



## 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.

## Parade This Sunday to Honor Veterans

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 and American Legion Post 237 will host the 2012 Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade on Sunday, November 4 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The parade will begin on Main Street in Pleasanton, traveling from Old Bernal Road to St. Mary's Street.

Parade Grand Marshal is Retired Sergeant Victor Thibeault who served in Afghanistan, was awarded both a Silver Star and a Purple Heart, and is a member of the US Army Wounded Warrior program. Parade Review Officer and Keynote speaker will be USN Capt (Ret) William Waters.

The theme of this year's parade is "Purple Hearts, Honoring Those Wounded in the Service of Our Country." The parade Grand Marshal is Retired Sergeant Victor Thibeault who served in Afghanistan, was awarded both a Silver Star and a Purple Heart, and is a member of the US Army Wounded Warrior program.

This annual event will feature military and veteran color guards, marching bands, horses, jeeps, Humvees and other military vehicles, and many other patriotic units. The parade review stand is in front of the Museum on Main at 603 Main Street. Please note this is one week prior to Veterans Day November 11.

New features to this year's parade include fly-  
(See VETERANS, page 2)

## Paragon Outlets Set to Open

The long awaited grand opening celebration of Paragon Outlets Livermore Valley will run from November 8 to 11.

The champagne and confetti opening ceremony is set for 10 a.m. on Thurs., Nov. 8. Throughout the day and on Nov. 9, 10 and 11, shoppers will find in-store events and sales. On-site entertainment will be offered.

The \$162 million shopping center will be the largest outlet mall in Northern California.

Phase I features 120 of the top retailers in the country spread over 540,000 square feet. Paragon Outlets will be anchored by Bloomingdale's outlet and include stores such as Barney's New York, Brooks Brothers Factory Store, Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5TH, Tommy Hilfger, and Neiman Marcus Last Call.

Armani Outlet, BCBG Max Azria, Burberry, Coach Factory, DKNY, Hugo Boss, Kate Space, Prada, St. John Outlet and Theory have also signed on.

The new center brings over 2,000 jobs to Livermore. Two job fairs were held, each attracting 1,800 job seekers. Some applicants were hired on the spot.

In addition to jobs, Paragon Outlets is expected to bring the City of Livermore  
(See PARAGON, page 5)

# B1 Approval Could Speed I-680 HOV Lane Construction

Passage of Measure B1 on Nov. 6 could speed up design and construction of a northbound HOV lane along Interstate 680 by as much as two or three years, according to Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) officials.

Measure B1 would raise the half-cent sales tax for transportation to a full cent. The increase in the tax is authorized by the Legislature for this time only. If approved by a two-thirds vote in Alameda County, it would remain in effect permanently. Officials said that would ensure ongoing funding to meet county needs,

despite what may happen with future budgets.

The HOV lane would carry traffic northbound for 14 miles between Fremont and the Highway 84 interchange in Sunol. It is not expected to open until 2018. Passage of Measure B1 could provide enough money to accelerate the timetable.

Measure B1 would earmark \$60 million for the project. By adding another \$20 million already allocated for the project, ACTC could have enough money to attract federal and state funds for the design and permit process on an earlier schedule, said ACTC spokesper-

son Tess Lengyel.

HOV lanes carry car-pools free, and single-occupant vehicles driven by people who paid for the congestion relief by buying a FasTrak pass. Overhead scanners automatically read and deduct the cost from the driver's account.

The ACTC board met Oct. 8 and heard a report that said ridership on the southbound HOV lane, which was constructed in 2010, has had rising patronage in a period between September 2010 and September 2012.

A compilation of data showed that over a period from September 2010

through February 2012, Pleasanton had the most FasTrak users on southbound I-680.

Pleasanton represented 17,573 users, San Ramon 13,590 and Livermore 10,736. San Jose followed with 10,334 and Dublin 8829. Lowest figure among 14 cities was Lafayette, with 1919.

Average daily express lane trips rose from 10,300 vehicles in 2010 to 12,200 this year. Average toll trips went from 1800 to 2250.

Lengyel said the gain in part was due to more traffic from rising employment figures, and also more popular-

ity with motorists avoiding congestion.

Although the express lane vehicle trips in the survey comparison saved only three minutes, on average, they also were in a free-moving lane that didn't experience a half-hour delay during an accident, said Lengyel.

Average speed for express lane users was 72 miles per hour, and 67 mph for other traffic. The biggest difference came between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. when the express lane vehicles traveled at about 68 mph, while the other lanes were at 58 or 59 mph.

(See HOV, page 4)



The Granada High School marching band was one of the entries in the annual Foothill High School Band Review. The Matador band is shown in the parade competition.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## Pleasanton District Celebrates Progress

The Pleasanton Unified School District has been placed on program improvement (PI) status for not meeting the nation's proficiency standards for students, which were established by the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.

Pleasanton already was in designated PI for certain subgroups within the district, and has already turned toward making program improvement for the subgroups, said superintendent Parvin Ahmadi.

Some schools with those subgroups made big gains on the most recent API tests. These are state tests that count as part of NCLB, and its measurement document,

(See PLEASANTON, page 9)

## Supervisors Consider Measure D Change

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors Transportation and Planning Committee will consider proposed general plan amendments that would increase the floor area ratio allowed for development related to horse breeding and training facilities.

The issue is seen by Measure D supporters as going

far beyond the horse facility use. In their view, it could set a precedent to weaken other restrictions in Measure D without a vote of the public, as called for in Measure D. Measure D limits covered space at an equine facility to .01 percent of the total gross parcel size. The proposed change would double that to .02 percent.

The meeting is set for 9:30 a.m. on Mon., Nov. 5 in the County Administration Building, 1221 Oak Street, 5th Floor, Board of Supervisors Chambers, Oakland.

At its Oct. 15 meeting, the Alameda County Planning Commission recommended a proposed doubling of the allowed roof coverage  
(See MEASURE D, page 9)

The Independent recommends:  
Measure B1 - **Yes**  
Measure I - **Yes**  
Pleasanton Mayor - **Cheryl Cook-Kallio**  
Pleasanton City Council - **Karla Brown and Erlene DeMarcus**  
Dublin City Council - **Anita Carr**  
Livermore School Board - **Belia Martinez and David Jonas**  
Livermore Area Recreation and Park District - **Bob Coomber**  
15th Congressional District - **Pete Stark**  
16th Assembly District - **Joan Buchanan**  
7th State Senate District - **Mark DeSaulnier**  
BART Board - **John McPartland**  
Proposition 30 - **Yes**  
Measures W and X - **No**

## Health Hangs in the Balance as Man Waits for Life-Saving Liver Transplant

By Patricia Koning

August 24 was the day that Neil Reichmuth's life was change, the day that he was scheduled to undergo surgery for a living donor liver transplant from his sister. "A week before the surgery date, final tests revealed that she was no longer a suitable donor," says Neil. "It's been a real rollercoaster ride."

Neil and his wife Rae

Ann have two young sons, ages 1 and 3. He is a long-time Livermore resident and a graduate of Granada High School. He previously worked at Sandia National Laboratories and now works as an IT manager at Roche Molecular Diagnostics in Pleasanton.

Since the age of 17, he has suffered from primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC), a rare, chronic liver

disease caused by progressive scarring and inflammation of the bile ducts of the liver. The only treatment known to cure PSC is a liver transplant.

Neil has worked hard to stay healthy, following a strict diet and exercise regimen. He's taken simple steps to manage his PSC, like drinking plenty of water and using lotion (extreme itchi-  
(See TRANSPLANT, page 5)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

A group of students at Joe Michell School has been working with volunteer John Hogan to study Rocket Science. Mr. Hogan, a long time resident of Livermore and a Joe Michell Alumni, showed the students how to create and understand how rockets work. The last day of class featured a launch of the students very own "Joe Michell themed" rockets. This is just one of the many classes offered to Joe Michell students through the after school enrichment classes. There are currently just over 150 students each week participating in these classes that include Spanish, Beginning Sewing, Engineering, Sculpting & Building, Rocket Science, Little Mozarts Music, Choir, Gardening & Cooking, Music & Movement, Recycle Art, and Chess. The enrichment program was established four years ago and with support from new principal, Laura Lembo, it is stronger than ever. The Joe Michell Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) coordinates and organizes these classes and offers 5 - 10 scholarships weekly to assist eligible students.

## Antarctic Exploration 100 Years Ago: A Time of Heroism, Science and Death

By Jeff Garberson

The "heroic age" of Antarctic exploration was a time when teams of British adventurers first opened the southernmost continent to modern scientific observation.

With a hardiness that seems almost superhuman today, they endured months of freezing weather isolated

in tents, shacks and snow caves, sustained by dull and often inadequate diets.

They hauled their own heavy sleds over tens of miles of broken ice to hunt fossils and rocks that provided the first understanding of the region's geologic and climate history. They did the same in search of penguin embryos that could

shed light on evolutionary biology.

The story of that time, laced with triumph, tragedy and sometimes petty jealousies, was outlined last week at Livermore's Bankhead Theater by Pulitzer Prize winning author and historian, Edward Larson.

Much of Larson's talk  
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### PETS OF THE WEEK

Valley Humane Society is overflowing with kittens. There are a wide variety of kittens, including tabbies, tuxedos, Siamese, and more. All of them are lovely, playful, and well socialized. They are waiting for you. Cats & kittens are just \$150, which includes spay/neuter, microchip, exams, up to date vaccines, fecal exam, fungal exam, flea control while in our care, and lots of free goodies to adopters. Please call 925-426-8656 or visit the website www.valleyhumane.org. Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Photo by David Smith



Marching bands and members of the military will be in force at the 2012 Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade in Pleasanton on Sunday, November 4.

## VETERANS

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overs by a Vietnam era Huey helicopter, a Coast Guard helicopter.

Immediately following the parade there will be a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Building featuring a guest speaker and the Pleasanton Community Concert Band. The Veterans Memorial Building is located at 301 Main Street.

This year, the U.S. Marines and members of the P-Town Pushrods car club will collect Toys for Tots before, during, and after the parade, along the parade route, at the review stand and at the Veterans Memorial Building. Please bring new, boxed toys for donations.

For more information, please contact David Ham at (925) 580-6661.

### Hometown Heroes

The City of Dublin will honor the dedication, bravery and heroism of its local veterans at the Annual Hometown Heroes Celebration. The event will take place on Saturday, November 3 at the Dublin Se-

nior Center, located at 7600 Amador Valley Boulevard from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

This free event features the Wall of Hometown Heroes Photo Exhibit, a Seabees Exhibit, a special recognition of veterans, and a concert by the Cooltones, an 18-piece Big Band that will perform a program of music from the 40's and 50's. The Wall of Hometown Heroes Photo Exhibit and Seabees Exhibit open at 2:00 p.m. The formal program is at 2:30 p.m. followed by the CoolTones concert.

Event attendees are also invited to bring donations of white socks for Operation S.A.M., Supporting All Military, whose mission is to send care packages to the service men and women overseas.

This event is free to the public. For more information call (925) 556-4500.

### Thanks to Veterans

Toddlers say, "Thank You, Veterans!" at Museum on Main's M.o.M.'s Reading Time this November. The

Museum on Main invites preschoolers (ages 2-5) and their families to join in the monthly preschool pre-literacy program on Wednesday, November 14 10am-11am.

Participants will celebrate the contributions of veterans with books and activities in honor of Veteran's Day. Richard Fredette, a veteran of the Vietnam War will be on hand to greet the youngsters. Fredette will show his uniform and teach the children how to salute like a soldier.

Admission to the program is free. Donations are always appreciated. No reservations are required, but large groups or playgroups please are asked to phone in advance: 925.462.2766 or send an email to education@museumonmain.org.

For more information check the museum website at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org).

The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton.

## Bus Routes Add Paragon Outlets Stop

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, operator of the Wheels bus system, will implement the following changes to its local fixed route services effective Monday, November 5, 2012. The changes provide for stops at the new Paragon Outlets Livermore Valley.

Route 12 - Weekend:

The Saturday route alignment will shift to the newly constructed Jack London Blvd extension and include stops at the Paragon Outlets. A new Sunday service will start on November 11, 2012 and will also serve the Outlets.

Route R (Rapid): The Rapid will run every 15 minutes, all day, Monday

through Friday. The Rapid will also shift its route alignment to the newly constructed Jack London Blvd extension and will include stops at the Paragon Outlets.

New schedules are available on the website, [www.wheelsbus.com](http://www.wheelsbus.com). For more information, call the Wheels Customer Service line at (925) 455-7500.

## Measure B1 Includes Desired Projects

The Nov. 6 ballot includes Measure B1, which, if approved by two-thirds of the voters in Alameda County would raise \$7.7 billion to fund BART, transit, paratransit, road, highway, bicycle and pedestrian safety programs.

Alameda County's one-half cent sales tax for transportation was first approved by voters in 1986 and reauthorized in 2000. The Nov. 6 measure would increase the countywide sales tax to a full cent beginning in 2013. Instead of having a sunset, as the current one does, the tax would go on in perpetuity.

Many projects desired by Tri-Valley residents are on the list.

A partial list of Livermore and Eastern Alameda County projects included in the Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) that would receive Measure B1 funds if the sales tax passes in November include the following:

- Major Capital Projects: \$400 million for a BART extension to Livermore on I-580 at Isabel (almost half of the projected cost for the extension); I-580 interchange improvements at Greenville Road, Vasco Road and Isabel Avenue; I-580/I-680 interchange improvements; I-680 northbound carpool/high-occupancy lanes from SR-237 to Alcosta Blvd.; SR-84/I-680 interchange improvements and SR-84 widening, Pigeon Pass to I-680; and SR-84 Expressway widening Pigeon Pass to Jack London Boulevard.

- Other Projects: Major commute route corridor improvements to Greenville Road, Dublin Boulevard,

Dougherty Road and El Charro Road; Bernal Bridge construction; Iron Horse Trail bicycle and pedestrian gap closure projects; improvements to support transit oriented development at West Dublin and East Dublin/Pleasanton BART stations; freight corridor improvements on I-580; operating funds for LAVTA for Wheels transit service; student transit pass program and other projects to increase access to transit; and modernization of BART stations and system maintenance and expansion.

Reauthorization of Measure B1 is being asked at this time because all of the major projects approved by the voters and funded in the 2000 Measure B are either underway or complete, 10 years ahead of schedule. Funding continues for operations and maintenance money to various cities, the county, and transit providers for road and transit maintenance and operation.

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) chose to propose the tax in perpetuity because it sees a local tax as the only reliable source of funding to provide necessary transportation infrastructure into the future.

Proponents have emphasized the need to maintain roads and transit system, improve traffic flow, ensure affordable and available public transit, and make it safer and easier to cycle and walk throughout the county. They say that passage of Measure B1 would help the county qualify for matching state and federal transportation grants. The transportation projects will help the economy by creating thousands of much-needed

local jobs.

The opponents say that the measure increases taxes on all income levels, since it is a sales tax, hurting lower income people disproportionately. They argue that ACTC would use its taxing authority and resources to fund inefficient, expensive and underutilized public transportation systems at the expense of automobile drivers. They also say that the measure will increase the cost of driving, forcing more people onto public transportation.

Some opponents, while supporting the projects, do not like the fact that the tax does not sunset.

There will be an independent Watchdog Committee, which will review and oversee all expenditures of the tax proceeds and report directly to the public. The annual report will include information on spending and progress made on implementation. Annual independent audits of expenditures is required.

Since inception, Measure B funds have helped fund the following major Eastern Alameda County projects: I-580/Isabel Avenue Interchange; new alignment for State Route 84 (SR-84) (now Isabel Avenue) including extension of SR-84 from Stanley Boulevard to Jack London Boulevard, widening of SR-84 from I-580 to Vallecitos Road, and improvements through Pigeon Pass; BART extension to Dublin/Pleasanton; I-580/I-680 Interchange flyover; I-580 eastbound auxiliary lane from Santa Rita Road to Isabel Avenue/SR-84; and local streets and roads, mass transit, bicycle and pedestrian and paratransit improvements.

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## 'How Protons May Save Your Life' Next Topic in Seminar Series

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientists George Caporaso and Steven Hawkins will be the speakers at the second evening of this year's Annual Science and Engineering Seminar Series at Las Positas College.

The presentation is at 6 p.m. on Thurs., Nov. 8.

This year's series is the third joint effort of Las Positas College and Lawrence Livermore Labs to explore the overall issue of "Theory to Practice: How Science Gets Done." Dr. Caporaso and Mr. Hawkins will discuss the topic "A Com-

pact Accelerator for Cancer Therapy: How Protons May Save Your Life." They will briefly describe the technologies and concepts of proton accelerator treatment for cancer. They will then describe their work to develop a reduced-size clinical accelerator.

The promise of this research is that a relatively small machine could become available for even small clinics that could not previously afford proton accelerator equipment because it was very large and very expensive. A major goal of the

evening's talk is to illustrate the intersection of many fields - chemistry, physics, engineering and medicine - working in teams to solve big problems in science.

Caporaso is a multi-degreed Physics graduate of M.I.T., who has worked at LLNL since 1977. Hawkins has worked as a Senior Engineering Associate at the Lab since 1980. His is a homecoming of sorts since he began his engineering studies at Las Positas College.

The evening with Dr. Caporaso and Mr. Hawkins

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 Thursday, November 8. There is no charge for admittance. However, 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](mailto:nho@laspositascollege.edu).

Two additional events in this year's seminar series will be announced shortly and will also be open to the community. Each evening function will present a unique view of how science and engineering theory evolve into practice.

Commenting on the success of the first three years

of the program, Professor Ho noted: "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."

## VALLEY ROUNDUP

### Weekend Voting

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters will be open Saturday, November 3rd and Sunday, November 4th to allow for early voting for the November 6, 2012 General Election. Alameda County voters can go to the Registrar of Voters office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday or Sunday.

The office is currently open for voting Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Registrar's office will be open on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6th from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Registrar of Voters office is located in the basement of the Rene C. Davidson Alameda County Courthouse at 1225 Fallon Street in Oakland. 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 Courthouse.

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

### Celebration of New Fields

A ribbon cutting will be held this Fri., Nov. 2 to celebrate the opening of the new synthetic turf fields at Robertson Park.

The fields are already in use. Last week, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District board approved acceptance of the sports fields.

The project included removal of grass and the top layer of sand sub-base, placement of permeable rock, drainage and grading, concrete work, planting of turf and trees, modification of existing irrigation, fencing and more.

The contractor was able to accommodate an accelerated schedule, which allowed the District to offer use of the new fields to the public at a much earlier date than anticipated. The first day of public use was Oct. 6. Total project funding was \$2.7 million. Livermore Fusion Soccer Club is providing \$600,000 of the funding. The dedication will take place at 4 p.m.

The Board also approved a temporary advancement of property tax revenue funds from Alameda County - an annual routine request since 2010. The advancement is necessary because of the timing of receiving property tax funding versus LARPD's cash flow for capital and operating expenses. The temporary advancement of \$2 million, plus interest, will be repaid by proceeds of District property taxes before June 30 of the current fiscal year.

### City of Dublin Has Openings

The City of Dublin is seeking applications for Planning Commission, Parks & Community Services Commission, Heritage & Cultural Arts Commission, and Senior Advisory Committee as a result of term expirations. Applications must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office by Monday, December 3.

The Mayor recommends all appointments, subject to confirmation by the City Council. Appointments are for 4-year terms: It is anticipated that appointments will be made in December, with terms beginning in January 2013 through December 2016.

Dublin residents interested in serving on one of the above boards must complete an application. Applications may be downloaded and/or submitted online at the City's website ([www.dublin.ca.gov](http://www.dublin.ca.gov)) or obtained at the Dublin Library, the Dublin Senior Center, Civic Center. For more information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (925) 833-6650.

### Bicycle Thefts on the Rise

Since September of this year, vehicle thefts in the City of Livermore have risen substantially. The vehicles targeted remain consistent and between two types. The top vehicles stolen are older model Honda Accords and Civics. The second are white Ford work trucks and vans.

The Livermore Police Department has learned the increases in vehicle thefts is not limited to Livermore and have been occurring county-wide. The reasons for these vehicles being targeted are unclear. The vehicles are being recovered in various locations throughout the Bay Area. No suspect or additional information is available at this time.

The Livermore Police Department is asking the community to be vigilant in their neighborhoods. Be cognizant of vehicles and persons who are out of place and / or acting suspiciously in your community, especially during late night and early morning hours. Contact the Livermore Police Department if suspicious activity is seen (Non-emergency: (925) 371-4987 / Emergency: 911). Include in the call: the location, a description of the activity, a description of those involved (vehicles included), and any direction of travel.

### Correction

The Pleasanton school board voted 4-1 to endorse Proposition 30, not against endorsing it, as a story Oct. 25 erroneously said.



Supervisor Scott Haggerty and Alameda County Public Works Director Daniel Woldesenbet, along with members of LAVTA and the Alameda County Fairgrounds Association, cut the ribbon at the new ACE station bus turnout.

## New ACE Facility Improves Access

Alameda County Public Works Director Daniel Woldesenbet, and Supervisor Scott Haggerty celebrated the new ACE Station bus turnaround and turnout project during a ribbon cutting on Monday. The facility is located at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

This project includes new sidewalks, high visibility crosswalk, new street lights, drainage improvements, improved access for the disabled, improved pedestrian access to the Alameda County Fairgrounds, improved public transit circulation at

the fairgrounds entrance and resurfacing of the parking facilities.

The \$800,000 project was funded by Measure B Funds, the Highway User Tax Account, and the City of Pleasanton.

"The completion of these improvements will enhance access to one of the busiest ACE train stations in the system and offer efficient WHEELS bus service as an alternative mode of travel for the half-million visitors who enjoy events at the County Fairgrounds each year," said Haggerty. During his com-

ments, he also recognized the efforts of local disability rights advocates Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson and Herb Hastings for their persistence over the years to improve transit accessibility to the Fairgrounds.

This project was a collaborative partnership between the Alameda County Public Works Agency, Alameda County Fairgrounds Association, the Livermore Area Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), Altamont Corridor Express, and the City of Pleasanton.

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Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory  
2013 Open Enrollment  
Retiree Benefit Presentations

Date: **November 7, 2012** or **November 8, 2012**  
Place: Bankhead Theater Tracy-Grand Theater  
2400 First Street 715 Central Avenue  
Livermore Tracy

Presentation Times (for both locations)

**Doors Open at 8:00am**

8:30 am-9:30am	Non-Medicare retirees
10:00am-11:45am	Medicare-eligible retirees
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**October 24 - November 18, 2012**

Open Enrollment for non-Medicare retirees and Medicare-eligible retirees in Kaiser (AonHewitt)

# EDITORIALS

## Measures W and X: No

In 1982, Livermore voters approved an initiative that moved municipal elections from even to odd years.

On Nov. 6, Livermore voters are being asked to move the elections back to even years. Both Measure W and Measure X would accomplish that. The difference is when the change would be enacted. Measure W would begin the voting in 2014; Measure X would start in 2018.

The idea behind holding the vote in odd years was that Livermore issues and candidates would receive more attention if elections were not held at the same time as national and statewide elections.

Since that time, the cost of elections has increased, leading the Livermore City Council to ask voters if they want to move back to even years.

There would be monetary savings. However, what would be lost would be a focus on Livermore issues and candidates. The ability to put local issues in the forefront has enabled Livermore to become a model city. An urban growth boundary protects its vineyards and open space. By blocking sprawl, the city has been able to turn its focus to revitalizing the downtown, creating an area that has become the envy of nearby cities.

