display November 7 through December 13. New installation at the Harrington Gallery. 17 artists from the Bay Area and beyond in new exhibition co-curated by Pleasanton mosaic artist and instructor Glynnis Kaye and Harrington Gallery Director Julie Finegan. A wide variety of styles and types of mosaic artwork will be on view, from a traditional, Byzantine approach, to contemporary styles and applications, including stone, glass, tile, and smalti. Free opening reception with artists, will be held on Thursday, November 6, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. During the reception, and from 11:30-2:30 on Saturday, November 8, IMA (Institute of Mosaic Art) co-director Sophia Cordoni and others will demonstrate mosaic processes. Saturday, November 8, from 11:30 to 2:30, several of the artists will facilitate a collaborative project that visitors can participate in. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Donations always appreciated. Exhibit dates: November 7 through December 13.

Daniel Kanaan – Enso Collection. October 22 through December 10. Fascinating installation curated by The Harrington Gallery and Firehouse Arts Center. Large and medium scale water media works (largest is 7 x 7 feet), depicting the “enso,” the Japanese word for an uninhibited, hand-drawn circle. In Zen Buddhism, Enso is intended to express a moment when the mind is free to let the body create. International artist Daniel Kanaan has exhibited alongside such noted artists as Lucian Freud and Frank Auerbach. The public is invited to explore and enjoy the exhibits 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

Open Mic Night with My Friends at Pleasanton Public Library, 2nd Monday of most months. Nov. 10. Poets, Prose and Songwriters invited to share latest poem, excerpt from your novel, or perform an acoustic musical composition with a supportive audience. Sign up between 6:00 and 6:15 pm for a 5 minute slot. Program free and open to the public. Some subject matter and language may not be appropriate for

ages under 16. Contact Jordan Bernal at openmic@trivalleywriters.org or call the library at 931-3400 ext. 4. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

Show and Tell, Artists are invited to a monthly function at the Bothwell Arts Center, called “Show & Tell. 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. Artists bring finished or unfinished work to show and if desired, receive a critique from the group. Refreshments are brought by 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 - Local Artist Group sharing Plein Air work of Pleasanton called “Our Town” is now at the Pleasanton Library & Tully’s for the month of August. See original artwork in Oil, Acrylic and Watercolor by Award Winning Artists, Claudette McDermott, Loralee Chapleau, John West, Judi Caplan and Alka Vaidya. Locations such as the Alviso Adobe, The Museum on Main, Marilyn Murphy Kane Trail, Milfeur and more, can be seen through the Artist’s Eyes when you visit the Library at 400 Old Bernal Ave. Pleasanton. Hours are 10 am. - 9 p.m. Mon-Thur, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri. - Sat, 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

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

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.

Fun Tangles Holiday Workshop, instructor Maryann Kot; Sat., Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Fee includes 45. Workshop incorporates pen and ink drawing in repetitive patterns with colored media to enhance the design. Christmas Cards are the theme for this workshop and students will go home with two cards that they have designed. Supplies are included in the fee, (students bring their own colored media supplies). www.maryannkot.com. Sign up at Way Up Art and Frame, Second St. Livermore 925-443-3388

WINERY EVENTS

Wine Competition Entries sought, The San Francisco Chronicle is currently accepting wine entries for the 2015

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

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

Las Positas Vineyards, For more information please contact us at 925-449-9463 or email curt@laspositasvineyards.com

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

Nottingham Cellars, Friday, November 21, 6:30-9:00pm Nottingham Cellars 5th Anniversary Celebration. Come raise a glass with us to toast the 5 year anniversary in the Livermore Valley. Favorite wines from each vintage since our beginning will be poured. Each wine will have a special food pairing. This event is limited to 60 guests. \$65/\$50 Club Members. RSVP Required. For tickets contact Dave at 925.294.8647 or daved@nottinghamcellars.com

Thomas Coyne Winery Fall Open House, November 28, 29 & 30 noon to 5 p.m. The 2012 Petit Verdot will be released. 2405 Research Dr., Livermore. (925) 373-6541. <http://thomascynewinery.com>

Holidays in the Vineyards, noon to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 6 and 7. Livermore Valley wineries showcase their decorated tasting rooms, offer special wines, and feature arts, crafts, holiday music, activities and more. Donated toys are given to the local Toys for Tots program. Admission is free, however, tasting fees may apply and vary by winery.

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.