If elections were moved to even years, Livermore would become just another line on an increasingly lengthy ballot.

Vote no on Measures W and X.

## Uphold Measure D Again

In the past, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors has supported the provisions in Measure D.

On Monday, the County Supervisors Transportation and Planning Committee will consider proposed general plan amendments that would increase the floor area ratio allowed for development related to horse breeding and training facilities. Measure D limits covered space at an equine facility to .01 percent of the total gross parcel size. The proposed change would double that to .02 percent.

Approving the change would set a precedent by violating the provisions of Measure D without a vote of the public. The ordinance, adopted by county voters in 2000, clearly states that "substantive changes" must be approved by a vote of the people.

County counsel and staff determined that the increase in floor area ratio did not constitute a substantive change.

County and Tri-Valley citizens have repeatedly and overwhelmingly supported Measure D's provisions.

At Monday's committee meeting, the supervisors should reject staff's interpretation and retain the integrity of Measure D.

## Campaign Donations and Votes

Much has been made of the influence campaign donors have over elected officials and how they vote on issues.

While the focus of news media has been at the federal and state levels, local politicians, too, receive campaign donations from those who hope for a positive outcome on their projects.

It is not illegal to take the donations. Nor is it illegal to vote on a project a donor wants approved. In the case of Congressional candidate Eric Swalwell his votes on several issues create the impression that he is responding to the donations. These include votes in favor of projects submitted by Charter Properties, Pacific Union and Amador Valley Industries.

The best would be for politicians to decline campaign donations from special interests. Alternatively, it's time for local governments to require a councilmember to recuse him or herself from votes on projects submitted by such donors.

If Swalwell had wanted to establish the image of integrity, we think he should have done just that.

## HOV

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The express lanes are closed to other cars from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Anyone may use them at other times.

### EXCELLENCE IN MOTION

Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC), together with Caltrans, were honored with an "Excellence in Motion" award from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). The Merit Award was presented for the I-680 Sunol Grade Express Lane

Project, the first of its kind in Northern California.

Arthur L. Dao, Executive Director of Alameda CTC, accepted the award at a ceremony in Preservation Park in Oakland.

The "Excellence in Motion" awards, presented every two years by MTC, recognizes individuals, projects and organizations that have made extraordinary contributions to transportation in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area region.

# Money Rolls In for Stark, Swalwell

A new campaign contribution reporting period from Oct. 1 through Oct. 17 shows that in the race for the 15th Congressional District money continues to pour in for both candidates.

The newly drawn district stretches from Hayward and Union City east to Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore, and a section of San Ramon. The election is the first under a new state law that pits the top two finishers in the primary against each other in November regardless of party affiliation.

Dublin Councilmember Eric Swalwell collected \$70,564 in total contributions during this reporting period, according to the Federal Elections Commission (FEC). Some \$35,330 is listed in itemized individual contributions, \$7234 in unitemized donations (below the \$200 reporting requirement), and \$28,000 in committee contributions.

Congressman Pete Stark, who is running in a district comprised of part of his former 13th District, reports \$43,329 in total contributions. The major share is \$37,000 from committees. Itemized individual donations are \$4600 and unitemized contributions \$1729.

Although the summary figures for contributions have been posted on the FEC web page, individual and committee listings for them were not on-line before The Independent's deadline.

The URL to call up the search page for any candidate listed on the FEC web page is [http://www.fec.gov/finance/disclosure/candcmte\\_info.shtml](http://www.fec.gov/finance/disclosure/candcmte_info.shtml). That brings up a "candidate and committee viewer." Typing in the name of the candidate or the committee will bring up the relevant pages.

Stark also lists other receipts and offsets to operating expenses, which brings his total receipts since April 2011 to \$795,237. He had \$535,004 on hand prior to the start of the reporting period. The figure includes cashing in personal mutual fund securities worth \$108,215.

Stark reported net expenditures of \$1,085,103 for the

overall two-year reporting period that began for him in April quarter 2011. Many of Stark's donations come from health oriented businesses and political action committees. He has chaired the House Ways and Means Health Subcommittee.

Since Swalwell began records in the October quarter of 2011, he reports \$579,099 in net expenditures, and \$715,894 in net contributions.

### SWALWELL DONORS HAD BUSINESS BEFORE COUNCIL

Swalwell's FEC records filed since the October 2011 quarter show donations to him from several companies that have conducted business before the Dublin City Council since Swalwell took his seat there in 2010.

Donors associated with Amador Valley Industries (AVI), Pacific Union and Charter Properties have given thousands of dollars to Swalwell.

Four people connected to AVI as owners or employees have given Swalwell a total of \$11,750 since the beginning of his campaign collections in 2011.

The total does not include Gordon Galvan, who represented AVI at a Dublin City Council meeting June 5. He contributed a total of \$1500 in two separate donations to Swalwell in spring 2012.

Galvan specializes in governmental relations on behalf of businesses, and is based in Castro Valley. He was at the council meeting June 5 to answer any questions the council might have about granting exclusive rights to AVI for hauling away contractors' trash at building sites.

AVI already had 50 percent of that work, among a total of 10 haulers operating in the city. AVI has been the city's residential waste hauler since 2005, a job it won under competitive bidding.

There was no competitive bidding for the construction trash hauling. According to city staff, which initiated the council agenda item, they wanted to consolidate the pick-ups under one op-

erator.

There had been complaints about some other operators. The city staff felt there would be better control with only one operator to monitor, said Roger Bradley, assistant to the city manager.

The council voted 4-1 to grant a contract through 2020, which is the same year that the AVI residential collection contract expires. There will be monthly, quarterly and annual reviews of service. Kasie Hildenbrand made the motion to grant the contract to AVI. Swalwell seconded it. Councilmember Kevin Hart cast the lone "no" vote.

Hart told The Independent that he voted against the contract because his philosophy is that businesses should have a chance to compete for a contract. He said he thought it deserved more study.

Hart also told The Independent, "Ideally, I agree with the staff's desire to unify on problems (of trash collection), but I was not convinced there were enough problems with the other haulers."

### SPOKESPERSON COMMENTS ON VOTE

Swalwell's vote on the matter raises a question about why he did not disclose his donations from AVI personnel on the vote, and whether or not he thought he should refrain from voting.

Swalwell's campaign spokesperson, Lisa Tucker, responded to an e-mail from The Independent. "Eric is a prosecutor and followed every ethics and disclosure law before taking the vote. Eric is proud that his support comes from individuals," said Tucker.

"As the minutes show, this agenda item was initiated by Dublin city staff, not by any particular council member. And, it was a 4-1 vote," said Tucker.

Dublin staff spokesperson Linda Smith said that state law has no requirement for councilmembers to disclose campaign contributions from firms or individuals doing business with the city.

Berkeley and Oakland have established their own

ordinances that require disclosure, said Smith.

### NO SPECIFIC COMMENT ON TWO OTHER FIRMS

Tucker offered no reply about two other businesses operating in Dublin and donating to Swalwell's campaign. One is Charter Properties, which has been developing the Promenade area in Dublin.

Charter Properties wants to rezone land for homes where a promised upscale retail center was approved. The proposal drew a chamber full of opponents from nearby homeowners when it came before the city council. The council voted to move forward with a study for the change.

Swalwell received \$5000 each in contributions from James Tong of Charter Properties, Jennifer Tong, and Michael Tong of Landmark Exchange Management. A question sent to Tucker for Swalwell asked about whether he would recuse himself of any vote on Charter Properties, if that came before him, assuming he would continue on the city council. There was no specific reply. The implication was that Tucker's statement about disclosures and the law applies to all zoning items before the council.

The other donor is Pacific Union, which would like to annex to Dublin and build 1900 senior units in Doolan Canyon. Bruce Myers of Pacific Union made a contribution of \$500 on Aug. 28, and another \$500 donation on Sept. 10.

Swalwell voted against the original request for the annexation of the Doolan Canyon property, but later voted to back an environmental study. He maintained that his vote earlier this year did not mean that he would approve eventual development in the canyon, but only a study of the resources on the property, and a look at what would be the consequences of development. To date, nothing has happened; there is no work on the EIR, he said during an earlier interview.

## MAILBOX

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### Hefty Ballot Mary McMahon Livermore

Maybe it's much too early in the game but here comes the jackpot question just the same. How are you voting on November 6? There is by mail, online or at your neighborhood polling place. If you choose the latter be aware that there are sixteen measures up for the vote. You might want to bring a lunch.

### "No" on A1 Laura Baker East Bay Chapter of the California Native Plant Society

The East Bay Chapter of the California Native Plant Society is a member of the organized opposition to the Oakland Zoo's county-wide parcel tax measure, Measure A1. We are one of the signers to the argument against the measure that appears in the voter pamphlet. This measure is not what the zoo is claiming it is—all about humane animal care. It's about getting Alameda county taxpayers to foot the bill for the big ridgeline expansion and 34,000 sq. foot visitor center, restaurant, and office complex that zoo management insists they will be building on unspoiled Knowland Park, Oakland's largest park and an area of amazing plant and wildlife diversity. There is another side to this measure besides the cute animals that the zoo displays to divert attention away from the real issues.

The project was approved by Oakland with no clear source of funding, despite numerous requests from the public for more information at City Council meetings. Clearly, the zoo executives were counting on friends on the county Board of Supervisors to put this on the ballot, and now they want to deny that they want to use the money to pay for the expansion, despite the fact that the measure clearly uses the word "construction" and "expansion" and is so broadly written that they can use it for virtually anything.

Voters who take the trouble to peer behind the deceptive title of the measure will discover that the proposed ordinance would turn the private non-profit zoo board (East Bay Zoological Society) into a taxing authority with none of the open government provisions that guarantee transparency to the public in how their money is used. The EBZS has a privately selected board, and it does not have to abide by the California Public Records Act or the Brown Act which regulates access to public meetings. Zoo management claims that the hand-picked citizens oversight committee that would be appointed would provide adequate accountability, but the committee would simply be asked to confirm that the zoo is spending the funds according to the expenditure plan which gives carte blanche to management to spend the money any way it wants.

Given that the proposed expansion is currently estimated to cost \$72 million and the zoo has been either unwilling or unable to show that it has the money to develop it, it's clear that money from Measure A1 will be used to fund the sprawling project that would pave over 56 acres of prime native plant and wildlife habitat. The cruel irony is that the themepark exhibit is aimed at teaching children how

California lost its native species like the wolf, grizzly bear, and mountain lion from habitat destruction, yet mountain lions today make use of Knowland Park which forms an important part of a wildlife corridor. The project would destroy two rare plant communities that are priceless remnants of our natural heritage that should be preserved intact.

The zoo already receives millions of dollars in annual public subsidies, and they showed a profit of over half a million dollars last year. If they can't afford to care for the animals that they have, as they claim, then why are they planning to double their size and operating expenses with the bloated expansion project? Clearly, something doesn't add up and the public is entitled to know. For more information visit our website at [www.saveknowland.org](http://www.saveknowland.org).

Vote No on A1!

### Turner's Benefits Maurice Duenas Livermore

Your article last week "Livermore to consider reducing benefits to mayor, council" clearly demonstrated how out of touch with reality councilmember Lauren Turner is. When Turner was on the LARPD board of directors (a part time position), her medical benefits package was not only four times her salary, but she also collected more benefits than the rest of the board combined. Full time benefits for part time work seemed to be her motto.

Now that Turner is on the city council, her medical compensation (Jan-August 2012) is over \$13,400 - which is twice her actual pay. By comparison, councilman Horner and mayor Marchand have zero medical compensation and councilmembers Gary and Woerner approx \$1,000 each so far this year. Look to this URL for the entire list of pay and benefits of our city council: <http://img224.imagevenue.com/>

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While Turner claimed that her job on the council was a full time job, the other members clearly indicated that it was at most a part time job, with Horner stating he never took advantage of the medical benefits, and he would not feel comfortable doing so, as the benefits were too large for a part time job.

Councilmember Gary said that all city paid benefits should be stopped. He added that for 42 years he has heard that people only run for office for the benefits, and that was the wrong reason to sit up here and make decisions.

However, Lauren Turner objected, stating that "I am not in a position to serve without the benefits."

Recently, the regional newspapers published information about some of the outrageous and outlandish benefits our part time elected officials receive "Officials rake in big time perks for part time work" at our expense..

The 4/26/11 issue of the Tri Valley Herald stated: "Members of local school boards, city councils, park districts, transit agencies and water and sewer districts need to decide whether they sought office to serve their communities or to drink at the public trough. These are supposed to be part-time positions, setting policy and overseeing the well-paid, professional managers of local government agencies. They are not supposed to be a primary means of support. That's why a token compensation, say a couple hundred dollars a month, might be appropriate to offset the actual expenses of a part-time elected official."

Lauren Turner appears to be the only one on the city council to "drink from the public trough." Part time elected officials and part time employees have no (More MAILBOX, page 8)

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# TRANSPLANT

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ness is a side effect of the disease). Fatigue is another side effect, so he doesn't drink caffeine or alcohol.

In 2011, he started to experience drastic changes in his health as the long term cell damage took its toll on his liver. "I have cirrhosis of the liver. I'm starting to experience the symptoms of end stage liver disease," he says.

Last February, he was accepted into the UCSF living donor transplant program. "It was an emotional decision," he says. "Part of me questions if I am sick enough to put someone else's health at risk, but my condition can take a turn for the worst at any moment. I'm a ticking time bomb."

In living donor liver transplantation, a piece of liver is removed from a living donor and transplanted into a recipient. The procedure, performed after the diseased liver has been removed, is possible because the liver regenerates or grows. Both the donor's and recipient's livers will be almost regenerated within eight weeks.

Living donor transplants have many advantages. There are not enough cadaver livers available for all of the people who need liver transplants. According to the UCSF Medical Center, there are about 17,000 patients on the waiting list for a liver transplant, but only enough donated livers to perform 5,000 transplants per year. This means about 1,700 people die each year while waiting for a liver transplant. Neil isn't eligible yet for a cadaver liver transplant — even as he enters end stage liver disease, his health is



Pictured are Rae Ann, Aksel, Otto, and Neil Reichmuth.

still too good.

The chances for transplant success are also higher with a living donor because patients can better prepare for transplant surgery. The donated portion of the liver is in better condition than a cadaver liver. UCSF has performed over 150 living donor transplants with a 100% survival rate.

The process of screening potential donors is very intricate and precise; the odds for someone being a match are about 40%. Including his sister, Neil has had five potential donors screened. The process is very slow, as there is extensive testing. Only one person can be screened at a time. Neil's brother-in-law is scheduled to be screened later this month. Two friends and another family member are ready to be screened if necessary.

"I've been amazed and humbled at the generosity of people after they learn about my situation," says Neil. "People are willing to do this because they feel it is the right thing."

Before the August surgery date, Neil began keeping a video blog so that he could share his transplant experience with other PSC patients. After the surgery fell through, he set up a Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/FindALivingDonorLiverForNeilReichmuth](http://www.facebook.com/FindALivingDonorLiverForNeilReichmuth)) to share the videos and keep friends and family up-to-date on his situation. "The show of support on the Facebook page has been really encouraging and energizing," he says.

Through the Facebook page, a number of people have offered to be screened as potential donors after

reading Neil's story on Facebook. One of the three potential donors waiting to be screened is a classmate of Neil's from Granada.

"It's humbling to know the number of people out there who would be willing to try to be a donor for Neil," says Rae Ann. "It makes you feel good about the world." To be considered as a donor, one must be in good health, have blood type O, and be between the ages of 18 and 55.

Being a living liver donor carries a degree of risk. Dr. John Roberts, an expert in liver transplant surgery, explained the risks in an interview on the UCSF website ([www.ucsfhealth.org](http://www.ucsfhealth.org)). The risk of death, he said, is about one in 500. The risk of death in donating a kidney is about one in 3,000.

Living donors are also exposed to the risk of complications associated with any surgery and pain related to the incision. Roberts said that three-quarters of donors felt back to 100% normal within three months; the one-quarter took six months to feel that they had fully recovered.

Neil and Rae Ann are hopeful that Neil will find a suitable donor soon. "We have to keep holding on," says Rae Ann. "It sure would

be nice to have this as a Christmas present."

Until that happens, Neil continues to focus on staying strong and positive. "We all have some sort of adversity in our life," he says. "But how you deal with that adversity is what defines you.

I focus on what it's going to take to survive. I'm a fighter and I hope that inspires people to be happy with every moment they have."

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

# PARAGON

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an estimated \$2 million in sales tax revenue each year.

A sunset sip and shop will be held Sat., Nov. 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. hosted by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. Tickets include tastings from 15 Livermore Valley wineries as well as a commemorative glass. Participants must be age 21 and over to taste wine. Purchase tickets at [www.LVwine.org](http://www.LVwine.org).

Participating Wineries Include: Big White House Winery and John Evan Cellars, Charles R Vine-

yards, Concannon Vineyard, Crooked Vine Winery/ Stony Ridge Winery, Eagle Ridge Vineyard, Fenestra Winery, Garré Vineyard & Winery, Little Valley Winery, Longevity Wines, Murrieta's Well, Nottingham Cellars, Rios-Lovell, Rodrigue Molyneaux, and Wente Vineyards.

Paragon Outlets Livermore Valley is located at 3507 Paragon Outlets Drive, just off the I-580 El Charro Road exit in Livermore.

Wheels will expand bus service to include stops at the center.

# Calif. League of Women Voters Recommendations on Propositions

The California League of Women Voters recommends the following positions on the State propositions on the November ballot.

**Proposition 30**, Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act is supported by the League. Proposition 30 begins to move CA toward financial stability and adequate funding for all the services we want from our government. We can't continue to cut vital public services like schools and public safety. This measure will provide some much needed income from a temporary increase in income tax rates for the wealthy and a modest temporary sales tax increase. The plan is a part of a balanced approach to eliminating our deficit that includes \$8 billion in cuts, \$6 billion in new revenues, and \$2.5 billion in loans, deferrals, etc. this year. Proposition 30 also guarantees a stable source of funding for counties to pay for their new public safety responsibilities such as housing low-level prisoners and providing substance abuse treatment.

**Proposition 34** SAFE California Act is supported by the League. The SAFE California Act will replace the death penalty in CA with a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole. Convicted killers will stay in prison for the rest of their lives, eliminating the possibility of executing an innocent person in CA. This will save over \$100 million every year because the court and incarceration costs are so much higher for prisoners at risk for a death penalty. \$100 million of these savings will be allocated over the next four years to pay for increased investigation of unsolved rape and murder cases. Convicted killers will be required to work and pay restitution into a victims' compensation fund.

**Proposition 40** Referendum Redistricting is strongly supported by the League. This is a referendum on the state Senate maps drawn by the independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. The question on a referendum is not intuitive. It asks if you want to retain the new law, or in this case, the maps drawn by the Citizens Redistricting Commission. Vote YES to affirm the maps drawn by the Citizens Redistricting Commission, YES—in support of the Commission, YES—to validate the open, transpar-

ent process, YES—to retain fair districts.

The League recommends a "no" vote on **Proposition 31** Government Performance and Accountability Act. Proposition 31 is based on good intentions and has some pieces that, taken alone, the League could support. However, Prop 31 has several significant flaws. There are questions about whether or not the provisions allow local governments to suspend state environmental requirements. What is clear is that there will be significant legal uncertainty, and years of litigation. In addition, the measure prescribes the specific manner of state and local government budgeting and puts this process into the state constitution. Prop 31 has other questionable provisions, such as establishing a significant shift of power over appropriations to the governor at times of fiscal emergency.

The League recommends a "no" vote on **Proposition 32** Special Exemptions Act. This measure is not the campaign finance reform measure its proponents say it is. Proposition 32 promises "political reform" but is really designed by special interests to help themselves and harm their opponents. It looks like a campaign finance reform measure but unfairly targets one set of large campaign donors while giving other donors unlimited power. Its ban on payroll deductions for political giving will affect unions but not corporations, and even the restriction it places on contributions to candidates by corporations is full of loophole exemptions. It does not fix the problem of money in politics. Super PACs and independent expenditure committees will continue to spend without limitation.

The League occasionally takes a neutral position on ballot measures that deal with issues it has studied, either because there are conflicting League positions or because there are aspects to a measure which in the League's judgment make its support or opposition inappropriate. On the November ballot the League is neutral on **Propositions 38 and 39**.

While the League sees some merit in Propositions 38 and 39, it has taken a neutral position on them because of their earmarking

of revenues.

The League supports **Proposition 30** as the best way to provide some relief from the endless cutting of vital government services.

**Proposition 38** Tax for Education and Early Childhood Programs. The League is neutral on Our Children, Our Future. It provides significant funding for education and early childhood programs. In addition, for the first four years, this measure provides money to help the other underfunded government services. However, in the longer term, it earmarks essentially all the new money for education and early childhood programs. These programs definitely deserve to be adequately funded, but so do all of the government programs we support, from mental health programs to the court system to childcare.

**Proposition 39** Tax Treatment for Multistate Businesses. The League is neutral on this measure. It will close a tax loophole for multistate businesses, generating revenues of about \$1 billion per year—a good thing. However, it earmarks about half of the new revenue for the first five years, so that portion can only be used for energy efficiency and alternative energy projects. The League believes that new revenue for the state should be available for all of the programs funded by state revenue—schools, law enforcement, health care, jobs programs and the judiciary system.

Finally, the League has not studied the issues in the following measures and so has no recommendation on Proposition 33 (Auto Insurance Rates), Proposition 35 (Human Trafficking), Proposition 36 (Three Strikes Reform), and Proposition 37 (Genetically Engineered Food).

To study the propositions in depth, go to [www.CAVotes.org](http://www.CAVotes.org) and print out, or read online, the Pros and Cons for the propositions.

The League of Women Voters of California Education Fund also provides unbiased election, issue and candidate information to the public through its Smart Voter project which is free to voters and free to candidates. For in-depth election information, check out your own ballot by going to [www.smartvoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org).

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# SPORTS NOTES



Pleasanton U9 Rage White team finished first in the 14th Annual Halloween Kick or Treat Classic held October 27 & 28th in Concord. They went undefeated in the tournament. Pictured are (from left to right top row) Ashely Heck, Sierra O'Donnell, Sadie Brown, Evette Allari, Leah Allari, Kayli Shimanuki, Kenna Asmussen; (bottom row) Tasha Laberge-Shusterman, Kianna Tahmassebi, Kayla Robertson, and Paige Morgan; coached by Nick Mangiardi.



The Livermore Lynx (Fusion SC U11 girls copper select) transformed into a zombie football team for the Mission Valley United Kick or Treat tournament. Using their zombie power, the Lynx finished fourth place in the tournament and allowed only three goals thanks to great goalkeeping by Jenna Swartz and Katie Muzzall. Kayla Hebebrand led the offense with five goals; Madeline Koning, Hailey Lopez, and Katrina Makarewicz also contributed goals. Pictured are (rom left to right, back row) coach Rich Garcia, Kayla Hebebrand, Carlie Spruiell, Katie Muzzall, Hailey Lopez, Sarah Davison, Katrina Makarewicz, Mike Lopez; (front row) Sami Schley, Jenna Swartz, Ariana Racanelli, Kaleigh Garcia, Abbie O'Dwyer, and Madeline Koning.