Mariachi Sol de Mexico, 7:30 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 30. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. November 2. Nationally-renowned classical guitarist Peter Fletcher will perform a free concert as part of a nationwide tour, under the auspices

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Las Positas College, music department recital, 12:30 p.m. Dec. 3. Main Stage, Performing Arts Center, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositas-college.edu/performingarts>

Andy McKee, acoustic guitar. 8 p.m. Fri., Dec. 5. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Holiday Concert at Dublin Heritage Park, Dec. 6 and 7 at 3:30 p.m. at the Old St. Raymond Church. Pre-purchased tickets: \$5 youth (12 & under), \$8 adult (13 and older) Ticket prices at the door: \$7 youth (12 and under), \$10 adult (13 and older). Light-hearted musical celebration of the season. (925) 556-4500 for more information.

Livermore-Amador Symphony, presents Musical Masterpieces, 8 p.m. Sat., Dec. 6. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

An Irish Christmas, 2 p.m. Sun., Dec. 7. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Las Positas College, chamber choir, orchestra, wind ensemble, 7 p.m. Dec. 7. Main Stage, Performing Arts Center, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts>

David Lanz: Forever Christmas with Special Guest vocalist Kristin Amarie, Dec. 12, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Las Positas College, Winter Jazz Night, instrumental and vocal, 8 p.m. Dec. 12. Main Stage, Performing Arts Center, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts>

Close to You: Christmas with The Carpenters A Tribute to the Songs of The Carpenters, Dec. 13, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Vintage Brass Quintet performs a holiday concert. 2 p.m. Sun., Dec. 14 at the Pleasanton Library. Sponsored by Friends of the Pleasanton Public Library. On admission charge. www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/services/library/programs.

Dan Hicks and the Hot Licks, New Year’s Eve Party, 8 p.m. Wed., Dec. 31. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

ON THE STAGE

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

Creatures of Impulse presents: NIGHT-MARE. A totally improvised, live horror show. The Bay Area’s award-winning teen improv troupe celebrates the kickoff of their 5th Season at the Firehouse Arts Center with the fall classic. Every show different. Thursday, October 30 and Saturday, November 1, at 7:30 p.m. Special 5th Anniversary Halloween late-night show (costumes encouraged) for ages 14 and up only: Saturday, October 31, 9:00 p.m. Audience suggestions drive the characters and stories for this un-scripted theatrical horror fest. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. General admission tickets: students \$5, adults \$10. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org. 925-931-4848, or at the Box Office at the center. Free parking.

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

Singin’ in the Rain: Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre kicks off their 5th Season of professional musical theater at the Firehouse Arts Center with a new pro-

duction of the beloved movie classic. 1920’s Hollywood is the setting for this zany, light-hearted romantic comedy about the early days of the “talkies,” when many a movie studio found itself scrambling to salvage the career of its chipmunk-voiced silent picture star. Directed by David Judson, music direction by Brett Strader, choreographed by Staci Arriaga. Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., and Sundays at 2:00 p.m., November 7 through November 23 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Reserved seat tickets are \$17-\$38. Purchase online at www.firehousearts.org. 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

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

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

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

Creatures of Impulse Presents: Holiday Shorts, a Long Winters Tale 2014, Dec. 4 and 5. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Shakespeare on Tour Presents As You Like It, 2 p.m. Sun., Dec. 7 at the Pleasanton Library. Kids stay after the play for the Playshop, an interaction one-hour session. 55-minute show presented by San Francisco Shakespeare Festival. www.sfsakes.org

My Son Pinocchio Jr., Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company, Dec. 12-21, Fri. 7:30 p.m., Sat. 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Sun. 2 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

COMEDY

Big Fat Year End Kiss Off XXII Comedy Show featuring Will Durst And Company, 8 p.m. Dec. 26, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org. 373-6800.

MOVIES

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

DANCE

Las Positas College, dance production, 8 p.m., Dec. 6. Main Stage, Performing Arts Center, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts>

The Nutcracker - Valley Dance Theater, annual Tri-Valley holiday event: full production of The Nutcracker, accompanied

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by the Livermore-Amador Symphony. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Dec. 13, 20 and 21, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Dec. 14, 2 p.m.; and Dec. 19, 7 p.m. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

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

CHORAL

Annual Sing-It-Yourself Messiah. Valley Concert Chorale, December 5, 2014, 7:30 pm, Asbury Methodist Church (New location), 4743 East Ave. Livermore. www.valleyconcertchorale.org

Holiday Classic & Contemporary. Valley Concert Chorale. Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton; and Dec. 14, 3 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore. www.valleyconcertchorale.org

A Chanticleer Christmas, 7:30 p.m. Tues., Dec. 22. Bankhead Theater,

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

Sing the Messiah with Pacific Chamber Symphony, under the direction of Lawrence Kohl, will be presenting portions of Händel's Messiah on Sunday, November 30th, 2014 at 2:00 pm in the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Experienced choral singers, who have sung Messiah or similar choral works, are invited join the chorus for the November performance. All voice parts will be welcome. Although there is no formal audition, singers need to be aware of their abilities since the performance will include a professional orchestra and soloists. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, November 4th at 7:00 pm and will be held Room 4130 of the Mertes Center for the Arts on the campus of Las Positas College in Livermore. Rob Lappa, Director of Choral Music at Las Positas, will prepare the chorus. Contact him at rlappa@laspositascollege.edu or come to the first rehearsal on Tuesday, November 4th.