Livermore Fusion Tigers (U10 Select Girls) participated in the Santa Cruz Breakers Halloween Cup this past weekend. The Tigers finished the weekend in group play with a record of 1 win and 2 losses. On Saturday morning the Tigers were defeated by the Evolution FC Nighthawks 2-0. The game was played to a draw in the first half, but late in the second the Tigers gave up the winning goals. Saturday afternoon the Tigers bounced back defeating the Mountain View/Los Altos White Lightning 3-1. The Tiger goals were scored by Nina Fillari (2) and Alei Tuia (1). The assists were provided by Caitlyn Foster and Hannah Goodman. On Sunday needing a victory to progress in the tournament, the Tigers were defeated by Mustang Galaxy 5-1. The Tigers lone goal was scored by Nina Fillari and assisted by Peyton Dinwiddie.

## Pleasanton Rage

The Pleasanton U12 Rage Orange capped a weekend of soccer by taking 2nd place in the Placer United Cup in Roseville, CA. The Rage Orange started the weekend with a come from behind 2-1 win over the CCSA Black team. In the first half, the Rage Orange's best chance came when Karin McCarty's left foot shot beat the CCSA Black goalie but the shot just missed wide. The teams went into halftime tied 0-0. Midway through the second half the Rage Orange found themselves behind when CCSA scored. The game turned in the last five minutes. Isabella Huyler drove down the right side and drilled a shot to the left of the goalie to tie up the game. Then with only seconds remaining in the game, Sarah Mirr's corner kick found Delaney Soble who got to the ball before the CCSA goalie could get her hands on it and scored with her right foot to put Rage up 2-1 for the win.

In their second game of the day, the Rage Orange faced the tough North Bay Elite Arsenal Blue. After another scoreless first half, the Rage Orange played their best half of the weekend. Ten minutes into the second half Abby Fried shot the ball over the Arsenal Blue's goalie to give the Rage a 1-0 lead. Five minutes later, Maggie McPeak took Delaney Soble's corner kick and crossed it to Abby Fried who knocked it past the Arsenal Blue goalie to give the Rage Orange a 2-0 lead. The Rage Orange defense clamped down on the Arsenal Blue. Defenders Holly Judson, Leila Shafi, Kiera Hegarty, Casey Cring, Addyson Mapes, Isabella Adamos and Eknoor Kaur didn't allow the Arsenal Blue to mount a serious threat.

Sunday's play opened with semifinal action. The Rage Orange

took on the ACC Mavericks Storm. After another scoreless first half, the Rage Orange completely dominated the entire second half. Forwards Lilly Fehrmann and Yasmine Springer had close chances but just couldn't score. Finally, with four minutes left in the game, Natalia Margarit sent the ball up to Abby Fried who just nudged it past the Arsenal Blue goalie for her third goal of the weekend. The Rage Orange held on for the 1-0 victory which put them into the finals. In the finals, the Rage Orange met their match against Bay Oaks. After another scoreless first half, goalie Haley Roundtree kept the Rage Orange in the game by making save after save. She went up high to stop one shot and went low to stop another. Finally, the Rage Orange defense yielded a goal with eight minutes to go. After a furious charge to even the score, the Rage Orange came up short and fell to Bay Oaks 1-0.

Pleasanton U9 Orange team played in the championship game in the Kick-or-Treat Tournament on Sunday, defeating Burlingame Dynamite 2 to 0. This was a defensive battle and Maggie Nostrand, Isabella Guerrero, Caitlin Currie, and Ashley Belshe helped to keep the other team from scoring many times. Sophia Minnite scored the first goal in the first half to make it 1-0. Maggie Nostrand played goalie in the first half and did an excellent job with many saves. Avery Clark, Olivia Soble, Leila Lyons, and Olivia Martin played well offensively throughout the game. The last goal was scored off an assist from Sophia Minnite to Maddie Benson. The team also won the costume contest held on Saturday.

Pleasanton U9 Orange team had a great game against Diablo FC. This was a very physical game and the girls fought hard to keep their lead once they got it. The final score was 5-1, putting the U9 Orange team into the



Pictured are Livermore Fusion U7 Rock Stars team members: Audrey Belmessieri, Katy Canaan, Isabella Draghi, Olivia Draghi, Kiara Franklin, Kara Gee, Terra Kubiak, Ariana Reyes, and Marina Rivera.



Pictured are members of the Pleasanton U12 Rage Orange, which took 2nd place at the Placer United Cup last weekend.



Pictured are Pleasanton Ballistic United Premier 99 under 14 team members (left to right, first row) Youki Chiba, Chris Machi, Jason Campbell, Blake Staniford, Ryan Murray, Nico Lemoine, Bryce Taylor, Mysam Sayfurnaham; (second row) Coach Ed Lecco, Jimmy Thompson, Jacob Dremalas, Jared Wilson, Sam Christensen, Kyle McClanahan, Garrett Howell, Daniel Ferguson, Blake Tucker, Imran Matin, and Adolfo Trujillo. The team won the Heritage Harvest Cup.

Championship game of the Kick-or-Treat Tournament.

The second game for U9 Orange of the Kick-or-Treat Tournament was dominated by Rage Orange. Olivia Martin passed the ball to Avery Clark who scored the first goal of the game. Then Avery Clark made another great goal. Ashley Belshe was dominant as goalie and had a good save. Olivia Soble made a great cross pass to Maddie Benson who scored easily. Caitlin Currie had another great cross pass to Maddie Benson who scored again. Sophia Minnite took it down the field to set up a goal by Maddie Benson. Then Maddie Benson followed up quickly with 1 more goal at the end of the half. The second half opened with a perfect shot made by Olivia Martin to score. Then Caitlin Currie took the ball down the field to make a goal. Great defensive plays and passes were completed by Isabella Guerrero, Hayden Jolley, and Maggie Nostrand. Avery Clarke finished the game with another goal to help U9 Orange win 9-0.

The U9 Orange team dominated in their first game of the tournament Saturday. The game opened with 3 goals from Sophia Minnite. Ashley Belshe had a great kick that scored the next goal. Great defensive and passing plays were made by Isabella Guerrero, Hayden Jolley, Caitlin Currie, and Maggie Nostrand. Olivia Martin scored a strong goal to finish the half 5-0. The second half opened with a great header by Leila Lyons and great passing by Lyons, Maddie Benson, and Avery Clark. Then Sophia Minnite scored another goal for a 6-0 lead. Olivia Soble played great at goalie and had two great saves to keep the score at 0. At the end of the game, Caitlin Currie scored and the U9 Orange team finished strong with a 7-0 win.

Pleasanton Rage Division 4:  
U-9: Puffin 0, Puppies 4: The Puppies put on an exceptional show of strength on the shoulders of players newer to the highlight reel. Payton Limkakang made one score and an assist while also making saves in the goal. Kadie Abercrombie had two scores. Top Offensive Players: Kadie Abercrombie, Sam Richert, Mariah Gragg - Puppies; Top Defensive Players: Taylor Woodruff, Kim Ebbers, Payton Limkakang - Puppies

U-12: Blasters 2, Bobcats 3; Orange Crush 2, Xtreme Tigers 1: It was a tough match between the Blasters and Bobcats with many playing through the pain. The Blasters led early on a penalty kick by Lucia Castaneda and a score by Kaitlin Schmitz. The Blast-

ers maintained the lead well into the second half on the strength of Jocelyn Mitchell's strong play. Top Offensive Players: Kaitlin Schmitz, Robin Hong - Blasters; Elisabeth Balicanta, Megan Gee, Emilie Clark - Orange Crush Top Defensive Players: Isabel Mayfield, Harsha Mudaliar, Jocelyn Mitchell - Blasters; Allison DeFazio, Emma Tsztoo, Mollie McKay - Orange Crush

## Livermore Fusion

Fusion U14 Rec: Fireballs 8, Revolution 1: Both teams showed great team work and good sportsmanship. Leading the Fireball offense were Nick Brown, Spencer Kramm and Danny Torres. Notable on defense were Charlie Ridings, Nikhil Kumar and Hayden Brackett. Leading the Revolution on offense were Jack Fogerson and Jorge Saldana; defensive standouts were Jared Hubert and Stephen Billowitch.

Fusion U10B: Strikers 4, Thunder 3: This was a fast, fun game played on the new turf field at night. Both teams played well, with good passing and many close shots on the goals. Leading the Striker offense were Erick Jaramillo, Jesse Haight and Carter Purl. Notable for defense were Nico Lamanna, Vidal Ebrado, Joshua Kim and Luke Ellsworth. Leading the Thunder offense were Kengo Suzuki and Drew Costello, with Rahal Brar heading up the Thunder defense.

U9 Fusion Blast: Livermore Fusion BW team defeated Mission Valley United 10 to 0. Goals were scored by Eduardo Angeles and Nadeem Yassin. The game reflected the team's improving skills. Offensive standouts were Kieran Campbell, Eduardo Angeles and Nadeem Yassin; defensive standards were Dale Spence, Andrew McAlinden and Gavin Rose.

U8 Boys Rec: Shrieking Scorpions vs. Venom: The Shrieking Scorpions and Venom played a close and exciting game. For the Venom, Peyton Bruan and Nicolas Grigoropoulos played well on offense. Joshua Rabom and Jake Walton dominated on defense. For the Shrieking Scorpions, Henry Gleason played aggressive defense. Sawyer Bartlett had awesome coverage of the entire field. Thomas Schnapp took many shots on offense and scored a goal.

U7 Girls: Soccer Princesses vs. Rock Stars: Rock Stars players Kiara Franklin, Audrey Belmessieri, Terra Kubiak, and Katy Canaan scored goals during this intense game. Soccer Princesses players Sierra, Elizabeth, and



The Pleasanton Phantom 14B fall travel softball team won 1st Place in the Pink Power Tournament held October 20-21, 2012 in Martinez. Team members pictured are (back row) Mark Sanchez, Lauren HoTseung, Dave Bianco, Michelle Wood, Emily Crimi, Arabelle Franco, Kristen HoTseung; (middle row) Alex Sanchez, Emily Trinidad, Lauren Jepson, Nicole Riordan, Taylor Congdon; and (front row) Madie Bianco and Kelsey Congdon.



Pictured is West Coast Wicked player Adi Ruiz taking shot on goal against Pleasanton Rage, looking to place the ball over the keeper's head.



West Coast Karma U16 Girls reclaimed first place in NorCal League Play with a victory over undefeated Folsom Arsenal. Strong defensive and midfield play kept the Arsenal scoreless. Midway through the second half, Breanna Maitia-Mcilhargie passed the ball to an open Daesha Brown. She buried the ball in the right corner of the goal. Karma continued strong ball pressure to insure a 1-0 victory. Pictured is Eliana Mendoza fighting off a Folsom Arsenal midfielder for the ball.

## Pleasanton Ballistic

Pleasanton Ballistic United Premier 99 under 14 soccer team went undefeated over the weekend to win the Heritage Harvest Cup.

Ballistic tied Heritage Rovers 1-1 and then defeated Diablo Blue and Santa Clara Sporting Black by 2-1 scores to earn a spot in the finals against Los Gatos Pumas. Ballistic had lost to the Pumas at the Stockton Champions Cup semifinals in a September match that was decided by penalty kicks following a tie in regulation. In Sunday's Heritage Harvest Cup final Ballistic was down 1-0 at the half setting up a thrilling finish. Pleasanton scored 3 goals in quick succession midway through the 2nd half taking control of the match. Pumas cut the lead to 3-2 but Ballistic clamped down the final 8 minutes of the game to secure the cup.

Top Offensive Players: Youki Chiba, Sam Christensen, Blake Tucker, Adolfo Trujillo; Top Defensive Players: Jimmy Thompson, Imran Matin, Blake Staniford

West Coast Soccer  
The West Coast Wicked (U15 Girls) met the Pleasanton Rage this

Savannah scored goals. There were great defensive moves by Rock Stars players Olivia Draghi, Marina Rivera and Ariana Reyes. Great offensive moves by Soccer Princesses players Annie and Savannah. U6 Boys: Ninjas vs Earthquakes: The Ninjas played an aggressive game on Saturday. Eli Wigginton lead the offensive, while Tyler Franchi and Drayden Curtis made several outstanding defensive plays.

West Coast changed the momentum in their favor in the second half. Kalyn Ganz led the midfield with Nadia Ranganagan, Kate Chase and Jordan Volponi to take control and initiate the offensive attacks. The Wicked offense outshot the Pleasanton squad 12 to 5 in the second half but had trouble finding the back of the net. Ultimately Shasta Grant put away both of the Wicked's goals, one with an assist from Claire Soule. Soule played an outstanding game beginning the game on the defensive line preventing multiple attacks, moving up to midfield, then on to the forward line where she had several shots on goal. The last few seconds of the game Rage took a corner kick, providing an opportunity to tie the game. Keeper Jessie punched out an initial shot on goal only to have a returning shot, the ball ping ponged about in front of the Wicked goal several times until the Wicked put a decent foot on the ball cleared it from the area as the whistle blew to end the game.

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# SPORTS NOTES

## Livermore Jr. Football

Livermore Junior Football League weekend highlights:

**Junior Division:** Vikings 25, 49ers 6: The 49ers got off to a great start as they recovered a fumble by the Vikings on the opening kickoff. The 49ers marched right down the field behind some excellent blocking by Matthew Anderson and the entire offensive line. They finished off the scoring drive with a one yard touchdown run by Shane Waechter that gave the Niners a 6-0 lead. The 49er defense played well in the first quarter also, led by some great tackles from Alec Phillips, Michael Pelkey, and Jacob Sallhoff. The Vikings got on the scoreboard early in the second quarter with a twelve yard touchdown run. They converted the extra point to gain a 7-6 lead. The Vikings struck again near the end of the second quarter for a touchdown that gave them a 13-6 advantage. They were unable to convert the extra point after a quarterback sack by Todd Beatty. The third quarter did not result in any scoring. The 49ers did move the football deep into Viking territory, but the Viking defense held strong and did not allow the Niners into the endzone. The Vikings gained some separation in the game with a touchdown run in the fourth quarter that gave them a 19-6 lead. The final Viking score came late in the fourth quarter and made the final score 25-6. The 49er defense was led throughout the day with some strong tackles by Joseph Fields, Jacob Hager, Cameron Adriaens, and Sam Carbonaro.

**Texans 21, Raiders 0:** With the Texans' defeat of the Raiders, they will play the Vikings for the Junior Division championship. The Raiders and 49ers will play for third place.

**Intermediate Division:** Broncos 20, Colts 0: In the eighth week of the season the Broncos earned a chance to play in the championship game. The Colts came out playing tough Adjustments were made in a hurry, as the Colts threatened to score early. The Colts recovered an onside kick and moved the ball downfield. The Broncos veterans stepped up when John Bennett and Braden Jackson team up for a fumble recovery on their own 20. There were two other key turn overs: Cameron McGee with an interception and Jackson paired with Chase Dunn for another key fumble recovery. Jay Chok had an outstanding performance at defensive end while Anthony Wiley supported the middle. Continuing with defense, pass coverage was tight and had a huge impact on the outcome of the game.

Finding that the Colts defense had a plan too, the Bronco offense knew they needed to adjust. Taking charge at center, Josh King and the line (Elias Gonzalez, Michael Norton, Colby Ritchie and Colton Berlino) created the holes and provided protection. Xavier Pelican crafted a brilliant running game. Up by eight, Colton Downs set up the first score of the second half with an awesome 40 yard sweep. Troy Wentworth added insurance with his 96 yard run to the end zone. Dylan Mesarchik had a great day in the mix and provided instrumental blocks.

**Ravens 15, Bears 14**  
**Jets 12, Falcons 6:** It was another victory for the Jets in a rematch against the Falcons. Despite the fact the Jets had five players out all due to injuries, they still prevailed with a 12-6 victory. The Falcons fumbled on the first play. The Jets' Nicholas Hermann recovered to set the momentum for the first half. It was only a matter of a few minutes into the first quarter when running back David Summers ran the ball in for a 12 yard touchdown. A 2-point conversion attempt by Jets QB Justin Kundert was denied by a tackle by Adrian Ayala of the Falcons. The Falcons turned the ball over via a fumble, recovered by the Jets defense right end Joseph Murphy. The Jets capitalized on the turnover for their second touchdown of the day on a 30 yard run by Summers. By the second quarter, the Falcons pushed back strong defensively and held the Jets' offense scoreless the rest of the game.

In the second half, Falcons scored with a 20 yard pass to receiver Adrian Ayala making the final score: Jets 12, Falcons 6. Both teams played an extremely hard game with special recognitions to the following players for their outstanding performances: for the Jets, Jacob Garcia for his interception & tackles, Dreacon Baca was phenomenal with 3 sacks, Joseph "Jojo" Jonas for gain of yards on passes complete & recovering on-side kick, Matthew Waller for a sack and numerous tackles, Isaiah Smith for a sack in the back field and loss of 7 yards for the Falcons; for the Falcons side, John Hodgers for yards gained, Benny Valdez for sack, Luke Van Buren & Hunter Kronmal for outstanding performances.

The Ravens and Broncos will play for the Intermediate Division championship. The Jets and Bears will play for third place while the Colts and Falcons will play for 5th place.

**Senior Division:** Packers 28, Giants 0; Steelers 34, Saints 8: The Packers, sporting an undefeated record, will play the Steelers for the Senior Division championship. The Saints and Giants will compete for

third place.

## CYO Basketball

St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) CYO 6th Grade boys' team 622, aka Fireballs, hosted St. Joan's on Sunday for its opening basketball game. In the nail-biter, St. Joan's defeated the Fireballs by a score of 35-28. For St. Joan's, David Wong played an impressive offensive game, scoring 13 points, and Cory Ng and Yi Cheng Kang also scored in the double digits with 12 and 10 points respectively. The Fireballs put up a mighty battle, with Logan Finch scoring 12 points and Jack Molitoris scoring 10. Jack Molitoris was also a defensive standout, showing skill and tenacity on the boards.

## TOPS Gymnast

USA Gymnastics offers gymnasts an opportunity to participate in a program called TOPS, Talent Opportunity Program. This program is aimed at girls 7-10 years old, to identify gymnastic talent throughout the United States. This training plan is one of the most successful programs within USA Gymnastics. This program is celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> year.

Madison Pilger, a local gymnast from HD Gymnastics in Livermore, tested at the state level earning her a place at the National TOPS Test this past September. Madison traveled to the Olympic Training Facility for the National Test. Madison is coached by Darrell Boykins who announced to team members at HD Gymnastics that Madison has been named to the National TOPS Team for 2012. She is one of 100 gymnasts, 8-10 years old, who are invited back to participate in their TOPS Training Camps.

During June and July 2012, 1800 gymnasts tested throughout the United States to try to qualify for the National TOPS test in September. The 2012 TOPS National Testing was held at the Olympic Training Center in Huntsville, Texas on September 28-30, 2012 for approximately 280 gymnasts that qualified for National Testing. The gymnasts are tested on both basic gymnastics skills and physical abilities. Valeri Liukin directs TOPS testing. TOPS master staff includes members of our National Coaching Staff and State TOPS Managers.

The National TOPS test is a three-day event. Gymnasts' test scores will qualify them to the TOPS National teams. The teams will come back to the training center in late November, early December to participate in a National Training Camp.

Former TOPS gymnasts include many Olympic and World Champions.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Livermore Fusion SC soccer club hosted its first Ghouls and Goals Halloween Tournament on October 28th and 29. Pictured is some of the action.

Jordyn Wieber, Gabby Douglas, Aly Raisman, Alicia Sacramone, Chellsie Memmel and Carly Patterson were all members of our TOPS National Team.

## Race to the Flagpole

The Livermore-Granada Boosters will host the 3rd Annual "Race to the Flagpole" on Veterans Day weekend, Saturday, November 10, 2012. This year's event offers several new runs. In addition to the one-mile fun run there will be a 5K run/walk, 10K run and a half marathon.

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

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

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

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

## Track and Field

Athenian Athletics is now taking sign ups for the upcoming seasons. Cross country and Track and field. The age group level is 8 to 18 years of age boys and girls. For more questions about training session times, and sites, contact Coach Rik Richardson at 925-518-9356. E-mail at [atheniantrack@hotmail.com](mailto:atheniantrack@hotmail.com) or [atheniantrack@comcast.net](mailto:atheniantrack@comcast.net).

## Fundraising for Sports

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



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Pictured in action are the Livermore and Foothill High School junior varsity football squads. In varsity action, Livermore an EBAL game to the Foothill Falcons, 48-14. In other local varsity scores, Amador Valley upset Monte Vista, 24 to 21, and California High defeated Granada 56 to 35.

end with a grand prize of a set of tires from Big O Tires.

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

## Girls Softball

**PGSL Registration:** 2013 Registration is now open for all divisions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League. All girls in grades K-12 living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol are eligible to play. Two ways to register: 1) Online - visit our website at [www.pleasantonsoftball.org](http://www.pleasantonsoftball.org); 2) By check & postal mail - Download a registration form on the league website and mail to PGSL, P.O. Box 911, Pleasanton, CA 94566. For more information or questions, email Christine Tanis at [christine.t@pleasantonsoftball.org](mailto:christine.t@pleasantonsoftball.org).

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

## LNLL Registration

Livermore National Little League registration dates are the following:  
Nov. 14th at Mountain Mikes Pizza on Vasco from 6:30 to 8:00  
Dec. 12th at Mountain Mikes Pizza on 1st St from 6:30 to 8:00

## High School Football

The last football game covered by Tri-Valley Community TV this season, Livermore at Granada High School, will be taped on Friday, November 2. It is scheduled to air on TV30 the next night, Saturday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. Games will not be broadcast live. Play by play and color announcing will include TV30 sports personalities Ian Bartholomew, George "Dr. B" Baljevich, and Tim Sbranti with field reporting by TV30's Anna Kagarakis. Interviews during the game will include coaches, principals, students, Mayors and others.

For complete air dates and times, visit the Tri-Valley TV website at [www.trivalleytv.org](http://www.trivalleytv.org). In addition, the games may be viewed via Video on Demand at our website the following Monday. DVDs of the games may also be purchased by going to the website.

## Charter Prep School Plays Host to Canadian Team



Two teams square off in friendly game.

Livermore Valley Charter Prep High School hosted Canadian high school students during an international football event on Wednesday, September 12. The Canadian varsity football team, from Jasper Place High School located in Edmonton, Alberta, arrived on Wednesday for a week of experiencing Football from an uniquely California perspective. The LVCP Hawks are

in their second year of a JV football program with a combination of 9th through 11th grade students.

They will move up to varsity next year when the school has their first senior class.

As a gesture of good will and welcome, the LVCP players and families invited the Jasper Place team to attend the team's weekly dinner.

"I believe football is more than just winning and losing. It's about building young men of character and conviction. Reaching out to a team that traveled half way across a continent to play us seemed like a wonderful opportunity and experience for us" said LVCP head coach Burke Wallace.

The senior members of the Jasper Place football team spent part of their summer touring the United States. It was at that point that they reached out to LVCP, requesting a chance to play and experience American football. After the game against LVCP on Thursday, Jasper Place attended a De La Salle football game on Friday followed by the Stanford vs. USC game on Saturday and ended their visit by attending the 49ers vs. Lions game on Sunday.

"I was glad that there was mutual respect on and off the field and that friendships seemed instantly made," stated LVCP team captain, Noah Banks.

## Unlikely Shadow Cliffs Slides Will Open Next Summer

It is likely that water slides at Shadow Cliffs Park won't be open for next summer's hot weather.