OPERA

Amahl and the Night Visitors by Gian

Carlo Menotti, presented by the Livermore Valley Opera. 2 and 5 p.m. Sat., Dec. 13, First Presbyterian Church, 202 5th St., Livermore. Ticket information at www.livermorevalleyopera.com

MISCELLANEOUS

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>

Golden Gate Cat Club show, Robert Livermore Community Center, on Nov. 1. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Cats and kittens for adoption by Safe Cats, a local rescue group.

Adults-\$8 / Seniors & Child Under 12-\$5 / Family \$25. For more info: (925) 934-3471. Kids bring a favorite stuffed toy kitty for judging by a real cat show judge. Win a special ribbon. Register by 11am

Tri-Valley Conservancy hosting Jeans & Jewels on Emerald Isle, Thursday, November 6th, 6pm-10pm, the Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery. Proceeds used to preserve open space, agriculture, recreation trails, wildlife habitats and natural resources. Get details and tickets at www.trivalleyconservancy.org

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

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

556-4511 or email seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov.

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

City of Dublin's 31st Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Thursday, December 4, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM, at the Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza. The Dublin Unified School District Children's Choir, under the direction of Irene Fong, and the Fallon Middle School Jazz Band, led by Lee Carpenter, will provide seasonal entertainment. Refreshments will be served after the performance, and children may meet a special visitor from the North Pole. For more information, contact the City of Dublin Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 556-4500.

Christmas Display Opening Date: Deacon Dave's House of the Dove 32nd Annual Christmas Display will open December 5th at 6:30 p.m. the first Friday in December. The Christmas Procession will come down Hillcrest Ave. from Fordham Way to the House of the Dove where the opening ceremonies will take place. The Christmas Display will close Thursday January 1st. New Years Night at 9 p.m. 352 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore.

Holiday Tea, Dublin Heritage Park and Museums. Dec. 6 and 7 at 1 p.m. \$25 per person. Lunch will begin with scones, lemon curd and a hot pot of

tea, followed by finger sandwiches, cheese and an indulgent dessert. Tour the Kolb House, decorated for a farm Christmas morning. (925) 556-4500 for more information

Annual Hometown Holiday Celebration in Pleasanton on Saturday, December 6 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. along Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. The centerpiece of this free event is a festive, community-based parade followed by the lighting of a huge holiday tree in front of the Museum on Main. www.cityofpleasantonca.gov

Home for the Holidays, December 6, 2014 -- 12noon - 4 p.m. Downtown Livermore, horse drawn carriage rides, holiday performances and snow in Lizzie Fountain. livermoredowntown.com

19th Annual Holiday Sights & Sounds Parade and the lighting of Livermore's Holiday Tree "Bruce Sprucetree," Dec. 6, downtown Livermore, 6 p.m. local marching bands, music, light displays, and Santa Claus. Tree lighting to follow parade. livermoredowntown.com

Las Positas College, stories and speeches, 7 p.m., Dec. 11, Main Stage, Performing Arts Center, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts>

Ravenswood Victorian Yuletide, Sunday, December 14, 2014, noon to 4 p.m. Music, entertainment, carriage rides, food, crafts. Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Free admission.

Large scale works by Daniel Kanaan through at the Firehouse



The Wind

An unusual and thought-provoking installation of large and medium scale works (largest is 7 x 7 feet) known as The Enso Collection will be on view through December 10, 2014 at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. The water media works are by international artist Daniel Kanaan. They depict the "enso," the Japanese word for an uninhibited, hand drawn circle. In Zen Buddhism, Enso is intended to express a moment when the mind is free to let the body create.

Daniel Kanaan has exhibited at the Royal Academy of Arts Summer Exhibition (London) alongside such renowned artists as Lucian Freud and Frank Auerbach. Born in Boston and raised in London, Kanaan spent most of his life in England and France before returning to the United States in 2011. He now resides in the San Francisco Bay Area, notes Harrington Gallery Director Julie Finegan, who curated this exhibit.