Jim O'Connor, assistant general manager for operations for the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), explained that posting for bidders on a plan to refurbish the water slides, or build new ones, was sent out Oct. 12.

The deadline for submitting proposals is Dec. 20. If there were interest by bidders, the district would start negotiations with a bidder over terms.

In view of the time it takes to complete planning and acquire permits for the

operation, it's unlikely that there could be an opening in the summer, said O'Connor.

Since EBRPD won't put any money into the operation, an operator would need to see the potential for sufficient profit and a lease length that would amortize the investment. That would be subject to negotiation between the bidder and the district.

Staff estimates that although a rebuild of the facility to bring everything up to code would cost \$850,000 for construction, there would be more expense for permitting, design and engineering. The total price tag likely

would be \$1.3 million, said O'Connor.

Normally, an EBRPD facilities lease runs five years and is renewable in five-year increments, said O'Connor. However, the district is willing to be flexible in order to make the facility work.

There could be such site upgrades as a splash pad for children and a covered

picnic facility that could be rented out, if it would be a better business proposition, said O'Connor. Any new design improvements would have to be built within the existing footprint of the water slide facility.

The slides were not open this past summer. They shut down in autumn of 2011. The previous operator, who

began with them in the early 1980s, said he could refurbish them for less than \$300,000.

However, O'Connor said that the former operator's

estimate would not bring everything up to code. The refurbishing, including totally new slides, is at the realistic price estimated in the RFP, said O'Connor.

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# Report Shows No Adverse Impacts on Environment

Environmental monitoring of operations at both the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) main site, as well as Site 300, the Laboratory's experimental test site near Tracy, indicate no adverse impact to public health or the environment from Laboratory operations in 2011. The findings are listed in the Lab's Site Annual Environmental Report 2011.

Specifically, the report discusses LLNL's Environmental Management System; describes accomplishments in pollution prevention; presents the results of air, water, vegetation and food-stuff monitoring; reports radiological doses from LLNL operations; summarizes activities involving special status wildlife, plants and habitats; and describes the progress the Lab has made in remediating groundwater contamination from historical operations.

In addition, the report documents the substantial actions the Laboratory has taken to comply with federal, state and local environmental laws, including the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and National Environmental Policy Act, among others.

This report is prepared for the Department of Energy (DOE) by LLNL's Environmental Functional Area. Submittal of the report satisfies requirements under DOE Order 231.1B,

Environmental Safety and Health Reporting, and DOE Order 458.1, Radiation Protection of the Public and Environment.

The following is a summary of the Site Annual Environmental Report 2011:

- **Pollution Prevention and Sustainability** — In 2011, LLNL received numerous honors including three National Nuclear Security Administration Environmental Stewardship awards, two DOE EStar awards, California Department of Resources recognition for recycling efforts and a Federal Electronics Challenge Bronze Award for management of electronics.

- **Air monitoring** — In 2011, radioactivity released to the atmosphere was monitored at six facilities on the Livermore site and one at Site 300. Data was used to model the dose to the hypothetical sitewide maximally exposed individual. Additionally, LLNL performed ambient air monitoring at multiple locations on and off both sites for radionuclide particulate, tritium, and beryllium concentrations in air. Results of monitoring and analysis show that impacts were well below the levels that would cause concern for the environment or public health.

- **Water monitoring/groundwater remediation** — Data indicate LLNL has good control of discharges to the sanitary sewer. Discharges to the surface water

and groundwater do not have any apparent environmental impact. At both the Livermore site and at Site 300, remediation of soil and groundwater contamination resulting from past operations continued to make good progress in reducing contaminant concentrations.

- **Terrestrial radiological monitoring** — The impact of LLNL operations on surface soil in 2011 was insignificant.

- **Biota** — LLNL studies, preserves and attempts to improve the habitat of five species at Site 300 that are covered by the federal or California endangered species acts, as well as species that are rare and otherwise of special interest. The Laboratory meets the requirements of federal and state regulatory acts covering endangered or sensitive natural resources.

- **Radiological dose** — Annual radiological doses from emissions at the Livermore site and at Site 300 in 2011 were found to be well below the applicable standards for radiation protection of the public.

The complete report may be accessed on the Web <https://saer.llnl.gov/>. It also is available in hard copy and on CD in the LLNL environmental document repositories at the Laboratory's Discovery Center and Livermore and Tracy public libraries.

## MAILBOX

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business collecting medical benefits, especially "full-time" benefits like Turner is doing.

### High Cost of BART Bernard Koziowski Livermore

BART to Livermore would be great, but \$1 billion for 5 miles of track is not. Here are two alternatives. Buy 60 buses at \$500,000 each, total is \$30 million. Hire 150 drivers (to staff 2 8-hour shifts) with wages and benefits of \$200,000, total \$30 million. 60 buses could pick-up from two locations in Livermore every 2 minutes and transport to the Dublin BART station. Wages for 30 years would be \$900 million, use \$100 million to buy new buses every 10 years.

Prefer reducing emissions? A Prius is \$25,000. \$1 billion buys 40,000 Prius, enough for every household in Livermore. At 10,000 miles per year, the Prius at 50 MPG saves 200 gallons per year over a car at 25 MPG. Total saving of 8 million gallons per year. BART cites 21,000 new daily riders. Each rider saves 10 miles going to Livermore instead of Dublin, or about 7 gallon each per day, or 3.8 million gallons per year, half that saved buying everyone a Prius.

Finally, the \$1 billion equates to \$10,000 for every man, woman, and child in Livermore. That's what you will be paying, perhaps over 30 years, to bring BART to Livermore.

### Preserving Open Space Greg O'Connor Pleasanton

Karla Brown is running for Pleasanton City Council.

She is the only candidate that supported protection of our ridgelines and co-authored Measure PP to ensure that protection (the other candidates supported a competing measure to confuse voters). Today, she continues the battle to preserve our small town feel and our quality of life as the only candidate expressly committed to a slow/smart growth policy. Karla has lived in Pleasanton for 20 years, been a Pleasanton businesswoman for 10 years, and her three children all attended our public schools (now 2 college grads and 1 attending college). Karla is committed to Pleasanton and will work for you, the citizens of Pleasanton.

### Vote for Karla Brown Valerie Arkin School Board Trustee, Pleasanton Unified School District

I am supporting Karla Brown for Pleasanton City Council. Karla is a person who studies issues carefully, seeks input from others, and makes the best decisions possible. She will listen to the community and will act in the best interest of the people. Karla is smart, knowledgeable, articulate and dedicated. She is passionate about doing what is right for the citizens of Pleasanton. Please join me in voting for Karla Brown for Pleasanton City Council on November 6th.

### Brown for Council Lou Astbury Pleasanton

Pleasanton needs Karla Brown on City Council. She is the only candidate that we can count on to provide

an independent voice not influenced by special interest groups. Karla Brown will make sure future growth in Pleasanton is in keeping with the quality of life we have come to expect and in line with the infrastructure to support such growth (schools, etc.).

Pleasanton is a better city today and in the future thanks to the efforts of Karla. She was a co-author of the successful hillside protection initiative (Measure PP) that was passed by a significant majority of voters. Pleasanton is one of the last cities in the East Bay to develop such protection for the remaining undeveloped ridge tops. If not for Karla's efforts, I don't think that the underfunded, grassroots effort to allow the voters to enact Measure PP would have succeeded in defeating the well-funded efforts by special interest groups to prevent voters from being heard. Her successful efforts also helped stop PG&E from placing high power lines directly under residential neighborhoods using untested technology.

In addition, Karla is a strong business woman and will focus her energy and balanced judgment on reinvigorating our downtown area and keeping the city financially sound. She is committed to addressing our city's long term debt. Pleasanton's pension and retiree health care plans have a combined current short fall of \$176 million or about \$2,500 per citizen.

Karla Brown is an energetic and fearless worker who has been actively in-

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## SHORT NOTES

### REI Programs

REI Dublin November Events, free and open to the public, 7099 Amador Plaza Road, in Dublin. The public may contact REI Dublin's Customer Service Department for more information, (925) 828-9826.

**Starry Night: One Woman's Story of Survival in the Andes:** 7 pm-8:30 pm, Thursday, November 1. In July 2010, climber Isabel Suppé plummeted 1,100 feet to the bottom of an ice face in the Bolivian Andes. Severely injured with an exposed leg fracture, she dragged herself for two days over the glacier, fighting exhaustion, hypothermia, and hallucinations. Find out how this intrepid climber returned to solo one of the highest and most solitary peaks in the Andes, despite multiple surgeries and the medical prognosis that she would never climb again. Learn about her cycling adventures from Switzerland to Morocco, as well as her recent ride across America, which allowed her to boost awareness for organ transplantation while raising funds for a complex bone transplant needed in her right foot. For more information about Isabel's adventures and her book, "Starry Night," visit [www.isabelsuppe.com](http://www.isabelsuppe.com).

**Snowshoeing Basics:** 7 pm-8:30 pm, Thursday, November 29. Snow sports specialist Mike Durrall will lead a class on the basics of snowshoeing. He'll show how to select appropriate gear and give tips on where to go snowshoeing in the area.

### Diabetes Seminar

Today, more than 18.8 million people in the United States have diabetes and another 7 million don't know they have it. Those numbers continue to climb. Diabetes is the leading cause of stroke and heart disease, kidney failure, lower limb amputations and new cases of blindness among adults in the U.S.

The good news is that Type II diabetes and prediabetes can be prevented. ValleyCare is spreading the word with a free education seminar on November 8, 6:30 pm at the ValleyCare Medical Plaza, 5725 W. Las Positas, Conf. Room 2, in Pleasanton. Endocrinologist Mark Christiansen, MD will discuss diabetes risks, which include family history, high cholesterol and blood pressure; and more importantly how to prevent or delay the onset of diabetes. At

this seminar, free blood glucose and A1 screenings will be available and diabetes product exhibits and a vendor fair will be held from 6:30-7pm.

As a follow-up to the seminar, a free and fun filled morning is planned for Saturday, November 10 at LifeStyleRx, ValleyCare's Wellness Center, 1119 E. Stanley Blvd. in Livermore. From 9am to noon come learn how to move, cycle, flash mob, zumba and exercise diabetes away. Breathing for stress control and a cooking class, along with the fun exercise classes will provide participants with the proper tools to prevent or control diabetes.

For more information or to register for the diabetes seminar, please call the ValleyCare Diabetes Center at 925-416-6710 or visit [www.valleycare.com/educationseminars](http://www.valleycare.com/educationseminars).

### 'Reveal' Contest

All California English and Social Studies teachers can involve their 6-12th grade students in California history by writing an essay and participating in a fun state wide "Great California Reveal" contest. Awards will be in the form of gift cards, to grades 6-8 and 9-12.

Students will view and then select a photo from the website <http://www.cfwc.org/HomePage.html>. The essay must be 100 words or less and submitted in word document format attached to an email by March 1, 2013, about what they think the photos represent in California history.

As a community service, this contest information is provided by the Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club in conjunction with the California Federated Womens Club. For further information, please contact Joan Ernst, 925 828-2812 or Sally Lunn, 925 551-3329.

### Christmas Child

While most people in the U.S. are preparing for holiday activities, Dublin volunteers with Operation Christmas Child—the world's largest Christmas project of its kind—are filling shoe box gifts with toys, school supplies and hygiene items for needy children overseas. This year-round project of international Christian relief and evangelism organization Samaritans' Purse, headed by Franklin Graham, is ramping up as local businesses, churches and community groups prepare

to collect over 25,000 gift-filled shoe boxes during National Collection Week (Nov. 12-19).

Anyone can drop off a packed shoe box. Then, using whatever means necessary—trucks, trains, boats, bikes and even elephants—the shoe box gifts will be hand-delivered to hurting children in 100 countries around the world.

The packed shoe boxes can be left at CrossWinds Church, 6444 Sierra Ct., Dublin; (800) 353-5949 on the following days: Mon. - Nov. 12: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tues-Fri - Nov. 13-16: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. Sat - Nov. 17: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sun - Nov. 18: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Nov. 19: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child uses tracking technology to allow participants to "follow" their box to the destination country where it will be given to a child in need. To register shoe box gifts and find out the destination country, use the "Follow Your Box" donation form found at [www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ).

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call (714) 432-7030 or visit [www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ).

### Girl Scouts Honored

The Livermore Heritage Guild is featuring a display to commemorate the centennial of Girl Scouts (1912-2012).

The display includes old, new and borrowed items from guild members Susan Junk and Kitsey Peterman Junk. Both were former local scouts. Items are also included from other local Girl Scouts.

The display will be at the Guild's History Center through January 2013.

Girl Scouts of the USA was founded by Juliette Gordon Low one hundred years ago. She modeled her program after the Boy Scouts. The first meeting was held on March 12, 1912 in Savannah, Georgia.

Girl Scouting in the Livermore was started in the 1930s. The Girl Scout Cabin or House at 2800 Ladd Avenue has been used since 1957.

The Guild's History Center shares the Carnegie Building with the Livermore Art Association. Hours are Wednesday through Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Carnegie Building is located at 2155 Third Street in Livermore. For information, call 449-9927.

### Coldwell Banker

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage announced that Lisa Norman has been named the company's new regional vice president of marketing. Norman formerly was the director of marketing for Pacific Union International and has also worked with Christie's International Real Estate.

Norman's experience encompasses both luxury and international real estate marketing with a special emphasis on digital platforms, social media and field marketing programs designed to support agents. In her new role, Norman will oversee all of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's marketing operations in Northern California, Colorado and Utah, reporting to Kevin Kay, chief operating officer for the company.

In addition, Coldwell Banker announced it is launching a new field marketing program and has hired another former Pacific Union veteran, Candy Bertoli, to be the first field marketing manager. The company will expand the initiative in the coming months with the hiring of additional field marketing professionals to support agents and staff in the local offices.

As Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's new head of marketing, Norman brings a wide array of marketing and advertising experience, ranging from creative development and print marketing to digital and social media marketing. But she is best known for her innovative e-marketing programs and Realtor communication and marketing tools designed to expand agent business in the Internet Age.

During her tenure as director of marketing for Pacific Union, Norman drove the company's rebranding efforts of Morgan Lane Realty in Marin and Pacific Union to create Pacific Union International, a new luxury real estate brand. She was also credited with advancing the brokerage's digital and social media marketing and advertising efforts.

Before entering the real estate industry, Norman worked as a senior media planner for the Adsert Group and as an associate producer of E! Entertainment Television. She graduated from the University of San Francisco with a bachelor's degree in communications.

Bertoli, a 19-year marketing veteran, also joins Coldwell

Banker from Pacific Union International, where she served as marketing manager for the past two years. She was responsible for agent marketing efforts, including training agents to better leverage e-marketing tools, the corporate website, on-line corporate collateral, and social media.

Prior to joining Pacific Union Bertoli worked as a marketing consultant with her own consulting firm, CRB Creative Services, and in marketing, event planning, and graphic design with Coca-Cola, Eisenhower Medical Center, and ARV Assisted Living.

### Shredding Offered

Pak Mail Centers of America has teamed with Shred-It. The partnership will provide secure document shredding services to nearly 500 Pak Mail centers and its customers.

Pak Mail of Livermore, at 51 Wright Brothers Ave. Suite F, recently introduced the shredding service.

Shredding is performed at Pak Mail sites by trained and bonded Shred-It professionals. Services are backed by a security guarantee, including a certificate of destruction that is kept on file at Pak Mail after each shredding. Shredded documents are later taken to a facility for recycling.

For more information, go to Pak Mail of Livermore's website at [www.pakmailus.com](http://www.pakmailus.com) or call (925) 456-0100.

### Retirement Announced

This November John Woffington is retiring from his position as Service Center Supervisor at Buckles-Smith.

John began his career in the electrical distribution field at Standard Electric Supply, located in Oakland, in 1973. He started as a Counter Salesperson and left to work at State Electric Supply in 1976. At State Electric Supply he worked Counter Sales, Inside Sales, and Purchasing, eventually becoming Vice President of Operations and Purchasing.

In 1995, Buckles-Smith purchased State Electric Supply and the branch was moved to Richmond, CA. In 1996, John transferred to the Livermore branch as Account Manager for the Lawrence Livermore Na-

tional Labs. He was appointed Manager of the Livermore Service Center in 2003. Over the past decade John fostered and developed the relationship at LLNL resulting in Buckles-Smith becoming a key supply partner for electrical power, automation and control equipment for LLNL.

With his wife Betsy, John will continue to enjoy the local wine country, yearly trips to Disneyland and other day trips throughout Northern California.

Buckles-Smith provides its customers with broad local inventory, next day delivery/same day pick-up, technical support, training seminars, inventory management and ecommerce services.

### Flu Shots

Livermore Area Recreation and Park Department is offering free Flu Shots to adults (18+) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Thursday, Nov. 1, at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. Flu shots are provided by the Alameda County Public Health Department on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 925-373-5760.

### Candy Buy Back

Dr. Steven Nerad has come up with a way to cut down on cavities while helping the schools and supporting overseas troops.

Ghosts and goblins of all ages are encouraged to drop by Dr. Nerad's office on Friday, Nov. 2 for our Third Annual Halloween candy buy-back extravaganza. Candy will be accepted at the office, 1024 Serpentine Lane, Suite 107, Pleasanton, from 3 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Trick-or-treaters will receive \$1 per pound for their sugary hauls, plus the opportunity to give their school a matching donation. The schools with the largest amount of candy turned in will get up to \$250 for the first-place school, up to \$100 for the second-place school and up to \$50 per pound for the third-place school.

The candy will be packaged and sent to American troops serving overseas. For more information, go to [www.urkidsdentist.com](http://www.urkidsdentist.com).

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## EXPLORE

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focused on the sensational, 1911-12 race to the South Pole in which Norway's Roald Amundsen easily beat Britain's Robert Scott, who died with his four team members in the effort.

Larson emphasized a larger context, in which the race was only a dramatic sideshow to the decades-long effort to explore the Antarctic scientifically. He published a book last year on this era: *An Empire of Ice: Scott, Shackleton and the Heroic Age of Antarctic Science*.

As Larson explained, both at the Bankhead and in his book, Scott — already famous at the time of his apparently heroic death — became larger-than-life in the years that followed. Even team members who had criticized his decisions during the expedition fell silent in the rush to lionize him.

Through two world wars, Scott's manly, self-sacrificing image inspired British schoolchildren, the public at large and even members of military when they faced hardship. Statues were erected in his honor throughout England. The culpability of a leader who led his crew to their deaths was largely ignored.

At the same time, Amundsen was treated with disdain, particularly by those in Britain who thought him merely a fast-racing adventurer who all but stole the first-to-the-Pole honors that Scott should have gained.

In more recent years, Larson noted, their reputations have nearly switched positions. Amundsen is now recognized as a careful leader who returned his crew, safe and healthy, after winning the race. Scott, on the other hand, is portrayed as a poor planner who stubbornly endangered his men by ignoring hazards and sound advice.

To Larson, these simple stories are not wrong, but they reflect only part of the truth. The two men had very different goals, he emphasized. Scott led an expedition whose purpose was not speed but science. Even on the return from the Pole, when his crew was injured, sick with scurvy and exhausted, he paused to collect geologic samples.

By contrast, Amundsen had no interest in science. He "sought only the pole," in Larson's words.

This perspective "helps explain why Scott was so far behind" in reaching the pole, Larson said. At the same time, it "takes nothing away" from Amundsen for leading a faster, safer, more efficient expedition. And "pursuing science does not exonerate Scott" for not paying enough attention to the health and safety of his men.

Larson's book sets the

stage for the pole race by tracing the history of scientific interest in the "high southern latitudes" as far back as 1699, when the British admiralty commissioned a study of variable magnetic compass readings in the southern hemisphere to improve navigational accuracy for both trade and naval requirements.

Understanding why magnetic compass headings were not constant remained a goal even two centuries later. However, by then, the range of scientific focus had expanded greatly with worldwide interest in such fields as geology, oceanography, climatology and evolutionary biology.

Britain was not alone in these studies. However, by the late 19th Century, it was an international leader in pursuing them. Scott's fatal 1910 trip, called the Terra Nova expedition for the ship that carried his team, was the third major British Antarctic expedition in a decade.

When it reached the Antarctic, Scott's landing party of 34 was the largest scientific expedition to have set foot on the continent. In fact, the expedition's geologists would help confirm that Antarctica actually is a continent, not merely a series of volcanic islands. They showed that it was once attached to the southern continents of Australia, Africa and South America.

During the winter of 1910-11, Scott's and Amundsen's teams were 400 miles apart across the Ross Ice Barrier. Small expeditions left Scott's quarters for biology and geology studies, reflecting the importance of science in Scott's charter, but also using up supplies and in some cases exhausting the men.

Three of Scott's team undertook a nearly disastrous 120-mile expedition to study Emperor penguins in hopes of uncovering secrets of evolutionary biology. They man-hauled supplies all the way on a 700-pound sledge, which refused to glide and instead sank into granulated snow in the -70 degree temperatures that plagued them.

Team member Apsley Cherry-Garrard, whose health was permanently impaired by the experience, called it "the worst journey in the world" and wrote a book with that title.

By contrast, Amundsen and his crew spent the winter preparing for the push to the pole. Their approach to Antarctic travel was based on skills that Amundsen had learned from the Inuit in northern Canada, ranging from travel by dog sled led by skilled handlers to the choice of clothing suitable for severe weather.

Scott started with heavy, experimental tractors: one of which fell through the

ice and the other soon failed. He brought Siberian ponies which were less effective than the dogs at pulling sledges and dealing with the cold. He also brought dogs, but not skilled handlers. It was the British way to show hardiness and haul the sledges themselves, which was a signal to the dogs to loaf and let the men do all the work, according to Larson.

Scott and his men did reach the pole, weeks after Amundsen. On the return, exhausted by pulling the heavy sledges over poor surfaces, they weakened in the face of extreme cold and poor diet. Falls, injuries and frostbite took a toll. Blizzards held them back.

First one died and then another. Scott and the remaining two died on March 19, 1912, 11 miles short of a depot with supplies that might have saved them.

England did not learn of their deaths until nearly a year later. Ironically, the rush to lionize him focused on his bravery and fortitude and tended to obscure the importance of the research that was the real reason for his expedition. It was discounted, according to Larson.

In a still more bitter irony, even that memory was discounted, as his expedition "came to stand for little more than relentless perseverance in the face of inevitable defeat," Larson wrote in *An Empire of Ice*.

It was Larson's wish to restore the focus on science in the public's view of the Scott and related expeditions. The advances made possible by those explorers and scientists established the state of knowledge of the Antarctic for the next four decades, he said. It wasn't until the international collaborations of the 1950s that Antarctic research began to move beyond that level.

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the Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) report.

For example, students with disabilities showed advances in a range of 43 to 66 points in improvement among four schools. Socioeconomically disadvantaged students at Donlon elementary school showed a 113 point gain, from 800 to 913 points. Hearst students in the same category rose 44 points, and Vintage Hills students were up 38 points.

Ahmadi credited a coordinated effort by staff and teachers, with an emphasis on teacher training and communication, as responsible for those boosts.

Singled out for recognition for involving more parents with their children's education as a key component of better learning were the parents who undertake liaison work such as encouraging other parents to show up at school nights, including family literacy night and math study night. They also urge parents to become more involved in the classrooms and in their children's homework.

Those recognized were Isela Torre, Valley View; Yulianna Lagatta, Hearst; and Patti Blair, Foothill High and Pleasanton Middle School.

Pleasanton is on PI districtwide because of math proficiency shortfalls in two subgroups. Special education students scored 55.9 percent and economically disadvantaged students were at 53 percent. Districtwide the aggregate score for all students in math was 82 percent.

Nicole Steward, staff member who made the bulk of the presentation to the board, said that people should not blame subgroups for the whole district entering into PI.

Citing categorization by ethnicity, for example, Steward said, "Ethnicity breakdown is just the way the state sees it. It could be by gender, or ZIP code or

by who brushes his teeth at night. It does not necessarily mean that a group of students is not performing well. This does show who we need to target, but it's not a sign of how students learn."

Pleasanton is an academically high-performing district. It is joined in the PI circle by comparable districts, such as Livermore, San Ramon Valley, Palo Alto, Fremont and Santa Clara.

It's not surprising that such districts would be in PI, because the federal standards have been rising every year. This year the goal will be proficiency for 85 percent districtwide and in subgroups. Next year it will be 100 percent.

It's statistically impossible to meet the 100 percent goal, but the district will keep working to improve students scores districtwide and in subgroups, said Ah-

medi. In two years, there also will be changes in school districts' standards nationally, as 47 states adopt a core curriculum designed to focus on results. The standards or assessment may change when Congress reauthorizes the No Child Left Behind Act, said Ahmedi.

"Although everyone bashes No Child Left Behind, we are lucky to have it. It brought attention to the fact that every student, regardless of status, race, gender, can complete the work," said Ahmedi.

"No Child Left Behind was one of best things in education. It says that every single student should count," said Ahmedi.

Districts must respond, as Pleasanton already has begun to do, by spending the time and resources to bring up all students, said Ahmedi.

## MEASURE D

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area for horse facilities.

The planning commission majority agreed with planning staff and county counsel that the change to Measure D would be minor, and not require a vote of the people for the change.

The process of changing the ordinance was initiated by Supervisor Nate Miley, whose district includes an equine facility in Castro Valley. The owner tried to provide more enclosure over the horse space, but was rebuffed because of the covered building area limit set by Measure D.

Sierra Club leader Dick Schneider and co-author of Measure D told the commission that the proposed change would leave the rural area open to construction of another 1.4 million square feet of buildings beyond the limit now in effect for Measure D.

A bigger concern for Schneider was that the proposed

change to Measure D would constitute a violation of the language in Measure D. The ordinance, adopted by county voters in 2000, clearly states that "substantive changes" must be approved by a vote of the people, said Schneider.

Doubling the floor area ratio (FAR) is a substantive change, said Schneider.

A letter from the City of Livermore Senior Planner Ingrid Rademaker agreed, stating the proposal constituted a "substantive policy revision, not a technical revision, and therefore exceeds the boundary of permissible modifications without a public vote."

Bob Baltzer, Friends of Livermore, echoed Schneider's concerns.

Questions should be addressed to Liz McElligott of the Alameda County Planning Department at (510) 670-5400 or e-mail at elizabeth.mcelligott@acgov.org.

## Neighbors Oppose Adding 52 Units to Apartments

Homeowners living near the Ironwood Apartments at East Avenue and Charlotte Way are circulating petitions opposed to a proposal to add 52 apartments there.

Acacia Capital plans to expand the Ironwood Apartments in Livermore by building four three-story structures on land now used as open space on the 15-acre site.

The Livermore City Council approved the commencement of staff work for a general plan amendment at its meeting Oct. 22. The item was on the consent agenda.

The petition, with at least 216 signers early this week, says that residents oppose

adding buildings "Under any condition," and they "urge the city to stop the project."

Two of the neighbors, Donald Dowdle and Felicia Ziomek, stated that Jeff Ratto, an Acacia vice president, has held two meetings with homeowners who live near the site, in order to scope out concerns that neighbors might have.

The most recent meeting was held Oct. 4. Dowdle and Ziomek said that about 10 or so residents were on hand. Their biggest concern is parking. Currently parking in the neighborhood is very difficult at times, because many apartment residents park on the street.

Dowdle said that he is concerned about more traffic because Martha Street funnels child pedestrian traffic from nearby apartments to Arroyo Seco school.

Further, neighbors would not like to see the loss of open space, which is on the north edge of the site. From looking at maps about the site changes, Dowdle said it appears there would be about a 70 percent reduction in the open space.

Construction of the addition would add 52 units to the 240 already on site.

The development was built in 1973, as the Rhonewood Apartments. Owner-

ship went to Acacia in 2010 at a reported price of \$33 million, according to the San Francisco Business Times.

Acacia, a real estate investment management company based in San Mateo, owns scores of properties on the West Coast.

Ratto was available only briefly last week to answer basic questions about the development.

Ratto confirmed that 52 units will be added. A new swimming pool will be built on another spot on the property to replace the one that will disappear from the open space area's conversion to buildings.

## OBITUARIES

### Linda Hagemann

Linda went to be with the Lord peacefully on October 22, 2012 at the age of 78. She was born on August 31, 1934 in San Francisco to Ellis and Ruby Brooks.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Terry, grandson Jared, and brother Arthur.

She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, August. Children Stephen (Janae) and John (Nikki) Hagemann and Jennifer (Ken) Paddock. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, as well as Marie Brooks, sisters Ann Brooks, Cathy Goodman, and Hallie Alameda. Brother Ellis Brooks Jr.

August and Linda raised their children on the family farm in the Livermore Valley. She loved being a farmer's wife and raising her children with true country values. Linda worked many years for the Alameda County Fair. August and Linda retired to Oakdale

in 1995 to be close to their children.

Linda touched the lives of those that met her and was an inspiration to those who knew her. All of her children and grandchildren will miss their Oma.

A celebration of life was held October 29 in Oakdale. Remembrances may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America, the Arthritis Foundation, or a foundation of choice.

### David S. Franklin

June 17, 1986 - October 19, 2012

Lifetime resident of Livermore, CA., our beloved David went to be with our Lord on October 19, 2012.

David Stephen Franklin was born to Gary and Pam Franklin also of Livermore. He was a devoted, loving and caring son. He is also survived by two sisters, Jessica and Melissa Franklin; the proud and adored uncle to three nephews, Justin, Joey and Johnny, as well as his niece, Adriana. He is also survived by a grandmother and two

aunts from So. CA, many aunts, uncles and cousins from surrounding areas, as well as family members from Washington State.

David was one of the star quarterbacks for GHS Football team. He was a graduate of Granada High School Class of 2005. His passion for keeping fit led him to a career as a Personal Trainer. Loved dearly by all of his family and friends, his kindness, contagious laugh and sense of humor will be greatly missed.

David will live in our hearts forever.

A Memorial Service will be held at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore, on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. Immediately following there will be a Celebration of David's Life at "The Barn," 3131 Pacific Avenue, Livermore.

### Douglas M. Norris, Jr.

4/14/27 - 10/25/12

Elder son of Douglas Monroe Norris and Ruth Blum, Douglas grew up in New Jersey. After serving shortly in the Army at the end of WWII, he went to Tufts

University, graduating with an engineering degree. During a summer on a Swiss alpine work project, he met his future wife Barbara Meythaler, traveling to Europe. After their marriage, they lived in Michigan where Douglas completed his Ph.D. in Structural Me-

chanics. He taught at the University of New Hampshire for seven years, then in 1969 made the move to California and the sunny life. He worked at the Livermore Lab for 10 years and then retired from EPRI.

He embraced retirement with great enthusiasm, moving to Puerta Vallarta, Mexico, where he bought a lovely historic home overlooking the bay. He took up sailing, Spanish, and renewed his interest in painting. A renaissance man his entire life, he designed and built two homes, sailed from the Bay

Area to Mexico, and bagged many peaks in the northeast as a true mountaineer.

He imparted his love of art, music, and books to his three children, Lisa, Jane and Douglas III. His sense of humor and his charm will be greatly missed by his family.

Special thanks to Blanca Miller, her family, and his care givers Bebe, Edie, Lisa, and Cuco. No services will be held, per his wishes.

Donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Society, www.alz.org.



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involved in making Pleasanton a better and safer place to live. Karla Brown deserves your vote and we need her to serve on Pleasanton's City Council.

## Big Money in Politics Janet Winter Pleasanton

I just received an 8.5" x 11" color brochure in the mail today from Erlene DeMarcus for Council, the paid consultant of the Lins/Tongs on the citizen-referenced Oak Grove development. So, I went to her website to check out her donors. Her most recent CA460 form (campaign finances) shows in excess of \$8,000 from the Lin and Tong families, as well as an additional \$8,000 from others in development and construction businesses; that's over 50% of her donations. Of similar interest, 73% of her campaign dollars came from outside Pleasanton. She was willing to bulldoze our ridgelines for the Oak Grove developers, so I will NOT be voting for her.

Instead, I will be voting for Karla Brown to join our city council. Karla was instrumental in stopping Oak Grove and placing a hillside initiative on the ballot, which Pleasanton voters overwhelmingly passed. She is the only candidate actively seeking to preserve our slow/smart growth policies and she is willing to tackle our unfunded city debt. Join me - Vote for Karla Brown for city council.

## Keep House Clean Kay Ayala (City Council 1996-2004) Pleasanton

The fox is trying to get into Pleasanton's hen house.

Karla Brown is my choice for City Council and Jerry Thorne is the only choice as mayor in my opinion.

Facts you should know before voting:

1) There are 2 outstanding lawsuits filed by the Lin/Tong developers against the City of Pleasanton trying to circumvent the 60% of Pleasanton voters who voted and approved protection of our ridgelines from housing.

2) City Council candidate Erlene DeMarcus has been a consultant for the Lin/Tong developers.

3) Lin/Tong developers have given extraordinary funding to Erlene DeMarcus' campaign for City Council.

If you elect Erlene DeMarcus, you will have a Tong/Lin consultant in a position to reverse the will of the people and in closed negotiation sessions of your city.

Please do not let the fox in our henhouse.

Vote Karla Brown for City Council and Jerry Thorne for Mayor to keep our house clean.

## Pentin for City Council Bryan Gillette Pleasanton

As a longtime Pleasanton resident and father of two young boys, it is important to have the right city representatives who continue to make Pleasanton a great place to live and raise a family. I have known Jerry Pentin for over 17 years and been impressed with his role in our community. I have seen him as a dedicated volunteer in and around town and a tremendous advocate for our parks as the Parks & Recreation Commissioner. I have also seen him support other worthy causes, especially around education. His foundation, "Cycling for Civics" annually raises money to help the local schools fund different programs including "Mock Trial." He has supported, both with his time and his money, the Bridge of Opportunity foundation which funds college scholarships to foster kids.

Jerry Pentin brings to Pleasanton which I would hope all representatives could bring: He has a vision for making this a great place to live, a passion for Pleasanton, and the skill set to achieve that vision. Please vote Jerry Pentin for City Council.

## Conserving Public Lands Sam Davidson California Field Director Trout Unlimited

This November, residents of the Tri-Valley will be faced with many choices on the ballot. These choices will have long term effects for our community and our country. One such choice is between incumbent Representative Pete Stark and his challenger, Eric Swalwell, for the new 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat in Congress.

As these two men campaign for our votes, I urge both of them to take a strong position in support of an issue that's important to many people who live in this area - conservation of our public lands.

As an avid sportsman, I regularly enjoy the unique public lands, waters, and sporting opportunities that our state and this district have to offer. Locally, we are blessed with a network of regional parks that provide great hiking, biking, boating and fishing. In the Tri-Valley area, we are privileged to have Del Valle Reservoir close at hand, a venue which offers excellent fishing for both trout and warm water fish species. We are also just a short drive away from the Tahoe and Mendocino National Forests and other areas that offer exceptional fishing, hunting, and other outdoor recreation opportunities.

There are few things that make one feel as connected to Nature as fishing. Standing in or on the bank of a stream or lake, or rocking gently in a small boat, you hear the many voices of water, and the sensation of a fish on your line is an age-old thrill, one you want to share with family and friends (but not too many of your friends).

Fishing, of course, depends on water. The most popular freshwater sport fish in California - trout - requires cold, clean water - the conditions you find in streams at higher elevations, close to their headwaters. Here in California, the headwaters of almost all of our major rivers are in national forests or national parks. In these headwaters areas you can find the "backcountry" - large swaths of mostly undeveloped habitat for fish and game that provide a rich playground for any sportsman who prefers the freedom and lower cost of hunting and fishing on public lands.

But our public lands are currently under assault by some in Congress, who would remove the modest protections now in place for many backcountry lands and waters in favor of promoting new road-building and other development.

We already have plenty of roads to get us deep into our public lands - there are more than 35,000 miles of roads open for motorized travel in national forests in this state. What we don't have plenty of are the fiscal resources to keep existing roads and trails on our public parks and forests in good working condition.

The tradition of conserving our Great Outdoors is the foundation of California's rich hunting and fishing heritage. But we will need the continued support of our leaders in Washington to ensure that all the hard work accomplished by previous generations to protect our outdoor heritage is not undermined by lack of sufficient funding, short-sighted thinking and ignorance of the economic benefits of outdoor recreation - an industry of \$646 billion in direct consumer spending nationwide each year. In California, outdoor recreation is worth more than \$46 billion annually to our economy and supports more than 408,000 jobs.

Outdoor recreation retailers are found throughout our region - providing jobs to this community and boosting local tax revenues. And our public lands are the primary resource that makes possible this growing economic engine.

I urge Representative Stark and Councilmember Swalwell to issue strong, public statements of support for conserving our public

lands for our community - for the enjoyment that local residents derive from these places, for the high quality fish and game habitat found in our public lands, and for the increasingly important role public lands play in our state and national economies.

## Compelling Jeannette Gosnell Livermore

Until I read Mr. Menges very compelling letter, I was an undecided voter. Today, I know who I will be voting for thanks to Mr. Menges' level-headed letter. Take note that he never named the candidates. That was stellar. I am so tired of all the hatred surrounding this election. I will be passing this letter around at my Church tomorrow.

## Haubert and Hart Michael Lutz Dublin

Of all the new candidates running for Dublin City Council the best qualified candidate is David Haubert. David has 9 years experience as a member of the Dublin Unified School District board. He has been involved with the district's budgeting, school site planning, equipment and real estate management, and personnel policies. He worked towards consensus building with fellow board members and was actively involved with other city and county agencies, all which benefited the Dublin school district and students. David has the necessary skills, experience and leadership to have on the Dublin city council.

I also recommend the reelection of Kevin Hart. His contributions to the Dublin City Council and a well run city are self-evident. Alameda Co. Supervisors Nate Miley and Scott Haggerty have endorsed both Kevin and David. Please join me in voting for David Haubert and Kevin Hart this year.

## Cook-Kallio for Mayor Sharon Piekarski Pleasanton

Pleasanton deserves a Mayor like Cheryl Cook-Kallio.

During her six years on the City Council Cheryl Cook-Kallio has shown a superior leadership ability to tackle controversial issues, listen to all stakeholders, do her homework and bring people together to resolve conflict.

She makes herself accessible to residents of Pleasanton. I've seen her give her personal cell-phone number to people she's known for five minutes so they could reach her directly.

One of her biggest strengths is the fact she has long-standing positive working relationships not only with officials of neighboring communities but also with officials at the state and national level as proved by the long list of those officials who have endorsed her. Pleasanton isn't an island. We are impacted by decisions made by surrounding cities, and the state and national governments. Having long established positive relationships with the decision makers can only help our goal of keeping Pleasanton the wonderful city we know.

I urge you to vote for Cheryl Cook-Kallio for Mayor.

## Proven Record Jeff Narum Pleasanton

In the election for mayor of Pleasanton, one candidate stands out in terms of service to community and country. Only one of the two candidates has served as a Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Commissioner for 10 years. That candidate is Jerry Thorne. Only one candidate can legitimately claim to be actively involved in Pleasanton's Community of Character and is currently serving as a member of its board. That candidate is Jerry Thorne. Only one candidate has served as President of the California League of Cities, East Bay Division. That candidate is Jerry Thorne.

Only one candidate has

served in the US Armed Forces (Army) and is a founding and current member of Pleasanton Sentinels of Freedom, an organization that assists returning injured veterans in finding employment and housing in Pleasanton. That candidate is Jerry Thorne. Only one candidate has done the following things for our community: served seven years on the Board of Directors of the Pleasanton Seahawks youth swim team (two of them as President), co-authored the successful ballot initiative "Save our Community Park" (Bernal property), consistently attends US Service Member homecoming events even when it is not an election year, and regularly volunteers time at Pleasanton's Museum on Main. That candidate is Jerry Thorne. There is only one candidate who can and will dedicate full attention and time to the demanding office of Mayor of Pleasanton. That candidate is Jerry Thorne.

In this election when Pleasanton is in need of a mayor with a proven track record of broad community service, genuine concern for the welfare of Pleasanton residents, and an uncompromised position to deal with financial challenges faced by the city, only one candidate has those qualifications. That candidate is Jerry Thorne. Join me in voting Jerry Thorne for Mayor of Pleasanton.

## The Right Choices Richard Pugh Pleasanton

We need our next elected members of the Pleasanton City Council to be focused on managing the city's business and challenges. That's why Karla Brown for City Council and Vice Mayor Jerry Thorne for Mayor are the right choices in November. Karla and Jerry are well grounded in Pleasanton issues and have focused their efforts locally. Karla, endorsed by the Sierra Club, is a local businesswoman well known for her grassroots effort to ensure that our pristine ridgelines surrounding this city are preserved. She was a proponent of a ridge-line preservation ordinance that was overwhelmingly adopted by the voters.

Jerry has made a big impact during his 21 years of active civic service through his grassroots effort as then Vice President of the Pleasanton Seahawks for the construction of a 50 meter pool for the public. He then initiated a grassroots petition effort to build sports fields at Bernal Community Park. Not only has he improved the opportunities for youth in the community, he personally welcomes the brave men and women from the military returning to this community after serving overseas.

Both can be counted on to tackle local challenges now like pension reform, budgetary control, quality of life, and environmental protection, but not be distracted by engaging in partisan politics with a focus on seeking future county and statewide elected positions. Please be sure to vote for our local Pleasanton team: Karla Brown for Council and Jerry Thorne for Mayor.

## Cook-Kallio Best Choice Kathleen Wat Pleasanton

It is particularly important and significant that we cooperate regionally, now that after decades of shared legislative representation on both state and federal levels, we have a real opportunity with the re-districting to make a difference and be heard. This election is the first true look at how the newly drawn districts affect the totality of Pleasanton's elected officials. I believe Cheryl Cook-Kallio is the one to carry the message for the city to all other entities. Not only is she the slam dunk, better orator than her opponent, she has spent her whole career building bridges (even when negotiating to take back from unions).

Alameda County's measure B1 is an example of her potential. As a voter/con-

sumer in a work force that relies on regional transportation resources to engage in a robust and satisfying life here in Pleasanton we need those projects built. Cheryl has established a regional network. Many of Cheryl's relationships were built during her educational commitment to government, not while she's been on City Council.

Cheryl's background in economics and government are not just majors or university degrees on her resume, she practices her chosen academic passion. In the 15 years that I have known her, well before she ran for public office, she lived and breathed the practical and necessary. She's not afraid of hard work. She's available and produces results. Pleasanton NEEDS Cook-Kallio!!

## Vote for Cook-Kallio Moina Shaig Anarkalee Restaurant Pleasanton

I am a small business owner of a restaurant in Pleasanton. When I first opened there were difficulties in getting permits, particularly for the sign for my restaurant. I was frustrated because my husband and I had never had such trouble. I called Cheryl Cook-Kallio and she explained why all businesses were having such trouble at the time and she helped us get the permits we needed.

I really appreciate the effort and the time she took to help us out. I have seen her in action many times since and she works hard to help everyone. We need people like Cheryl Cook-Kallio in office.

As a small business owner I urge you to vote for Cook-Kallio for Mayor.

## Money Talks Margo Tarver Pleasanton

It is very interesting and telling to note the contributions to the Pleasanton candidate's campaigns that were reported in the Independent. Large donations were made by developers to all candidates other than Karla Brown who does not accept donations from developers.

Karla stands on higher ground and takes her candidacy for city council seriously. She was a leader in the Measure D effort to stop the development proposed in the hills south of Pleasanton which was soundly defeated by the resident of Pleasanton. Karla listens. Karla is in touch with the voters, Karla is OUR candidate.

Please join me in voting for an exemplary candidate. You will forever be glad that you did.

## Vote for Cook-Kallio Carroll Jacoby Pleasanton

I would like to tell you why I am impressed by Cheryl Cook-Kallio. Cheryl is able to address issues for all residents. I have seen her knowledgeably discuss Pleasanton's significant issues including the financial stability of our city, affordable housing for young families, transportation and business related issues. She has the "long view" and is able to see how all of these pieces are inter-related. She clearly sees how balance is important in how the city council makes decisions.

I think knowing that one of the reasons we have to zone for more housing is because we have so many jobs, having many jobs helps fund the budget for the city. Creating and retaining new businesses helps increase our revenue. The increase in revenue helps us pay our bills and helps us to retain the quality of community we enjoy.

As an educator, I know that she understands the importance of quality education for all children. I think she knows that every one who lives in Pleasanton has a voice. Cheryl is intelligent, understands how government works and knows how to find common ground and further the discussion. I hope you join with me to Vote for Cheryl Cook-Kallio for Mayor.

## Thorne for Mayor Bob and Pat Lane Pleasanton

We must question what we consider a misrepresentation in the Cook-Kallio campaign materials distributed by mail. Cheryl Cook-Kallio is not the candidate representing the Community of Character. In fact, that candidate is Jerry Thorne. Jerry has served on the Community of Character Board of Directors since its formation in 2002 when the late Juanita Haugen recruited him.

Jerry has participated in this community collaborative - and the annual award luncheon that honors residents of our town - for almost its entire time. The coalition, which is supported by the City of Pleasanton, the Pleasanton Unified School District, Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, and various service and faith organizations, is a non-profit comprised of volunteers working together to create a Pleasanton community culture built on values, good will, and community-accepted traits of Responsibility, Compassion, Self-Discipline, Honesty, Respect, and Integrity.

These are all part of the culture of Pleasanton and ideals for which Jerry stands. We support Jerry for Mayor of Pleasanton and invite the community to join us.

## Cook-Kallio for Mayor Jennifer Olson Pleasanton

Sometimes things are going so well, we forget to notice what's been done by those responsible for the success. One of the people responsible for the stability of Pleasanton is Cheryl Cook-Kallio. In addition to being a committed teacher, she is passionate about our government, especially in her home city of Pleasanton. During her tenure as a city councilwoman, she has:

- Helped push through the Stoneridge drive completion
- Been an advocate of the senior housing projects including Kottinger Ranch
- Tried to bridge opposing sides by being the voice of reason

• Been responsive to those who have contacted her regarding issues

• Helped maintain and build our multi-million dollar reserve through cutting expenses with no layoffs. She is fiscally responsible - which we need!

Throughout the downturn in the economy, Pleasanton has survived and remained fiscally sound - a feat in and of itself considering other cities in the Bay Area. Cheryl and the current council have contributed and spearheaded the efforts to keep us that way. I urge you to vote for Cheryl Cook-Kallio for Mayor of Pleasanton to help continue to make Pleasanton a great place to live.

## Pentin for Council Ward Belding Pleasanton

We need Jerry Pentin on the Pleasanton City Council. Jerry has many attributes: long-time resident of Pleasanton, who owns and operates a media production business here; served in and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Marines; completed an A.A. degree from Chabot College; and through work directing filming of television series on ocean diving throughout the world and the John Muir Wilderness, he has gained a deep appreciation of our environment.