Kanaan switched his focus from figurative work to abstracts a few years ago, which brought him to this latest body of work, Enso. He has explored a variety of mediums and motifs over the course of his career, including landscapes, portraits, and even kinetic art working with scrap metal. His experimentation with printmaking led him to create an etching titled 'Lawn Chairs,' which was exhibited at the Royal Academy of Arts in 2007.

In discussing the Enso, Kanaan says, "In the case of these very large, colorful Enso, it is their remarkable nature to evoke the most complex human emotions with the simplest of forms." He goes on to propose that "the existential questions posed by the Enso are at the very core of an artist's ethos, summed up most eloquently by Gauguin: Where do we come from; what are we; where are we going?"

Kanaan will be at the Firehouse on Thursday, November 6, from 7-9pm during the next Harrington Gallery artist's reception. The public is invited to this free reception, to chat with the artists and enjoy light refreshments.

The Enso Collection is open to view during Firehouse open hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 12:00-5:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The Firehouse Arts Center is located in beautiful downtown Pleasanton at 4444 Railroad Avenue. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Gallery Director: JFinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov, or call the gallery: 925-931-4849.

ARF to Hold Annual Dinner

Celebrate Tony La Russa's National Baseball Hall of Fame induction and honor award recipients at the 3rd Annual ARF Awards Dinner on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 6 pm at the Blackhawk Country Club in Danville. Every year, ARF honors compassionate individuals and groups who help make ARF's dreams a reality. Elaine and Tony La Russa and friends will be on hand for an evening featuring a cocktail reception, gourmet dinner, auction, and award presentations.

Evie Central Garden & Pet: Named for the cat who inspired ARF's creation 23 years ago, the Evie award is presented each year for excellence in the compassionate care of companion animals.

Hope -Nestle Purina PetCare Company... The Hope Award, named for an ARF dog who overcame many obstacles to stand on all four feet, salutes those who truly embody the human-animal bond.

Community Spirit Gil and Sunee Leona... The Community Spirit Award honors volunteers for their important leadership contributions to ARF.

A limited number of individual seats now available - \$500, www.arf.net or contact Holli Hargrove (925) 296-3154

ARF's core mission is the rescue of dogs and cats who have run out of time at public shelters, giving them a chance at life until a new home can be found.

Milestones Community

Pleasanton City Council Recognizes Local Companies

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

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

Small businesses make a huge contribution to the U.S. economy and, according to the Small Business Administration, have gener-

ated over 65% of the net new jobs since 1995. More than 50% of the working population in our country (120 million individuals) works in a small business.

The list of businesses can be found on the City’s website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/business/brc/businesses-ptown.html, and included below. For more information about the Business Recognition Program please contact the City of Pleasanton Economic Development Department at (925) 931-5038.

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

15 Year: Allure Skin Care; Arrow Cleaners; Axiom Design Incorporated; Blueline Associates Incorporated; Brian D. Fuller Chiropractic; Brightstar Information; Buxton Consulting; Cazinha Portrait Design; Charming Watches; Coffee Mechanics Incorporated; Commerce West Insurance Company; Crossmark Incorporated; DEB Construction Incorporated; Diamond Auto Detailing; Diageo Americas Incorporated; Dipti Bhakta MD; Express; Extra Team Incorporated; Farmers Insurance District Office; Feline Medical Center Incorporated; First American Title Guaranty; Food & Beverage; G S Man-

agement Co; Gourmet Works of Pleasanton; Hacienda Child Development Center; Hacienda Construction Incorporated; Hacienda School; Hap’s Original; Herzog Insurance; Honey Baked Ham Incorporated; Hopyard Cleaners; Hunter Vacation Managers; Hydabrek Construction Incorporated; Immunoscience Incorporated; J.M. O’Neill Incorporated; Jack Nadel Incorporated; Dr. Jyothi Sarma; Magma Consulting Incorporated; Martin, Wardin & Eissner Financial; Magapath Networks Incorporated; Mesa Energy Systems Incorporated; Optimal Health Spectrums; Pasta’s Trattoria; Pitney Bowes Incorporated; Pleasanton Family Wellness Center; Pottery Barn; Prostar Staffing; Quest Consulting; Residence Inn By Marriott; Robert Cooper, PhD; Roche Molecular Systems Incorporated; Sephora U S A, Incorporated; Shaklee Corporation; Steve Madden Retail Incorporated; Studio Style; Superior Electric; T. Bennett Services Incorporated; The Child Day Schools, LLC; The Wine Steward LLC; De Pretis CPA’s Inc; Togo’s Eatery; Vac Pump Consulting Incorporated; Valley Community Bank; Vans; Western Garden Nursery; Western Pacific Housing; Law Office of William F. Burns; YA Tittle & Associates.