But Jerry has also found time to give back to Pleasanton. Concurrent with his business career, he's been active in Rotary International, a member of Pleasanton North Rotary for 20 years, serving as its president in 2005/06, and honored twice by the club as Rotarian of the Year. Through his business, he's supported activities of non profit and youth organizations. However, Jerry's record of civic involvement demonstrates the experience needed to do the work of the City Council. He served with distinction on the Cal-

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lippe Golf Course Committee. As an avid cyclist, he brought essential experience to the Bicycle Pedestrian Trails Committee, in its work on the Pleasanton Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan.

Currently chair and a 4-year member of the Pleasanton Planning Commission, previously member of and also chaired the Pleasanton Parks & Recreation Commission, and served on other committees and task forces including the Firehouse Arts Center, and the Veteran's Building Renovation. His record represents broad vision and integrity. Vote for Jerry Pentin for Pleasanton City Council.

### Brown for Council Cindy McGovern Pleasanton

Karla Brown has my full support for the Pleasanton City Council. Karla's commitment to the residents of Pleasanton is real. She has attended council meeting, served on city taskforces, sought out resident input on multiple issues and worked to preserve the ridgelines and open spaces we all love. She is honest, straightforward and has the common sense we need in an elected leader.

She does her homework, seeks input on decisions from all sides and is committed to keeping Pleasanton a well managed, fiscally sustainable community with great schools, parks, a vibrant historical downtown and a thriving business community. Elect Karla Brown to the Pleasanton City Council

### Vote for Karla Brown Matt Sullivan Pleasanton City Council

The single most important issue facing Pleasanton voters this year is not traffic, unfunded pension liabilities, or high-density development. It's maintaining a voice of the people in city government. This is a legacy that was started by the late Mayor Ben Tarver, which both Cindy McGovern and I have tried our best to carry on these past eight years. Unfortunately, the current slate of candidates running for Council and Mayor have no interest in that legacy and will be more interested in representing developers, the Chamber of Commerce, and other special interests. Except for one: Karla Brown.

I have come to know Karla very well and have seen her fight for the protection of our ridges and for the right for citizens to petition government for grievances by means of the referendum process. She is the ONLY candidate running - either for Council or Mayor - who will listen to the people. We need an independent voice who will have the courage to speak out, to raise issues that no one else will raise, and to be that all important voice for the citizens that would not otherwise exist. That is why I'm voting for Karla on November 6th. Please join me.

### National Election Luana Layton Livermore

Americans are suffering from battered spouse syndrome. Whenever they are asked about any specific policies of Obama, they are overwhelmingly against them. These policies can range from foreign to energy, from health care to the economy, etc. The polls also show that Americans don't like what he has done, failed to do or even how he and his family indulge in personal extravagances.

Yet, when they are asked if they are going to vote for him, so many say they probably will. Reasons for this is that he really is a nice guy, with time he will change, he cares about us and what will happen to us without him.

Every time he "beats us up" with higher taxes, more regulations, shut downs of energy production and curtailing of freedoms, he says that we misunderstood him and he gives us "hearts and flowers" in the form of subsidies, grants, bailouts, food stamps and cell phones.

Our country needs some intensive therapy or an intervention.

Vote for Cook-Kallio

### Pat Belding Pleasanton

This week I marked my ballot for Pleasanton mayor and voted for Cheryl Cook-Kallio. Neighbors and friends have asked me why, so here are my reasons. Cheryl would make an excellent mayor. First, she is exceedingly knowledgeable in governmental matters, as a high school government teacher for thirty years explaining complex issues like local housing elements and city pension demands to sharp teenagers in her classrooms. At the same time she has been serving as a City Council member and Vice Mayor for Pleasanton. It is clear that she is hard working and efficient and knows the issues—she is experienced. I have observed her skill at problem solving and negotiating, and I think she will put that to good use as mayor when she is faced with the inevitable differences of opinion which will come before her.

She is a listener, and makes herself available to everyone who contacts her office on a city matter. Flexible, she is good at working out compromises, which is an important skill in our city government. She does not lack for courage, and will speak up for the common good of Pleasanton in the important issues which we will face in the years ahead: employee compensation and pensions, jobs-housing balance, transportation, State Route 84, open space, and good relations with the business community and our neighboring cities.

Cheryl is already respected beyond Pleasanton. It would be a wise decision to select her as our next mayor.

### A No-Brainer Linda Milanese Livermore

This year's election ballot is an especially long one—a challenge for conscientious voters to study and understand so many important national, state, and local issues.

But there's one local item on the ballot that's a no-brainer: Measure I.

A yes vote for Measure I will reinstate classes and programs at Las Positas College and Chabot College that have been canceled by cuts in State funding.

A yes vote will directly benefit students in our community.

If you own a home, a yes vote will cost a mere \$28 a year over 6 years.

That's a small price to pay to have first-rate colleges in our District that provide educational and economic futures for our own local students.

Vote "yes" for Measure I.

### Karla for Council Susan and Walt Wriggins Pleasanton

Through the years, Karla has constantly been vigilant and dedicated to the good of Pleasanton. One has only to google any Pleasanton growth issue and will find her steadfast goal of preserving our gorgeous hills against the continuous sprawl so evident in the towns around us.

Karla is already working as hard as possible to address issues logically and carefully. She knows teamwork and she is always ready to go above and beyond in her role on that team.

We think it's particularly important that Karla be on the council during a period when decisions will be made as Pleasanton transitions the gravel mining operations which will transform the eastern side of Pleasanton.

Karla Brown is our friend and she is a sincere friend to Pleasanton.

Please vote for Karla for city council.

### Memories Jim Street Livermore

While reading the article by Patricia Koning this morning a very vivid picture of then Principal Mr. Mitchell came to me of the time in 1948 when he came into our class room at Fifth St. School to demonstrate the correct way to use paper towels and how to make one towel do the job. This picture has stuck with me for all these many years and seems to be resurrected every time I confront a paper towel dispenser, it has worked and I am very conservative when it comes to paper towels, maybe a tour of class rooms could be in order once again. Thanks for the memories.

### Vote for Karla Brown Nicole Johnson Pleasanton

Karla Brown has stated that she will not accept donations from unions; this is prudent, because our council will be negotiating all

future city employee union contracts. When a union endorses a candidate or contributes to his/her campaign, don't you think they will want a favorable vote in the future? When negotiating the union contract? Of course they will, that's how the system works.

Check the financial reports of the other council candidates. Watch for endorsements and ads. If you see an endorsement for a candidate from a union, or receive a glossy postcard paid for by a city employee union, you need to understand why they would pay for such advertisements. Then vote accordingly.

Join me in voting for Karla Brown for Pleasanton City Council.

### Budget Priorities Paul L. Anderson Pleasanton

In this political season the question of the national budget is highly topical and it should be of concern to everyone. After all, it is your hard earned money that provides for the budget. It has been recently pointed out that the current priorities in formulating the budget should be changed.

If the budget were divided into discretionary and non-discretionary fractions it goes like this: non-discretionary items are interest on the national debt, social security, medicare, and Medicaid. These things are firm commitments and must be paid. Discretionary items are everything else including expenses for running the government, all the social items such as aid to states, aid to education, highways, bridges, ports and so on, but most importantly the military. The elephant in the room in discretionary spending is the military. It alone grabs 57 percent of the total discretionary spending. Our spending on the military is said to be greater than the military spending of the next 14 highest spending nations combined. In absolute dollars, it is \$653 billion and that works out to something like \$1860 per capita. This is egregious. Those numbers scream to be re-prioritized. That can and must be done by Congress.

Recently, a group has been organized to press the Congress for new priorities. This growing group consists of thousands of individuals and hundreds of organizations. They call themselves New Priorities Campaign and further information can be found at [www.NewPrioritiesCampaign.org](http://www.NewPrioritiesCampaign.org).

I urge you to log on and learn more about this important issue and maybe even join this effort to bring better sense into the spending of our dollars. Departing President Eisenhower warned against becoming a captive of the military-industrial complex, but it has happened.

### Lab Retiree Benefits Charles Meier Pleasanton

This is not a VOTE FOR letter, but it is equally im-

portant to many of your readers. Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory is providing presentations in Livermore on November 7th and in Tracy on November 8th to explain medical plan open enrollment options for its retirees.

Unfortunately, these presentations will only be attended by a small percentage of the more than 5,000 retirees for varied reasons including the fact that many retirees do not live in the Tri-Valley area. As past president of the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory Retirees Association, now the Livermore Laboratory Retirees Association, I attempted to work with LLNL management to provide them with an understanding of the myriad of problems retirees have with understanding their health care options.

While I am not an officer in the new Retiree's Association, I know firsthand that Laboratory retirees continue to be confused and honestly afraid about their health care choices. The Livermore Laboratory Retirees' Association has made a simple request that these presentations and, importantly, the retiree questions and answers, be video recorded and provided on the internet to be available to retirees who cannot attend the presentations. That request has been denied despite the fact the Laboratory has a large media group that can easily make this happen.

This is a continuation of the indifference shown to retiree concerns since the new management took over the Laboratory. Not once in recent years have retirees been included in any planning process relating to retiree benefits. The former Lawrence Livermore Laboratory Retirees' Association was muzzled on issues like this and had to separate its direct ties with Laboratory management. The current Laboratory management's attitude is in stark contrast to that which existed when the Laboratory was run solely by the University of California.

However, the University remains a major partner in the corporation that now manages the Laboratory. It's time for the University to step up and support its own retirees.

### No on X and W Russ Greenlaw Livermore

I will be voting NO on both of Livermore Measures W and X. My reasons are twofold:

First mixing a municipal election with the November General Election will cause the municipal issues and candidates to be marginalized and likely forgotten as the electors concentrate on the bigger, more numerous, and more visible matters on the same ballot.

Second, the monetary savings claimed in the Voters' Handbook are contradictory and therefore not to be believed. In one place the City officials promoting these measures claim the current costs to be \$330,000 but in another place they say \$300,000. In a third place they say the 2001 election costs were \$67,000, which would seem to say we have seen an increase of 500 percent over ten years. How could Alameda County election bureaucrats be THAT wasteful?

If the proposed change were to be to the June ballot of even numbered years, the June ballot being the Primary ballot with fewer propositions and less attention, then the municipal matters would not be so badly dwarfed by the national and state issues, and I would not be opposed.

I strongly urge other Livermore residents to vote NO on Measures W and X so as to not have the municipal offices and issues be lost in the fog.

### Pleasanton Politics Howard Neely Pleasanton

We are very fortunate to have qualified candidates here in Pleasanton. With that in mind, voters should ask the following ques-

tions:

Who has the best "leadership" (backbone)?

Who has sufficient "time" for the job?

Who has unrestricted backing (financial)?

Who truly understands "City Financing"?

I either know the candidates or have listened to them in three debates. So, with my experience in Pleasanton politics, I'll suggest the following: Thorne for Mayor, Pentin for City Council . . . and reluctantly, because of property rights issues, Brown for City Council.

P.S. Romney for President to save our nation.

### Shame on EBRPD Keith Rothenberg Livermore

I am writing to express my utter dismay that the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) would allow law enforcement agencies to use Del Valle Regional Park as a staging area for "Urban Shield". The arroyo staging area and adjacent parkland was closed to public use Friday 10/26/12-Monday 10/29/12, while law enforcement agencies conducted urban warfare training including gunfire, explosions and attack dogs. EBRPD has lost their way and seem to have forgotten their role as stewards of the land. Urban warfare training is NOT compatible with stewardship of the land with which they have been entrusted. Over the weekend, I could hear gunfire and explosions from this activity more than 6 miles away.

Perhaps EBRPD needs to review its mission statement from their website. "The District's mission is to acquire preserve, protect, and operate regional parklands in perpetuity for public use, while conserving these lands for the natural resource values they contain. The goal of the District resource enhancement projects is to conserve and enhance important resource values such as vegetation, wildlife and water to ensure that natural parkland ecosystems are maintained in a healthy and productive condition. The diverse assortment of birds, mammals, reptiles and invertebrates that dwell in the Regional Parks is an integral part of the ecology of the San Francisco Bay Area and an aesthetic natural feature of the parks that visitors greatly enjoy."

Shame on EBRPD.

### Vote NO on Taxes Rajinder Ghatoora Pleasanton

For too long the legislature has taken us for fools and wasted the taxpayers' hard earned dollars on high pensions and benefits for themselves while asking us for more taxes to fund their lavish lifestyles. These tax, tax, tax and spend, spend and spend policies have gone out of control. It is time to put an end to it.

Measures 30 and 38 are asking for further tax increases for ALL. Using the scare tactics of our schools, parks, etc. into misleading the public. CA spends the third most in the nation on schools and we are 49th in quality. CA schools do not have a money problem. There is tons of it available. The money is used to fund the school administrators' \$250,000 pensions and the teacher's \$100,000 pensions plus Cadillac benefits. The schools need reform and parents to wrestle away the funding for schools from the teacher's union and ensure that the funds go to schools and the students, not lining the pockets of the school employees.

Also, millions of dollars unused for parks were found in a secret account that should have been used for the parks. With such bad mismanagement, we should not be giving another penny to the government.

Sierra Club, after carefully studying Measure B1, decided not to support the measure as they concluded that there are sufficient funds between BART and the County to support the

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## Four Pleasanton Candidates Top \$30,000 in Donations

Four of the five candidates in Pleasanton have topped the \$30,000 mark in campaign contributions.

The Pleasanton council instituted a voluntary spending cap in 2008 at \$1 per voter. None of the candidates has reached this year's cap of \$43,343.

With \$5,970 in cash donations during the last reporting period, Pleasanton mayoral candidate Cheryl Cook-Kallio edged past opponent Jerry Thorne in contributions.

The reporting period covers Nov. 1 to Nov. 20, 2012.

Cook-Kallio's total for the campaign is \$33,635. Thorne has received \$32,689.

Unions represented a large portion of donors to Cook-Kallio, including the Pleasanton City Employee Association, \$250; Sheet Metal Workers' International Assoc., \$500; Operating Engineers Local 3 District 20, \$1000; United PAC Alam-

eda Labor Council, \$1500; and the Northern California Carpenters Regional Council, \$750. Also contributing to Cook-Kallio were Sares Regis Group, a development company, \$250; Assemblymember Joan Buchanan, \$250; and Jennifer Hosterman for Congress, \$100.

Cook-Kallio's largest donation during the campaign came from Ro for Congress, \$2000. She received \$1000 from Bob Wieckowski for Assembly 2012. The donors at \$500 were Pleasanton Gateway LLC, Law Offices of Alberto Torrico, Dana Raimondi, J.B. Investment Group in Modesto, E&S Ring Management Corp., Mary Warren of Dublin, the California Dental Action Committee in Sacramento, and the Electrical Workers of America Local 595 in Dublin.

Thorne received \$550 this reporting period. Dublin City Council candidate David Haubert donated \$500.

Past reports showed that the largest donation to Thorne came from retired Pleasanton resident Sherri Hodnefield, with \$1400. Donors giving \$1000 to Thorne include ERFI (Ellis Ring Financial Inc.) in Los Angeles, Ring Financial in Santa Monica, The California Committee for Effective Government Inc. in Los Angeles, California Real Estate Political Action Committee, Los Angeles, and Frank Auf der Mauer.

In the race for city council, Jerry Pentin received \$2850 in cash in the last reporting period, raising his total to \$33,843 for the campaign. Erlene DeMarcus came in right behind him with a total of \$31,675. Of that amount \$600 was added during the reporting period. Karla Brown received \$2071 in cash. She loaned the campaign \$5000. Her total to date is \$11,826.

Pentin received \$500 each from the Associated

Builders and Contractors Northern California Chapter PAC and California Real Estate Political Action Committee. Mark Sweeney donated \$200 this period for a total of \$300; Frank Brandes, \$250; and \$500 from Bill Reinhard, president of Arcadia Companies, LLC.

DeMarcus's contributors were American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 57 PAC, \$250; Assemblymember Joan Buchanan, \$250; and Robert Branaugh, \$100.

While having the lowest total, Brown listed the most contributors during the reporting period. Among her donors were Greg O'Connor, \$500; Prudential California Realty, \$200; Fred Norman, \$50; Nate Miley for Supervisor, \$75; and \$99 each from Carol Molinaro, Robert Molinaro, Shirley Macchiano and Tony Macchiano.

# MAILBOX

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extension to Livermore and other infrastructure needs. Also, this tax increase will continue to tax your children and their children as there is no closure for the tax increase. Please do not jeopardize your children's lives. Alameda County also needs to reform the pensions and benefits, rather than tax, tax and spend policies.

Just Vote NO on all these measures and send a message to the government.

## Support Measure B1 Tom O'Neill Livermore

Some may think that because Livermore has shown a lively interest in bringing BART to Livermore, that it's now pretty much a done deal that BART will come. Not so. The funding to bring BART depends on passage of Measure B1. While funds from the federal and state government to shore up and develop our infrastructure remain welcome, the condition of the federal and state budgets coupled with the anti-tax mindset that has taken hold of the people at large mean that we must more and more rely on ourselves if we wish to have a wholesome and thriving transportation grid in Alameda County.

We should regard investment in our transportation system much as a homeowner might regard construction of a retaining wall to protect his or her homestead. We should think of expenditure on transportation much as most of us would regard the purchase of a new hot-water heater—one less dangerous and inefficient than one that we cross our fingers over every time we think of it. If you have not already voted, the time to act is soon.

You will be doing yourself, and all of us, a favor if you vote for Measure B1.

## Local Transportation Amy Levesque Livermore

On November 6th, voters will determine the future of local transportation funding proposed by Measure B1, Alameda County's Transportation Expenditure Plan initiative. Contained within the ballot measure are plans for numerous transportation investments and improvements, including critical funding for the long-awaited BART to Livermore extension project. A two-thirds voter approval is required for passage of the measure.

Measure B1 extends the existing 0.50% Alameda County sales tax allocated for transportation funds and increases it by an additional half a percent. No sales tax funds may be taken by the state and all resources collected from the initiative may only be used for transportation projects that benefit Alameda County.

Transportation projects and investments proposed under the plan include transit and specialized transit services (48%), local streets

and roads (30%), highway efficiency and freight and economic development (9%), bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and safety (8%), and sustainable land use and transportation linkages (4%).

Administrative costs of the measure may not exceed 4% of the tax proceeds and salary and benefit costs for hired staff may not exceed 1%.

A watchdog committee comprised of private members of the community would oversee transportation expenditures. The committee would hold public meetings, review independent audits, and issue reports on a yearly basis. These reports would be made available to the public in a variety of formats.

A comprehensive update of the plan must be performed at least once before the general election of November 2012 and at least once every 20 years thereafter. The updates must be approved by the voters.

The extension of BART to Livermore project relies heavily upon the passage of Measure B1. Voter approval of the measure would allocate \$400 million to the first phase of extending BART along the I-580 Corridor and constructing a station at the I-580/Isabel Avenue interchange. Total costs for Phase 1 of the Livermore extension is estimated to be between \$800 million and \$1 billion. Without voter approval of the measure, future funding for BART to Livermore is unknown, though further project delays are almost certain.

Other projects slated under the measure for the local area include improvements to the West Dublin and East Dublin/Pleasanton BART stations, Greenville Road, El Charro Road, Dougherty Road, Dublin Boulevard, and the Bernal Bridge. Multiple corridor improvements for improved safety and congestion reduction are planned, including those to the I-580/I-680 Interchange, Isabel Avenue Interchange, Greenville Road Interchange, Vasco Road Interchange, SR-84/I-680 Interchange, and widening of SR-84.

Investments would also be made in pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, such as completion of the Iron Horse trail, including local connectors and access routes. Additionally, a Bike and Pedestrian Grant Program within the measure would maintain existing trails, provide bicycle education and training, support safe routes to schools, and support school crossing guards.

Arthur Barinque, a Livermore resident in favor of the measure, says, "I'm excited to vote for a measure that will have an extremely positive impact on the Livermore community and its surrounding areas."

Barinque and other local supporters have distributed fliers around neighborhoods as well as made phone calls to the public to increase

awareness of the measure.

Opponents to the measure cite the fact that if passed, the initiative would double the existing transportation sales tax, increasing taxes on all income levels.

However, working families would be disproportionately affected, they say, as a greater percentage of their income would go toward paying these taxes. They also state that the proposed sales taxes would be "forever taxes" and have been written without a "sunset clause."

Measure B, the original transportation measure approved by voters in November 2000, instituted the current half-cent transportation sales tax. This tax is set to expire in 2022, unless amended by voter approval of Measure B1. Almost all transportation projects originally proposed and approved by voters in 2000 have been finished ahead of schedule or are nearing completion. The newly proposed Measure B1 would allow the existing sales tax as well as the additional half-cent tax to fund projects for additional transportation improvements. The current Measure B restricts sales tax revenues from funding any new major projects not included in the original initiative.

The economic recession in recent years has reduced all sources of transportation funding for Alameda County. In particular, services that depend on sales tax revenue have been hit the hardest with funding reductions. These include transit operators (resulting in higher fares and decreased service), programs for seniors and individuals with disabilities, local road maintenance, and improvements to bicycle and pedestrian pathways.

Diminishing transportation resources from state and federal sources has placed greater pressure for funding at the local level. This funding has become crucial for the county, as 60% of the funds for transportation projects are now derived locally. Additionally, local funding has allowed for over \$3 billion in matched funds for the county from outside sources.

According to the 2012 Alameda County Transportation Expenditure Plan, projected area population increases combined with outside funding decreases will cause local commute times and transportation services to suffer. It estimates that by 2035, the county's population will be 24% higher than it is currently and that vehicular miles driven will increase by 40%. Unless local resources for transportation are increased, the county expects a 10% decrease in morning rush hour freeway speeds, deterioration of local roads, bicycle routes, and pedestrian pathways, increased transit system fares, and reduced transit services.

Additional information on the 2012 Alameda County Transportation Expenditure Plan may be found at the

transportation commission's website ([www.alamedact.org](http://www.alamedact.org)) and in the November 2012 Alameda County Voter Information Pamphlet ([www.acgov.org/rov/](http://www.acgov.org/rov/)).

## Vote for Al Phillips Jane Phillips Livermore

Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory school (LVCP) held its annual Candidate forum night on Oct. 17. LVCP extended invitations to all candidates running for local and state elections. While all were well received, one candidate stood out and received a standing ovation from some in the audience. Al Phillips, candidate for Assembly District 16 gave an emotional and motivating speech on parental choice and how one person can make a difference in his or her community. Al Phillips made known his dissatisfaction with our current political environment and how special interests are controlling his opponent Joan Buchanan.

According to the Secretary of State's office, Ms. Buchanan raised over \$3.2 million dollars in campaign contributions with over 95% coming from special interest lobbying groups, which she supports. Candidate Phillips spoke on his opponent's decision to vote down SB 1530. Written by State Senator Padilla (D) SB 1530, if passed, would have allowed school districts flexibility in dismissing teachers accused of dealing drugs or committing heinous crimes against children. SB 1530 had huge bi-partisan support in the State Senate and was endorsed by school districts and newspapers throughout the state. Ms. Buchanan voted against protecting students and in favor of protecting drug dealing or teachers accused of being pedophilic. The LA Times, San Francisco Chronicle and Contra Costa Times called her decision "Outrageous."