20 Year: Amador Valley Pain Management; American Cancer Society Discovery Shop;

Assist Telecom; Bay Home & Window; Bruce Jones CPA; Chevron Station; Custom Designs & Sports Incorporated; D & D Insurance Services; D J Engineers & Associates; Design Tech Associates; Designer Portraiture; Dion’s Donut King; Fremont Bank; Granite Insurance Brokers; Jim Roberts Company; Jim’s Country Style Kitchen; K D C Kitchen & Bath; Magic Wave Production Incorporated; Mastercraft Jewelers; Men’s Warehouse; Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith; Michael McKim DDS; Nor Cal Painting & Waterproofing; North American Business Credit Incorporated; Physiotherapy Associates; Pivot Interiors; Protection One Alarm Monitoring Incorporated; Rite Aid; Ronald Iverson, MD; Se’ Bella Hair Salon; Steve Whetzel CPA; Systems & Space Incorporated; T & J Tool and Machine Incorporated; Terry Townsend Architect; The Sleetor Group Incorporated; The Stone Group; Vavrinec Trine Day & Co. LLP; Vic’s All Star Kitchen; Yat Sing Restaurant.

25 Year: Acceptance Insurance Services Incorporated; Amador Pet Hospital; Amador Valley Veterinary Hospital; Chili’s Grill & Bar; Compass Product Design; C & J Cox Corp; Gary Patrick Salon; Hands On Chiropractic; Homan Engineering Corporation; Inter-son Corporation; J.E. Moore Air Conditioning Incorporated;

Kleinfelder Incorporated; Koll Center Dental Group; Landplans Landscaping Incorporated; Market Smart Incorporated; Chabot Nephrology Medical Group Incorporated; Physical Therapy Specialties; Pleasanton Veterinary Hospital; Spectrum Interests Incorporated; Strizzi’s; Transbay Fire Protection Incorporated; Valley Eyecare Center; Valleycare Gastroenterology Medical; Weight Watchers; Your Medical Practice; Silmar Floors; FADM Architect; Johnson Controls Incorporated; Keystone Adult Learning Center; Lee Communications Incorporated; Mark Denbroader PhD; Precision Auto Repair; Schneider Electric USA Inc; Steven A. Nerad, DMD; Valley Humane Society Incorporated; Walgreens Company.

30 Year: Coy Sanders Construction Incorporated; El Molino Chaparral; Gatan Incorporated; Ken R. Henneman Construction Engineering; Lincoln Air Conditioning Corporation; Nations Giant Hamburgers; Nebco Sales; David S. Stone, MD; Valley Rent A Wreck/Rotary Performance; Vet Equipment Incorporated; Tri-Valley Cardiology Medical; Bowman Contracting; 7-Eleven Incorporated; Gil Kal Ventures; Ponderosa Homes II Incorporated.

40 Year: Adams Pools Solutions; Cosmos Barber Shop; Shear Cuts.

Test Precision Labs Releases App That Assists in Taking Tests

Test Precision Labs has come out of private beta and launched its Test Precision app to the world. Test Precision 1.3 provides the closest thing to one-on-one tutoring while remaining extremely affordable to high school students preparing for either the ACT and SAT. Test Precision offers a unique two-step diagnostic and adaptive approach never before combined in one test prep platform. First,

Test Precision employs its Rapid Diagnostic Comparative Testing (RADIACT™) technology and an exclusive Psychometric Test to determine if the ACT or SAT best matches a student’s strengths. Next, Test Precision personalizes and customizes practice questions based on student performance. This proprietary adaptive learning technology makes it simple for the student to focus on and over-

come any weaknesses or concepts that require special attention. All together, Test Precision provides the most powerful test prep solution at its price point.

“The idea for Test Precision was born from my own efforts helping my daughter prepare for her college entrance exams,” stated Milind Joshi, President and CEO of Bell Curve Labs. “Before Test Precision, there simply was no substitute for costly

one-on-one tutoring. We are very pleased to solve multiple pain points for students in one system; determining which test to take and pin pointing individual student needs, all at a fraction of the cost of anything comparable.”

Being able to access Test Precision on the way to school or in between activities is a major advantage versus physically scheduling and attending a test prep

weekend class or hiring a one-on-one tutor. Test Precision also lessens the anxiety associated with cramming for the SAT or ACT by providing an ‘access anytime’ app so the student can chip away at their preparation over time.