The Mayor of Los Angeles and Chairman of the Democratic National Convention, Anthony Villaraigosa, had this to say about Joan Buchanan's decision, "Today cynical political calculation won and our children lost. The Assembly Committee on Education's vote to kill SB 1530 betrays a singular lack of courage and conviction. This decision is part of a larger disturbing pattern of disregard for the safety, well-being, and educational needs of some of our state's most vulnerable residents: our young students."

## Vote for Cook-Kallio Scott Haggerty County Supervisor

I urge you to vote Cheryl Cook-Kallio for Pleasanton mayor. Cheryl Cook-Kallio has established long-standing relationships with decision makers and elected officials at the local, regional, state and federal levels of government that will benefit Pleasanton residents.

Cook-Kallio's leadership skills and her tenacity will ensure Pleasanton has a voice in the many regional decisions critical to Pleasanton. She is dedicated to addressing the issues that affect your daily lives - traffic, transportation and public safety.

Join me in supporting Cheryl Cook-Kallio for the next mayor of Pleasanton.

## Thank You Bob & Deb Cilk Pleasanton

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated to our 13th Annual Halloween Costume Drive. It is always humbling to see how generously this community of ours responds to a call for action. We were thrilled to collect the fantastic costumes in such beautiful condition like the little spacemen, the green dinosaur and the little mermaid - just to name a few. The tremendous goodwill of the citizens of the Tri-Valley has again 'made a difference' in the lives of some of our younger 'neighbors in need'. We appreciate your support!

## Vote for DeMarcus Marj Leider Livermore Former City Council-member

To Pleasanton residents: I am writing this letter in support of longtime Pleasanton resident Erlene DeMarcus for a seat on the

Pleasanton City Council. As many of you know, I am now retired from the Livermore City Council, after serving eight years. During that time, I did have many conversations with Erlene about how much Livermore and Pleasanton had in common, what each wanted and worked for during the years. We didn't always agree. However, we did respect each other's right to her opinions.

By voting for Erlene DeMarcus, you will be voting for someone who really cares about your city. She will especially listen to you the Pleasanton citizen and do her best to keep the city and its all around growth the same as it has been in the past. Please vote for Erlene DeMarcus.

## Support Swalwell Louann Tung Livermore

Ellen Tauscher backs Eric Swalwell because "national security issues could be compromised if Stark is elected to a 20th term." "You can't have a member of Congress who is hostile to the largest employer in the district, one that has achieved so many important scientific gains for the American people and the country," said Tauscher.

"In an address at a school in Livermore, Stark said of the lab, "We ought to pack it up and move it to Nevada."

Vote for a fresh local clear voice - Eric Swalwell!

## Lab Experiments Illiminate How Order Arises in Cosmos

One of the unsolved mysteries of contemporary science is how highly organized structures can emerge from the random motion of particles. This applies to many situations ranging from astrophysical objects that extend over millions of light years to the birth of life on Earth.

The surprising discovery of self-organized electromagnetic fields in counter-streaming ionized gases (also known as plasmas) will give scientists a new way to explore how order emerges from chaos in the cosmos. This breakthrough finding was published online in the journal Nature Physics on September 30.

"We've created a model for exploring how electromagnetic fields help organize ionized gas or plasma in astrophysical settings, such as in the plasma flows that emerge from young stars," said lead author Nathan Kugland, a postdoctoral researcher in the High Energy Density Science Group at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). "These fields help shape the flows, and likely play a sup-

porting role alongside gravity in the formation of solar systems, which can eventually lead to the creation of planets like the Earth."

Hye-Sook Park, team leader and staff physicist at LLNL, explained, "This observation was completely unexpected, since the plasmas move so quickly that they should freely stream past each other." Park added that "laser-driven plasma experiments can study the microphysics of plasma interaction and structure formation under controlled conditions."

This work was performed at the OMEGA EP laser by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Additional support was provided by the LDRD program and the International Collaboration for High Energy Density Science (ICHEDS), supported by the Core-to-Core Program of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. The research leading to these results received funding from the European Research Council under the European Community's Seventh Framework Programme.

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

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

This business is conducted by an individual  
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.  
Signature of Registrants: s/ Tawnya Sargent  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 2, 2012. Expires October 2, 2017.  
The Independent Legal No. 3321. Published October 11, 18, 25, November 1, 2012.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 470742

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

stone Way, Livermore, CA 94550

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

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 469937

The following person(s) doing business as: Residential Appraisal Services, 6768 Edgewater Lane, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
Hildred J. Crawford, 6768 Edgewater Lane, Livermore, CA 94551  
This business is conducted by an individual  
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7/20/2012.  
Signature of Registrants: s/ Hildred J. Crawford  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 21, 2012. Expires September 21, 2017.  
The Independent Legal No. 3324. Published October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2012.

### SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NO. HG11-595489

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:  
(AVISO AL DEMANDO):  
Randolph A. Hintzen, Jr.

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

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

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in a proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your

wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a non-profit legal services program. You can locate these non-profit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tien 30 DIAS DE CAL- ENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta

por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Sino conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de

abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is:  
(El nombre y direccion de la corte es):  
HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE  
24405 AMADOR STREET  
HAYWARD, CA 94544

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

DATE: (Fecha): September 17, 2012  
s/ Judge Gail Brewster Bercola  
The Independent Legal No. 3325. Published October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2012.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 470780

The following person(s) doing business as: Mohylla, 1264 Hillcrest Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
(1)Dean Holunga (2)Virginia Holunga, 1264 Hillcrest Ave, Livermore, CA 94550  
This business is conducted by Husband and wife  
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/8/2012.  
Signature of Registrants: s/ Dean Holunga s/ Virginia Holunga  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 15, 2012. Expires October 15, 2017.  
The Independent Legal No. 3326. Published October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2012.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 470838

The following person(s) doing business as: Crystal Maintenance, 5750 Sonoma Dr, Suite C, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
Crystal Maintenance Inc., 5750 Sonoma Dr, Suite C, Pleasanton, CA 94566  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
The registrant began to transact business under the

fictitious business name(s) listed above in 2008.

Signature of Registrants: s/ Mauricio Diaz, President  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 16, 2012. Expires October 16, 2017.  
The Independent Legal No. 3327. Published November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2012

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 470609

The following person(s) doing business as: Alta Vista Dental, 3183 Independence Dr., Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
Ivleta Spunde, DDS, Inc, 270 Summerford Cir, San Ramon, CA 94583  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.  
Signature of Registrants: s/ Ivleta Spunde, Director, CEO  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 10, 2012. Expires October 10, 2017.  
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**  
 Date of Filing Application: **October 8, 2012**  
 To Whom It May Concern:  
 The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: **HAMID REZA AMINI FILABADI**  
 The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at:  
**1175 CATALINA DR LIVERMORE, CA 94550-5928**  
 Type of license(s) Applied for:  
**20 - Off-Sale Beer and Wine**  
 Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control  
**1515 Clay St. Ste 2208 Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 622-4970**  
 The Independent Legal No. 3329. Published November 1, 8, 15, 2012.

**NOTICE OF INVITING BIDS**  
 Notice is hereby given that sealed competitive bids will be accepted at the Health Care Services Agency, 1000 San Leandro Blvd., Suite 300, San Leandro, CA, 94577 **MANDATORY NETWORKING BIDDERS CONFERENCES FOR RFP #2012GWP HCSA Fund Development Office Grant Writers Pool Administration North County**—Wednesday, November 7, 2012, 10:00 a.m. at Regional Center of the East Bay, 500 Davis Street, Conference Room Davis A&B, San Leandro, CA and Thursday, November 8, 2012, 10:00 a.m. at County Administration Building, 1221 Oak Street, Room 255, 2nd Floor, Oakland, CA **Responses Due by 2:00 pm on November 28, 2012** County Contact: **Naomi Hsu** at (510) 667-7420 or via email: **naomi.hsu@acgov.org** Attendance at one Networking Conference is Mandatory. Specifications regarding the above may be obtained at the Alameda County GSA Current Contracting Opportunities Internet website at **www.acgov.org**. 11/1/12 CNS-2399615# THE INDEPENDENT Legal No. 3330

**ANIMALS**

**2) CATS/ DOGS**

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

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

**FERAL CAT FOUNDATION**

Cat & kitten adoptions now at the new Livermore Petco on Saturdays from 10:00AM to 2:30PM. We have many adorable, tame kittens that have been tested for FIV & FELV, altered & vaccinated. We also have adult cats & ranch cats for adoption.

**EMPLOYMENT**

**65) HELP WANTED**

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**SEEKING Veterinary Assistant Instructor in Livermore, CA.** Professional experience as a Registered Veterinary Technician or higher in the last 3-5 years. Send resume to: **lfennell@bostonreed.com** Fax: 707-226-1041 or call 800-201-1141 Ext. 5098

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**MERCHANDISE**

**127) LOST/ FOUND**

**LOST**  
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## Newest Trends in Kitchen Design

By Cher Wollard

Maybe you are considering selling your home next year, and figure that updating your 1980s kitchen might justify asking a higher price. Or maybe you bought that house with the tired old kitchen and want to bring it into the modern era.

What's the latest trend in kitchen design? In a word, green. Yes, that means using recycled and sustainable materials such as bamboo and glass, but it also means "green." Gray with green is replacing shades of tan and cream as the new neutral. Stained cabinets can be given a gray wash, or painted in gray or green tones. Designers are also using lime greens for bright color accents or even larger areas, such as cabinets or walls. Or try black and white with bursts of turquoise, orange, red or lemon yellow.

The easiest way to add color to a kitchen is to paint an accent wall. But that's not your only option. Easy-to-apply wallpapers in nostalgic prints are back.

"Gingham patterns, cottage florals and polka dots look fantastic when paired with bright lighting," according to Grace Beckett of comfree.com. And if hanging full rolls of wallpaper is not your thing, she suggests murals or decals.

"They're a fantastic thing to have between cabinets and make your kitchen look picturesque. A massive daisy or a giant fork can be placed in the kitchen to add a sense of style."

Or create an artistic focal point with mosaic backsplashes made of stone, tile or glass.

Other trends in kitchen design:

1. Sleek and modern. Integrated appliances such as drawer-style fridges, and fridges, ovens, microwaves and dishwashers fronted to match the cabinetry give a clean look. Roll-up doors at counter-top level allow for hiding away toasters, mixers and other gadgets.

Some kitchens, in fact, are designed with no counter space, just solid walls of appliances and cabinetry, around the perimeter and large islands with workspace in the middle.

Cabinetry that extends all the way to the ceiling makes use of wasted space for storing infrequently used specialty serveware and cookware.

2. Flat-panel and furniture-style cabinets in non-traditional finishes.

The flat-panel style has been popular in Europe for years, and is now gaining cache here. Instead of cherry, maple or pine, try alder, birch, oak or walnut with rubbed bronze hardware.

For high-end remodels, consider exotic woods such as mahogany, sapele or anaglade, especially paired with long stainless steel handles and drawer-pulls.

The "green" minded might want to go for bamboo – not really a wood, but rather an ecologically harvested grass that looks beautiful and leaves just a small imprint on the environment.

But if that's too modern for your tastes, Ikea, a leading supplier of cabinetry for kitchen remodels, suggests simple Shaker-style cabinetry in chocolate or espresso finishes. Or, says HGTV.com, mix painted and stained-wood cabinetry, for example, a gray-wash stain on walnut with painted white.

3. Mix it up. HG-TV star and interior designer David Bromstad says a collected, eclectic look is all the rage. Mixing kitchen finishes is a great way to get the collective look. Two-tone cabinets, counters and even appliances are available.

4. Lighter and brighter. By making smarter use of existing space, you can add more windows or glass-paned doors without losing storage.

Instead of – or in addition to – recessed lighting, add statement lighting fixtures: chandeliers, modern oversized suspended lights, decorative pendants and wall scones.

LED lighting under cabinets and at center islands is practical and beautiful.

Try back-painted glass backsplashes. They are available in luminous reflective colors. For more pizzazz, extend the backsplash to the ceiling.

5. Beautiful countertops.

Granite is still the most popular countertop material for remodelers, and prices have come down due to cheaper material imported from Asia. But there are many other interesting choices:

- Instead of standard 6- or 8-inch ceramic tiles with wide grout in contrasting colors, consider going sleeker. Bigger tiles – 12, 18 or even 24 inches – set close together with matching grout provide a modern look with easier maintenance

- Besides granite, natural stones such as limestone, marble or soapstone are beautiful alternatives, with the same qualities of durability and heat-resistance. Limestone sometimes includes fragments of fossils or shells for added interest.

- Engineered stone, sometimes called "quartz," is available in a variety of styles — stone look, crocodile print, solid colors and textured surfaces.

- Composite countertops have been around for decades, but now they are available in eco-friendly versions formed from materials such as fly ash or recycled paper. These materials are economical, but they do sometimes require sealing or special maintenance.

- Solid surface materials. Laminate is available in wide variety of colors and styles, including beautiful finishes such as faux slate, marble, granite. Like their higher-end cousins such as Corian, laminates are durable and low-maintenance.

- One of the hottest trends in countertops is concrete. This smooth, strong surface lends itself to one-of-a-kind craftsmanship. It can be ground, polished or stained, and embedded with embellishments from seashells to stones. Because it's custom cast, it's a great choice for oddly shaped counters with curves and multiple levels.

- Recycled glass countertops are available in a range of colors and are eco-friendly.

- Stainless steel counters are strong, heat resistant and hygienic. They can be paired with concrete or wood work surfaces for a truly elegant look. If you are concerned about fingerprints, consider a brushed, quilted or hammered finish.

- Wood and butcher block. Maple tops are especially popular on kitchen islands because they are great for bakers. Most manufacturers recommend regular applications of mineral oil to maintain their beauty.

Whatever kind of countertop is chosen, keep the line seamless from counter to sink for a modern look and easy maintenance. Look at having sinks molded from the same material as the countertops, or install the sinks under the counter line. Sinks can be made of many materials, porcelain, stainless steel, even sealed bamboo.

For country-look kitchens, consider old-fashioned porcelain apron sinks. Auxiliary, prep sinks in work islands add convenience.

6. Universal design. After "green," "universal design" may be the biggest word in housing. It refers to designs that allow homeowners to age in place.

Base cabinet drawers, large-loop hardware, drawer microwaves and movable countertops accommodate any chef, young or old.

7. "Right-size spaces" is another important concept.

In fact, builders are moving away from recent overblown dimensions and designing more compact kitchens that function smarter. Time-saving appliances like convection ovens and induction cooktops perform faster. Sensible carts often with baskets in place of drawers provide easy, moveable add-on storage. Pullout spice racks and built-in utensil dividers — once only offered by custom cabinetmakers — are now available in mid-priced fixtures.

Whatever your taste, when it comes time to remodel your kitchen, your local Realtor can provide references for contractors and installers.

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# Livermore High's Shooting Stars a Hit with the Fans

By Carol Graham

When the Livermore High School Cowboys football team stepped off the field, the cheering didn't stop.

Twelve special education students comprising the Shooting Stars cheerleading squad took the field, dancing to the beat of Queen's "We Will Rock You" and Jesse J's "Domino" as students, parents and athletes yelled and clapped.

"The Shooting Stars are all really humbled; a lot of them were crying," said Haley Burchfield, LHS Varsity Cheerleading Captain and one of the squad's three student coaches.

"This program breaks the barriers between special ed and regular students."

The program was started in 2010 by then-senior cheerleader Erika Gruidl. "The main goal was to unify the student body, bringing in the previously ostracized Special Day Care students," said the pre-med Santa Clara University freshman. "My parents and I talked about creating the team after hearing the song 'Firework' by Katy Perry. We thought the lyrics, 'Show them what you're worth,' were very inspirational and became the essence of the team."

The Shooting Stars performed during the half-time show of the Cowboys' final home game on



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Students created a pyramid as part of the routine.

October 26th. They have also appeared at pep rallies, basketball games, the Bankhead Theater, and on KCBS news.

"This program helps students in so many ways," said Special Ed Aide Julie Wright. "It gives them a huge boost in their confi-

dence. They have to learn the dance routines, positions, and spatial awareness. The main thing is that it helps them feel like they are a part of the school, having a chance to participate just like everyone else."

Seventeen-year-old

Kendra Monica has been part of the team since its beginning. "It gives her a sense of belonging," said mother Kristie Monica. "The Shooting Stars have tons of team spirit. When they're performing they can see and feel the positive influence they have on the student body."

Student coaches - senior Burchfield, and juniors Jessica Pestana and Sarah Dreher - work with the squad during lunch three times a week. "After they perform," said Pestana, "people come up to them and say, 'You did a great job!' And they'll go up to people and say, 'Hey, did you see me perform?' Everyone's so supportive."

Both liability and school-wide acceptance were considered during the program's inception, said Kristie. "LHS was concerned how well this program would be received by the student body. They didn't want these students to be ridiculed."

Instead, the opposite happened. Following their initial performance, Gruidl said, "Tears filled my eyes. I looked up in the stands to see that everyone felt the same rush of emotion. The overwhelming positive response from the student body made everything worth it. The Shooting Stars became the popular kids at school."

Current team members include Natasha Dietrich,

Jacob Elfin, Ryan Glorioso, Zac Jones, Kendra Monica, Ana Kiley, Jonathan McCunney, Amberley O'Donnell, Bailey Olsen, Michael Sanchez, Parker Siglin and Richard Tienter.

"They're all so inspiring; I feel like everyone should see what I see every day," said Dreher.

Gruidl's long-term goal is to bring Shooting Stars to other schools in the area. Those interested can email Erika at erikaleann9@comcast.net, or LHS's Tracy Dreher at tdreher@

lvjusk12.ca.us.

"Each squad member has his or her own personal little take on the routines," said Wright. "If you watch them individually, they're doing the dance but it's in their own way. They love to move and groove just like their peers. They believe they can do anything, and they can!"

Added Kendra following her recent performance, "I liked it! I like to see people have fun and smile at me."

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Hinshaw is a nationally recognized expert on child and adolescent disorders, behavior disorders, gender,

peer and family issues, and stigma. He is the author of over two-hundred articles and seven books, including: "The Triple Bind: Saving Our Teenage Girls from Today's Pressures," "The Mark of Shame: Stigma of Mental Illness and an Agenda for Change" and "Attention Deficits and Hyperactivity in Children."

Commenting on the event, Las Positas College Psychology Department Instructor, Ernest Jones said:

"Dr. Hinshaw is one of the real giants of modern psychology. His contributions to our understanding of ADHD, bipolar disorder, child and adolescent mental health, and the impact of stigma can't be overstated."

Dr. Hinshaw's presentation is open to the general public. He will be speaking in the College's Multi-Disciplinary Building Lecture Hall, Room 2420, at 7:30 PM on November 6. Admission is \$10 with

advance tickets available in the campus bookstore; space permitting. Tickets will also be available at the door. 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 Professor Ernest Jones at (925) 424-1217 or ejones@laspositascollege.edu.

## Study Finds Americans Are Using Less Energy

Americans used less energy in 2011 than in the previous year due mainly to a shift to higher-efficiency energy technologies in the transportation and residential sectors. Meanwhile, less coal was used but more natural gas was consumed according to the most recent energy flow charts released by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Wind power saw the biggest jump from .92 quadrillion BTU, or quads, in 2010 up to 1.17 quads in 2011. (BTU or British Thermal Unit is a unit of measurement for energy and is equivalent to about 1.055 kilojoules).

"Wind energy jumped significantly because, as in previous years, many new wind farms came online," said A.J. Simon, an LLNL energy systems analyst who develops the flow charts using data provided by the Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration. "This is the result of sustained investment in wind power."

Hydroelectricity also saw an increase going from 2.51

quads in 2010 up to 3.17 quads in 2011.

Hydroelectricity jumped significantly in 2011 because 2011 saw large amounts of precipitation in the Western U.S. Hydroelectric dams were able to produce at their maximum levels while keeping reservoirs full. Similar levels of hydroelectric production were seen in 1997, 1998 and 1999 due to wet years.

Overall, U.S. energy use in 2011 equaled 97.3 quads compared to the 98 quads used in 2010. Most of the energy was tied to coal, natural gas and petroleum.

From 2010 to 2011, use of coal fell dramatically, use of oil (petroleum) fell slightly and use of natural gas increased slightly from 24.65 quads in 2010 to 26.9 quads in 2011.

"Sustained low natural gas prices have prompted a

shift from coal to gas in the electricity generating sector," Simon said. "Sustained high oil prices have likely driven the decline in oil use over the past 5 years as people choose to drive less and purchase automobiles that get more miles per gallon."

The majority of energy use in 2011 was used for electricity generation (39.2 quads), followed by transportation, industrial, commercial and residential consumption. However, energy use in the residential, commercial and transportation sectors decreased while industrial energy use increased IF only slightly.

"With the advent of shale gas, it appears that natural gas prices in the United States may remain lower than their historical averages for many years into the fu-

ture," Simon said. "This has prompted many gas users in the industrial and electricity generating sector to switch from coal or oil to natural gas when it is technically possible, but might not have been economical at higher gas prices."

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## Livermore American Indian Center A Resource for Information and Classes

By Carol Graham

As night was falling outside, a 3-foot diameter drum let out a deep bellow that resounded in Rancho Las Positas Elementary School's multipurpose room.

Elizabeth Kianu Stahmer raised her head and sang out a note that cut through the air all the way to the bones. It was clear, unafraid, beautiful. Eight other drummers answered,

creating a harmony of voices and drumbeats.

"The songs are like prayers heard by the Creator," said participant Aileen Aydelott. "The time around the drum is uplifting for everyone."

The Livermore American Indian Center, located at the school, holds a culture class with drumming, singing and dancing on Tuesday nights during the school year. "We also host

storytellers, dance troupes, ornithologists, and a day camp in the summer," said Stahmer. "On Native American Day (the fourth Friday in September), we put up our 20-foot tipi and teach about our culture, and the science and physics of native dwellings."

Stahmer's blond hair and blue eyes belie her Wyandotte - Blackfoot heritage. "Native people come in all sizes, shapes and colors," she said. "We have many similarities in traditions from tribe to tribe and yet, also uniqueness. There is an enormous native community in the Bay Area that is alive and going strong. The center provides a safe place for children and families to learn, teach, enjoy fellowship, and expand their horizons through cultural activities, field trips and tutoring."

In 1990, the month of November was named National American Indian Month, providing an avenue for Native Americans to share their culture, traditions, music, crafts, and dance while celebrating the contributions of distinguished Indian authors, artists, scientists, service members and political leaders. At its deepest level, the designation allows bridges of understanding and friendship to be built across cultures.

"Most people do not know that there are people of American Indian heritage living in their midst," said Mary Puthoff, the Livermore district's Title VII Indian Education Program Specialist. Title

VII is a policy designed to fulfill the federal government's responsibility to the Indian people for education, ensuring children's programs are of the highest quality and provide cultural instruction. "People may be surprised to know that American Indians are still practicing their culture at local pow wows and ceremonies."

Participant Angela Hoehne explained, "Pow wows are a gathering of native peoples where they can honor their children, relatives, soldiers, and those who have helped various native families. It's a time for celebration, feasts, and contesting with dance and singing in the traditional ways."

Using the term "pow wow" for any other scenario is seen as disrespectful, as is calling Indian attire "costumes" (the preferred term is regalia) and perpetuating Indian stereotypes.

"Native Americans are still offended by the mascots and stereotypes of the sports teams," said Puthoff. "Indians are not a 'thing' to be made fun of."