Bell Curve Labs was founded in November of 2013. Visit www.testprecision.com or call (925) 234-9108 for more information.

(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.)

Ohlone Audubon will meet Tuesday, November 4th, 2014 at 7:30pm at Casa Sandoval, 1200 Russell Way, Hayward. Hans Peeters will talk on Thailand: Traveling the Old Mealworm Trail in the Land of Smiles. No admission charge. Refreshments served. For more information go to the website www.ohloneaudubon.org.

40th Anniversary Celebration, Food, music, history, video games and fun for the whole family. Saturday, November 1, noon to 4pm, at 1040 Florence Road (former Arroyo Mocho School), free. Help Twin Valley Learning Center celebrate 40 years of serving students and also its grand opening at its new site. Join in the fun to honor the thousands of students who have been helped succeed in school. Contact Mary at 925-447-3455 or mary-qkontrary@yahoo.com.

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

Food Drive, Contreras Chiropractic will be collecting canned foods and grocery store gift cards for the Tri-Valley Haven through Nov. 12, 2014. In exchange for a donation Contreras Chiropractic will be giving out free Chiropractic Exam vouchers. 4200 East Ave., Ste. 102, Livermore. Call 606-5490 for directions.

Del Arroyo 4-H Club meets the third Wednesday of each month at Arroyo Seco School, 5280 Irene Way, Livermore. The next club meeting will be November 19 at 6:00pm. Those interested in joining 4-H are invited to come to the meeting. There will be a potluck dinner and a chance to participate in Rockets to the Rescue science experiment. For more information call Margaret Miller at (925)-447-6980 or email mmiller1435@gmail.com.

Celebration of Renovated Hall, Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge #2117. Sat., Nov. 1, begins at 5:30 p.m., includes no host cocktails, dinner buffet and dancing to the music of the Richard Dorffri Trio. Advance reservations required: \$18, contact secretary2117@comcast.net. 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Nov. 1, 45 miles, meet 10 a.m. at Danville Park and Ride, ride through are with a number of brewery stops along the way. Dick Ward and Julie Hampton, psyclejulz@sbcglobal.net. Sun., Nov. 2, 45 miles, around Livermore, meet 10:30 a.m. at Les Knott park. Doug Ondricek, 980-2490 and Janet Ondricek, 579-4573. Wed., Nov. 5, 40 miles, meet 9:30 a.m.

BULLETIN BOARD

at San Ramon Central Park, ride to Diablo Junction and Walnut Creek, Jim Conger, 876-4949. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Cooking Demo: Healthy Side Dishes, Nov. 13, Join Suzanne Aziz, nutritional educator and holistic chef, and learn some new recipes to enjoy during the holidays. Suzanne will demonstrate quick, easy and tasty side dishes that are gluten-, egg- and dairy-free, made with fresh, in-season, organic ingredients: roasted brussels sprouts, fresh organic cranberry relish and parsnip puree. 6-7:30pm. Free. New Leaf Community Markets, Vintage Hills Shopping Center, 3550 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Preregistration required, register at: www.newleafpleasanton.eventbrite.com or call 925-621-7660 ext 120.

Kids: Make an Edible Turkey from an Apple, Nov. 15, Join us for an afternoon of family-friendly crafting and healthy snacking. 3-6pm. Free. New Leaf Community Markets, Vintage Hills Shopping Center, 3550 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Preregistration required, register at: www.newleafpleasanton.eventbrite.com or call 925-621-7660 ext.120.

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: November 20, and December 18, 2014. The meetings will be held at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The club is free and no registration is required. For more information, please visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website: www.livermorelibrary.net, or contact Jennifer at 925-373-5576.

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

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

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will present Susan G. Johnston speaking on "How letters of Condolence" can open the doors to clues that help uncover your "brick walls". More than 600,000 men died in the Civil War. The letters to their families received may provide heart-breaking stories about the soldiers and the ones they left behind. The meeting is on Monday, November 10, 7:30 pm at Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton. All are welcome and there is no charge. For further information contact program@L-AGS.org

Healing Through Compassion — A Conversation with Scarlett Lewis Friday, November 14, 2014 7:00pm — 8:30pm. Scarlett Lewis is the founder of Jesse Lewis Choose Love Foundation, created in honor of her son, Jesse, who was killed in the Sandy Hook Elementary

School massacre in December, 2012. The Foundation collaborates with educators to bring lasting meaning to Jesse's murder by developing school-based educational programs to change our current culture of violence to one of safety, peace and love for everyone in our world. Her mission is to evoke awareness that we can choose love over anger, gratitude over entitlement, and forgiveness and compassion over bitterness. \$20 per person. Price includes a copy of Scarlett's book, "Nurturing. Healing. Love." Net proceeds benefit Jesse Lewis Choose Love Foundation. Event is being held at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. To register, visit www.fpcl.org, and questions may be directed to lauren@kmackinnon.com

Tri-Valley Conservancy hosting Jeans & Jewels on Emerald Isle, Thursday, November 6th, 6pm-10pm, the Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery. Proceeds used to preserve open space, agriculture, recreation trails, wildlife habitats and natural resources. Get details and tickets at www.trivalleyconservancy.org

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

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

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.

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

Shepherd's Gate Thrift Store, 1362 Railroad Avenue, Livermore. Open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Last Friday of every month 50% off most of the store sale. For more information visit www.shepgate.org/holiday

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

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

RELIGION

First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program For more information www.fpcl.us 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.calvalrylivermore.org.

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

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

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

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

Trinity 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.

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

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

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

Tri-Valley Church of Christ at 4481 East Avenue, Livermore, worship service

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

Little Brown Church, United Church of Christ 141 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 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org (925) 829-4793.

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

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

Bethel Family Christian Center, 501 North P Street, Livermore, Pastors are Don & Debra Qualls. Weekly ministries: Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Teaching Sessions; Sunday 10:25 a.m. - Holy Grounds Fellowship; Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Elementary aged children go to Kid's Church following worship, nursery available; Wednesday 7 p.m. - Back to the Point Bible Study; all ages; Friday 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery; in the dining hall; 925-449-4848.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Well Community Outreach Center ministry provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, call the office at (925) 479-1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Thursday 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pick up by appointment

only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts. This will be on a first come first serve basis between 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

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

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

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 1st Ward: Sunday at 1 p.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Pleasanton 2nd Ward: Sunday 1 p.m. at 3574 Vineyard Ave. Pleasanton 3rd Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 3574 Vineyard Ave. Pleasanton 4th Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Dublin 1st Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 8203 Village Parkway.

John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Rd., Dublin. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for ages 3-18 during worship. Adult education Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Jr. High youth group Sundays 4:00-6:10 p.m. High school youth group Sundays 5:50-8:00 p.m. www.jkpcdublin.org (925)828-1846.

Livermore Quakers: Unprogrammed worship on 2nd and 4th Mondays each month at 7pm, 1893 N. Vasco Rd. (UU Church). More information: Livermore-Quakers@gmail.com or (925) 315-7170.

Community Bible Study Women's class of Pleasanton, "Return to Jerusalem: God's Mercy and Faithfulness to His People" will be the featured study his fall. A children's program is available for infants to 5 years old. Class continues each week on Thursdays at 9:30-11:30am until May 14, 2014. Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. Contact Sherri at 925-399-5074 or email sheri.cbs@gmail.com for more information or to register."

Unity of Tri-Valley - 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley (2 miles west of Stoneridge Mall in Pleasanton). 10:00 Sunday service; children's program available. All are welcome. Ongoing classes, groups, and activities. Rev. Karen Epps, minister. <http://www.unityoftrivalley.org/> 925.829-2733.

Mass of Remembrance, honor those you have loved, who have died, in a special Mass of Remembrance on November 17th. at 7:30pm at St. Elizabeth Seton Church. 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. All are invited. If you wish, bring a small picture or memento of your loved one.

Eckankar Community HU Chant is the theme of a non-denominational prayer activity Saturday November 1st at 12:00 Noon. The Community HU Chant is held once a month each 1st Saturday at The Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton. For More Information contact <http://eckca.org/> by computer

Milestones

Community

Martial Artists from Around the World Taking Part in Seminars to Benefit Autism Speaks

On November 8th, Darcio Lira Martial Arts will hold its Grand Opening celebration in Livermore. To help celebrate martial artists from around the world have been invited to conduct a day long seminar to benefit Autism Speaks. This event is open to the public and donations are appreciated on-line or in person.

According to statistics, 1 in 68 children are diagnosed with Autism. Because of this statistic, a martial arts class for kids with special needs, Breaking Barriers, has been created. This program has been fantastic. The event will showcase Breaking Barriers while giving back to the community.

This event is for kids and adults and is open to the community including other martial art schools.

It will take place from 10:00 to 5:00. Instructors and curriculum will change each hour on the hour. People will be able to train in many different martial arts including MMA with UFC fighter Michael McDonald.

The studio is located at 1569 Olivina Ave., #113, Livermore. Information can be found at www.darciolirajiujiutsu.com/ or call 549-1590.

Education

Paramedics Graduate from LPC

Las Positas College celebrated its second class of paramedic students as they received their certificates on October 27.

Congressman Eric Swalwell will delivered the keynote address to the graduates and Supervisor Scott Haggerty presented their certificates.

"We have 18 students who have completed this rigorous program while working in the field as Emergency Medical Technicians," said Paramedic Program Director Sebastian Wong. "Six students in this graduating class are veterans. As the country prepares for the drawdown of troops from Iraq and Afghanistan, it is incumbent upon Las Positas College to meet the needs of our community and our returning veterans by assisting with their transition into public service professions such as law enforcement, firefighting and EMS."

For more information about the paramedic student graduation, please contact Sebastian Wong at sewong@laspositascollege.edu or at (925) 424-1107.

Shona B. McCarthy of Pleasanton, Calif., enrolled at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, this fall. Before classes began McCarthy took part in an orientation that included an introduction to Colby's rigorous academics, rich cultural life, and community involvement opportunities as well as a three-day outdoor excursion. A graduate of Foothill High School, McCarthy is the daughter of Donald and Beth McCarthy of Pleasanton.



Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton recently hosted a Ladies Member-Guest tennis tournament that raised nearly \$7,000 for Hope Hospice. Tournament winners include (front, from left) Annie Callahan, Kim Stramler and Hazel Scott; (back row) Susan Regan, Marci Rogers, Lynda Darnell, Jill Schulze, and Head Tennis Pro Jim Swansiger

Hope Hospice Benefits from 'Hit for Hospice'

Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton hosted the annual "Hit for Hospice" Ladies Member-Guest Tennis Tournament September 12-14 to benefit Hope Hospice. Forty-eight women competed in the tournament that raised nearly \$7,000 for Hope Hospice, a nonprofit agency serving families in the Bay Area since 1980.

"Our thanks go to Castlewood members and their guests for so generously supporting this fundraising event for Hope Hospice," says Victoria Emmons, Hope Hospice CEO.

At the awards dinner that followed the tournament, bidders competed for auction items that were donated by individuals and various companies.

Castlewood Head Tennis Pro Jim Swansiger organized the tournament along with a committee that included Lisa Bargeman, Julia Cabral, Lorna Smith, Kathleen Berriatua and Jen McNamara. Berriatua, a member of the Hope Hospice Board of Directors, organized and managed the fundraising activities with the assistance of Jim and Julia Cabral.

Winners in the three-day event included: Kilauea 6.5 Flight – Hazel Scott and Jill Schulze; Haleakala 7.0 Flight – Kim Stramler and Lynda Darnell; Kahala 7.5 Flight – Marci Rogers and Geraldine Romero; and Mauna Loa 8.0 Flight – Annie Callahan and Susan Regan.

"We are so pleased with the results of the tournament," says Berriatua. "Everyone pitched in to make this event a success and to benefit a wonderful cause."

Livermore Resident Spends Year as the 2014 Miss Grand National Rodeo Queen

When most 11 year old girls could be found still sleeping in bed at 6am on Saturday morning, Ingrid Cuffe could be found saddling her horse to go ride at a barrel race. Ingrid's passion for horses and the western way of life has continued to grow over the past 9 years. Last year she earned the title of the 2014 Miss Grand National Rodeo Queen. This competitive title requires each girl to present themselves before an audience and give a speech, answer impromptu questions, complete interviews with multiple judges which cover topics covering politics, local and professional rodeo, and a large variety of horse-related facts. Additionally, they must complete a riding pattern on horseback.

Ingrid loves sharing with people all over the state of California why cowboys are true American heroes. "Rodeo is like no other sport. It is special because it was developed from an actual lifestyle. Rodeo was founded by the great American West and continues on today as a sport that is very rich in tradition."

Over this past year, Ingrid has had the opportunity to represent the Grand National Rodeo throughout the state of California. Her first appearance as Miss Grand National was in Sacramento at Agriculture Day. Each year there is a large gathering of farmers, cowboys and ranchers gathered on the steps of the capitol building to gain exposure for legislation to help the



important agriculture industry. Her other appearances at rodeos and parades around California included the Red Bluff Round Up, the Clovis Rodeo, Redding Rodeo, Salinas Rodeo, Gold Country Pro Rodeo, the Marysville Stampede, the Rowell Ranch Rodeo, and Livermore Rodeo.

Ingrid is a Pleasanton native and a graduate of Foothill High School.

The historic Grand National Rodeo has been held at the Cow Palace in Daly City for over 70 years. This year 600 plus professional cowboys and cowgirls are competing in the 7 rodeo events for championship points. For more information go to: <http://grandnationalrodeo.com/>