When Aydelott moved to Livermore several years ago, she was thrilled to learn that a pow wow was being hosted at one of the high schools. "But when I learned how it came about, I was shocked," she said. "That a student was being harassed and abused for being American Indian just made no sense to me. I learned recently that a teacher even addressed her class using a student as an



Tina Puthoff demonstrates one of the dances.

example of how Indians are now 'civilized.'

"Native Americans are just like everyone else: we work, we go to school, we laugh, we love, we have fun, we're human."

The Livermore American Indian Center provides a variety of services and opportunities designed to bring about greater awareness, understanding, and appreciation.

"The center's purpose is to provide services for the cultural and academic needs of students of American Indian heritage in our service area: Livermore,

Pleasanton, Dublin, Sunol and Castro Valley," said Puthoff. Along with the weekly cultural class, the summer camp, and Native American Day activities, the center also holds potlucks honoring elders, provides tutoring and counseling services, and hosts musical festivals and pow wows.

"We have a scholarship program for which we conduct fundraising - the Society of American Indians (Aydelott and Hoehne were recipients in 1983), which has provided over \$60,000

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Alan Waters talks to students.

## Local Artists form 'Niles Canyon Artisans'

Association to to Debut with Special Fall Show + Open House on Nov. 17/18th featuring Social Gathering and Latest Works

A collection of local artists have formed the Niles Canyon Artisans. The group will promote the artistic creativity in the East Bay area, especially the Niles Canyon region between Fremont and Sunol. The association of local artisans will work toward further developing local arts and crafts while encouraging greater communication and collaboration.

The association, found online at <http://nilescanyon-artisans.blogspot.com> will provide opportunities for the community to enjoy and view local arts and crafts through local shows and studio tours. The membership of Niles Canyon Artisans



Niles Canyon Artisans

includes artisans from Sunol and Niles in addition to surrounding communities.

"With the Niles Canyon Artisans we have brought together the brightest artisans of the area to build a community and increase visibility to the brilliant creativity that is happening all the time," said Conover Smith. "Covering many forms of artistry and craft, from paintings, to photography, knit lace, literature, to formed glass and sculpture, we offer a rich and diverse way for those in the community to experience what is made here locally."

To mark the launch of the association a special event is scheduled for the weekend of November 17th and 18th (from 11am to 5pm Sat and Sun.) at the La Bodega Event Center at 11986 Main Street

in Sunol. On display will be paintings, sculpture, jewelry and agricultural arts.

The event is co-sponsored by the Valley Pan and La Bodega Event center. It will feature works from as many as 20 artisans. The event coincides with an open house event on Saturday, November 17th at Hillcrest Ranch in Sunol, featuring cold pressed olive oils, soap making, and self-guided tours of the historic orchard. A free shuttle service will run throughout the day between the two events. For more information: [Lynn.Kozma@comcast.net](mailto:Lynn.Kozma@comcast.net)

Participating artists are: Conover Smith - Ceramic bas relief and sculpture; Emelie Rogers - Stained & kiln-formed glass; Debi Foland - Fused glass/fused

glass wind chimes; Connie De Grange - Nonfiction; Sue Morford Ceramics and beyond; Lynn Kozma Knit beaded lace; Derek Johnson - Photography; Bev Patterson - Jewelry; Steve Barkkarie - Watercolor, palm-a-gami; Simone Archer - Fused jewelry, Tiles, European oils; Maryanne Canaparo - Ceramics;

Gary Canaparo - Multimedia piece; Andre Zunino - Fused glass; Kathy Zunino - Jewelry; Rene Sporer - Knit scarves; Sally Bennett - Sewn functional objects; Trish McNeill - Kiln glass and ceramics; Irv Tiessen - Wood; Allen De Grange - Watercolor and tile; Aris Vlacos - Painting; Hayley Nielsen - Photography; Kate Graham - Painting; and Marie Gronoley - Stained Glass.

## 'Forbidden Broadway' Brings Its Wacky Look at Theater to the Bankhead

The "Forbidden Broadway: 30th Anniversary Show" will deliver a wild and wacky taste of the Great White Way in a one-of-a-kind masterpiece of satirical comedy at the Bankhead Theater in early November.

"Forbidden Broadway" spoofs both theatrical successes and failures equally, and includes hilarious twists on such classics as "Annie," "Phantom of the Opera," "Wicked," "Gypsy," and "Grease." Described by the New York Daily News as "punchy and packed with laughs," a single performance of "Forbidden Broadway: 30th Anniversary Show" will be offered at the Bankhead Theater on Monday, November 5, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the show range from \$34 to

\$54 for adults and \$14 for students.

The Tony Award-winning revue, "Forbidden Broadway," was started in 1982 by Gerard Alessandrini in a small nightclub in New York's Upper West Side. An aspiring actor, Alessandrini had grown up with a love for Broadway and entertained himself at a young age by writing musical parodies of show tunes. Finding himself temporarily unemployed, he pulled together a series of skits that delivered a hilariously skewed spin on Broadway with an unmistakably affectionate insider's view. Alessandrini's unerring ability to find humor in both the best and the worst proved completely irresistible to critics and audiences alike. Over the next

three decades, "Forbidden Broadway" evolved into New York's longest running musical comedy revue, updated regularly and honored with numerous awards along the way. The show's success in New York eventually spawned annual touring productions in Los Angeles, Boston and London.

In 2009, as the economic downturn and other forces impacted the artistic environment on Broadway, Alessandrini closed the show citing a lack of fresh material. After a three-year hiatus however, a flood of new shows provided ample fodder for his hilarious sense of humor. With plenty of new targets for his satirical barbs, Alessandrini was unable to resist the temptation

to return. His latest rendition, "Forbidden Broadway: Alive and Kicking," opened in New York this September to rave reviews, breaking box office records and virtually selling out every show. With acidic humor, a wickedly clever comic spin, and costumes and wigs that generate their own round of laughter, every "Forbidden Broadway" show remains a loving and endlessly entertaining tribute to the world of theater.

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





## Pianist Plans Varied Program

Del Valle Fine Arts presents Alexander Schimpf, piano, on Saturday, Nov. 10 for an 8 p.m. performance at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

Schimpf is the most recent (2011) gold medal winner of the prestigious Cleveland International Piano Competition. He has won other important competitions throughout Europe and performed in major concert halls in Europe and the United States.

For his Bankhead appearance, his program will include Bach's "French Suite No. 5 in G Major, BWV 816;" Debussy's "Images II" and "L'Isle Joyeuse (The Happy Island);" Beethoven's "Piano Sonata No. 8 in C Minor, Op. 13;" Liszt's "Ballade No. 2 in B minor;" and Strauss's "Sonata for violin and piano in E flat major, Op. 18."

Born in Gottingen, Ger-



**Alexander Schimpf**

many in 1981, Alexander Schimpf initially studied piano with Wolfgang Manz in Hannover and subsequently studied at the Musikhochschule Dresden and in Wurzburg. He has performed in recital throughout Germany as well as at festivals. Mr. Schimpf has appeared in recital in France, Italy, Aus-

tria, Switzerland, and England, as well as undertaking two recital tours of South America. He made his debut appearance at Carnegie Hall in December 2011, with many additional recital and concert appearances planned

in the United States, including tonight's concert at the Bankhead Theater.

The Plain Dealer wrote, "... Schimpf's performance was marked by secure interaction with the Orchestra and complete mastery of the score's technical and emotional dimensions. By turns, the pianist whipped up storms, spun out golden filigree, and plumbed philosophical depths."

Tickets are \$39, \$32, \$25. They are available at the theater box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore; online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), or by calling 373-6800. Free youth tickets and reduced price student rush tickets are available on the day of the performance.

For information about Del Valle, visit [www.delvallefinearts.org](http://www.delvallefinearts.org)

## INDIAN CENTER

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to more than 120 Livermore Valley students," said Puthoff, whose Lakota tribe name means friend or ally - a designation she prefers to the non-native name Sioux, which means snake or enemy.

The center is open to the public, displaying Indian artifacts, providing more than 500 books for loan, and offering classes in drumming, beadwork, cooking, dancing and crafts. Teachers are invited to bring their students to the center for educational and cultural programs. Native American consultants are available to visit classrooms or speak at assemblies. Field trips include excursions to local museums, historical sites such as Alcatraz, and Indian events like pow wows.

Volunteerism is an

integral part of the center, although American Indian descent is not a membership requirement.

"We're trying to get more children involved and would like more volunteers who can contribute their knowledge to the center," said Aydelott. "For many children, it's helped their self-esteem knowing there are others like them who want to learn about and expand on their cultures. The center is like a family."

Hoehne agreed. "I get a 'coming home' feeling after having been away. I grew up with the drum in the background because my dad was always playing recorded music," she said. "It's a very spiritual feeling."

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# Author Embraces 'The Art of Procrastination'

By Carol Graham

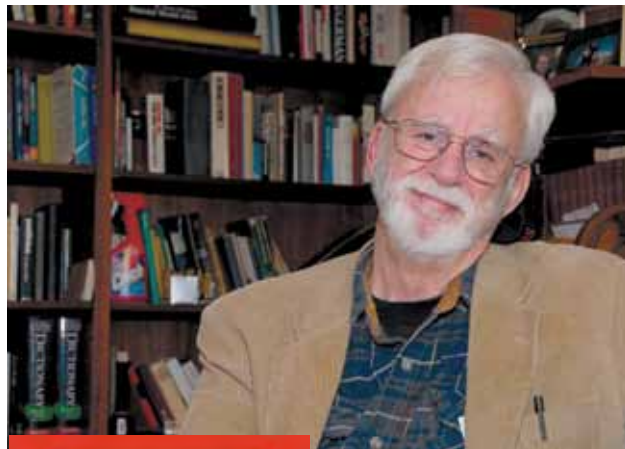
"So, how did you stop being a procrastinator?" asks a woman in the audience.

John Perry raises his eyebrows. "Me?" he says. "I never have."

"Oh," says the woman, disappointed. "But you wrote a book about it. You haven't fixed your procrastination?"

Perry smiles. It's probably more than just occasionally that this misconception plays out as he tours the country speaking about his book *The Art of Procrastination, A Guide to Effective Dawdling, Lollygagging and Postponing* - a celebration of the positive, quirky and humorous realities of the procrastinator.

During his talk at Pleasanton's Towne Center Books on October 23, the Stanford University emeritus professor of philosophy admits he makes no attempt to cure procrastination, nor to analyze it to death, nor to shame anyone for his or her habits. Instead, Perry's approach, with engaging insight and wit, allows procrastinators to take a deep breath and realize that the effects of



John Perry

laziness are not the same thing."

The key idea Perry presents is that procrastinating does not mean doing nothing. "Procrastinators seldom do absolutely nothing; they do marginally useful things, like gardening or sharpening pencils or making a diagram of how they will reorganize their files when they get around to it," he wrote in an essay he penned while avoiding grading papers, writing lectures and reading dissertations. "Indeed, the procrastinator can even acquire, as I have, a reputation for getting a lot done."

After publishing the es-

say online, Perry won the Ig Nobel Prize in Literature for his writings on the art of procrastination. The Ig Nobels are organized by the magazine *Annals of Improbable Research*, and sponsored by Harvard and Radcliffe societies with the purpose of "First, making you laugh; then making you think."

The prize, one of ten awarded annually in various categories since 1991, gained the attention of a literary agent who encouraged Perry to expand his original essay into a book.

What Perry hopes to promote is structured procrastination. "All procrastinators put off things they have to do. Structured procrastination is the art of making this negative trait work for you," he writes, noting that people who have a reputation for getting a lot done are usually procrastinators, completing one task as a way of not doing something else. "People who clean their garages, write clever blogs, send thank you notes, and read lots of books are inevitably procrastinators, doing all of these things as a way of avoiding their 'big, important tasks.'"

The Art of Procrastination, ("Buy one for every procrastinator on your Christmas list!" says Perry) touches on causes of procrastination as well as tools useful in managing it. "Most procrastinators are perfectionists. As long as they have time to do a task, they fantasize about doing a perfect job," he writes. "Leaving it till the last minute is a way of giving oneself permission to do a merely adequate job. Ninety nine percent of the time, a merely adequate job is all that is needed."

When a deadline is near, says Perry, the fantasy of perfection is replaced by the fantasy of utter failure.

Perry recommends using tools to "break the spell" of procrastination: alarm clocks, up-tempo music, and "task triage" - analyzing, as is done in medical emergencies, which tasks are hopeless, which may survive if they receive immediate treatment, and which can be made comfortable and treated later.

Perry co-hosts "Philosophy Talk" with Stanford professor Ken Taylor. Listeners are invited to join conversations on a wide variety of issues ranging from

popular culture to deeply held beliefs about science, morality and the human condition. The show's tagline is "The program that questions everything, except your intelligence."

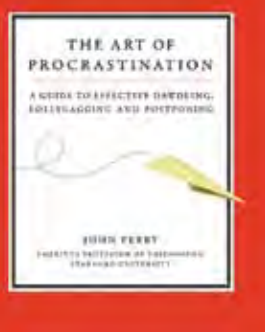
The question Perry hears most often while speaking about procrastination is, "Is your wife a procrastinator?" - an inquiry most likely stemming from curiosity about whether the effects of this quirk are as debilitating to other marriages as it is to one's own. "Yes," Perry says. "Does that prevent her from being annoyed with me? No."

Perry offers hope by noting that procrastinators can be motivated to undertake difficult, timely and important tasks, as long as these tasks are a way of not doing something even more important. But the one thing Perry doesn't want to perpetuate is the unhelpful addition of guilt. "I just say, 'I'm a procrastinator. It's a flaw, a weakness, I feel bad. Now leave me alone,'" he says.

Copies of *The Art of Procrastination* are available at Pleasanton's Towne Center Books, a locally-owned book store that regularly hosts authors and speakers.

this particular foible can be minimized, and even used to one's advantage.

"It's a flaw," he says. "I'm not going to tell you it's not. But you are not a barnacle on the belly of society. You're not an unproductive slug. Procrastination and



## Grammy Award-Winning Band Dan Zanes and Friends Offers Saturday Morning Children's Show

Grammy Award-winning band, Dan Zanes and Friends will take the Bankhead Theater stage for a toe-tapping performance of contemporary children's music in a single Saturday morning performance on November 3, 2012. Former rock musician Zanes' "homemade music" uses all types of instruments, from upright bass, mandolin, electric guitar, and trumpet, to the sound of drums, fiddle and spoons. Tickets for the family-oriented performance on November 3rd at 10 a.m. are \$14 for children and \$23 to \$43 for adults.

Dan Zanes was best known in the 1980s as lead singer and guitarist for alternative rock band The Del Fuegos. After releasing several albums however, the band members had gone their separate ways by the end of the decade. Zanes moved to Brooklyn, New York, with his wife and young daughter, and soon found himself spending more time at playgrounds than at rock music venues. He put together a tape of songs for his daughter, passing it along to friends and neighborhood families he thought might also enjoy it. His first children's album,

Rocket Ship Beach, was loaded with kid-appeal. He recorded his own favorites and songs parents have been singing for years such as "Erie Canal" and "Bushel and a Peck," and he called on friends from across the music industry including Sheryl Crow, who chimed in on "Polly Wolly Doodle."

In the years since, Zanes has continued to collaborate with friends and artists from Deborah Harry to Lou Reed, and released a dozen albums, including his Latino-inspired collection "Nueva York!" and "Catch That Train," winner of the 2006 Grammy Award

for Best Musical Album for Children. Zane's most recent album, "Little Nut Tree," just received a 2012 Parents Choice Gold Award. The new album ranges

from an original song by multi-instrumentalist and exceptional whistler Andrew Bird, to a rich soul take on the R&B classic "Down in the Basement." Collabora-

tors include the West African group Sierra Leone Refugee All Stars and the youth orchestra of The Harmony Project in Los Angeles.

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center strives to make the performing arts accessible to families by offering \$14 student tickets to nearly every LVPAC Presents event.

The Bankhead Theater, is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. Tickets may be purchased at the box office, by calling 925-373-6800 or going on-line to [www.bankhead-theater.org](http://www.bankhead-theater.org).



# Harrington Gallery Exhibit Looks at Artists and the Visual World

The Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center presents an innovative new exhibit, *Confrontations: Artists and the Visual World*, from November 7 through December 15. Media includes sculpture, photography, large format oil painting, and ceramic.

The artists will be on hand for the opening reception on Thursday, November 8, from 7-9pm. They will present an informal "Artists' Talk" program during the reception. The artists are Arthur Comings, Ralph Holker, Daniel Kasser, Andrew Roberts-Gray, and John Trefethen.

The reception is free and open to the public.

This exhibit explores the contentious relationship between man and environment, specifically the use and misuse of nature and the detritus that results. The marks and artifacts that remain have inspired a variety of unique responses in photography, painting, and sculpture. These remains are the common thread among

the five artists whose work is otherwise diverse in approach and technique.

Arthur Comings began creating assemblage sculpture with found objects and industrial artifacts almost forty years ago at the time of Bruce Connor's first Funk Art Show at Sam's Café, Berkeley, in the 1970s. In his words, his work is "... imbued with the blues, from the experience of scrounging of raw materials in urban streets and rural junkyards, through incessant improvisation as I pull disparate materials together, to the final decision that I have assembled something new and lasting."

Pacific Rim Sculptors Group member Ralph Holker has exhibited extensively in the Bay Area and beyond. His "Boxes in Transition," a series of roughly hewn, intricately textured ceramic vessels with multi-layered surfaces, remind one of industrial metal scraps or skeletal fragments worn with time and the elements.

The photograph of Dan-

iel Kasser can be found in numerous public and private collections. Currently a professor at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Kasser's photographic style has evolved from West-Coast, Northern California Modernism, exemplified by Ansel Adams and Edward Weston, toward a pictorial approach that is unique among contemporary landscape photographers. Critics had identified his images as "constructed realities" and "mythopoetic" interpretations of the western landscape. In this exhibit, work from his "Western Technosites" series will be featured.

Andrew Roberts-Gray has shown his work widely in Colorado where he resides and is represented by Quintenz and Company Gallery in Aspen. In his large format oil paintings his subjects are stunning scenes from nature in the manner of the old masters, but with imposed patterns and images with technological and/or organic references



"Lower Falls, McCloud River," John Trefethen (above); "Grey 350" by Andrew Roberts (lower left); and "Fire Tripod" by Arthur Comings (lower right).



which do not have an immediate relationship to the landscape. One is reminded of the type of jarring visual created when gazing at an idyllic natural scene which

has been altered by human actions, such as quarries or logging.

Photographic work from John Trefethen's "Picture Spots" series will be on ex-

hibit. His work can be found in many private collections and at LensWork online. Currently residing in Danville, John also runs a design studio and teaches photography. About this series John says "In the world's wild places, a photograph shot is a failed taxidermic effort to frame the magnificence of the land, stuff its glory, and paste it in the family photo album trophy as a surrogate to the experience of standing witness to the grandeur of the scene...While they may arrest time and pin down a memory, every attempt falls short of the sights, sounds, smells and awe of being physically present."

The Harrington Gallery is located at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Gallery hours are Wed. through Sat., 12-5pm, Saturday 11am-3pm, and one hour before most performances and during intermissions. Admission for this exhibit is free. Donations are accepted.

# Robert Cray Brings His Distinctive Sound to the Bankhead

Award-Winning Hall of Fame Blues Guitarist Robert Cray Returns to the Bankhead Theater in November

With his distinctive razor-sharp guitar and trademark mix of blues, rock, soul and jazz, five-time Grammy Award-winner Robert Cray has been called a modern blues poet. Over a career spanning more than three decades, he has been credited with infusing new energy into the world of contemporary blues and attracting a new generation of fans with his music.

Following their sold out show at the Bankhead Theater last fall, The Robert Cray Band returns for a single performance on Friday, November 9, 2012, their only Bay Area appearance

on an international tour to launch their newest album "Nothin' but Love."

Cray showed an early interest in the guitar and discovered a love for the blues in his teens, forming his first band in the 1970s. He grew up admiring such legendary blues masters as B.B. King and Albert Collins. Cray's sound had already begun to build a loyal fan base, when a song off his third album "Strong Pretender" became an unexpected cross-over hit in 1986. Released two months after the album the song "Smokin' Gun," a classic blues tale of murderous jealousy, climbed into the Top 40s and the video became a standard on the MTV playlist.

The success of "Smokin'

Gun" brought Cray's style of contemporary blues into the mainstream. "Strong Pretender" went gold and won the band their first Grammy Award.

The Robert Cray Band's latest release "Nothin' but Love" is a collaborative effort among the members of his band. It includes songs written by each of them. The album reflects Cray's eclectic contemporary style, blending the classic blues sound with a touch of hard driving rock, New Orleans jazz, Latin rhythm and Caribbean beats. From the classic breakup blues of "Won't Be Coming Home" to a mournful riff on reposition in "Great Big Old House," these are songs that Stephen Thompson of

NPR Music said, "execute the deffest possible blend of emotional misery and instrumental majesty - just the way blues ought to be."

Tickets to hear The Robert Cray Band at the Bankhead Theater on November 9th at 8:00 p.m. range from \$70 to \$81 for adults and \$14 for students. Later this season, LVPAC Presents will welcome one of Robert Cray's fellow 2011 inductees into the Blues Hall of Fame, acoustic blues great John Hammond on Friday evening, May 17, 2013.

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

To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800 or visit [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).



Robert Cray

# Las Positas Professor Stuart McElderry Sends Readers on a Worldwide chase in Debut Novel

By Patricia Koning

A history professor travels to Russia to research a new book and finds himself in possession of a mysterious file that holds scores of Soviet-era documents that contradict the accepted history of Adolf Hitler's demise. The information in the file, if true, could revive the professor's flagging academic career but also wreak havoc on the delicate geopolitical balance by shattering reputations and shaming governments.

That's the premise of Las Positas College history professor Stuart McElderry's debut novel, *The Barcelona File*. The thriller has a decidedly local twist, with the action moving through Russia and Paris and culminating in Berkeley with a stop in Pleasanton. The protagonist Professor Lee Tomlinson is a big fan of the Livermore Valley Wine Region.

Writing *The Barcelona File* is the culmination of a personal dream for McElderry. "I've always

been a writer," he says. "I wrote scripts as a kid and kept a file full of story ideas."

In fact, he turned to one of those story ideas when he decided to get serious about writing a book about five years ago. "Originally I thought I'd wait until my kids were grown, but my wife really encouraged me to go for it," says McElderry. He and his wife Elizabeth have five children between them, ranging in age from 11 to 26, and a four-year-old granddaughter.

To carve out time to write, McElderry started setting his alarm for 3:45 a.m. and writing from 4 to 6 a.m. every day. After many months of work, he created what he described as a big, unwieldy book.

"It was really two books crammed into one," he says. "The book was a murder mystery with story that became *The Barcelona File* sandwiched in the middle." After extensive rewrites, he



extracted the center part of the book and transformed it into *The Barcelona File*. He set aside the murder mystery, but plans to finish that book someday.

McElderry went the traditional route of querying agents and attending book festivals, but didn't gain much traction. "The market is saturated with thrillers and there are a lot of big names," he says. "There's not much room to sneak in. So following the direction of

the music industry, I decided I'd put it out there myself and see if the book would generate interest."

He turned to Amazon's CreateSpace self-publishing program for printing and distribution. For cover art, McElderry took advantage of a local option – the Las Positas College Design Shop. This unique entrepreneurial venture provides real-world learning experience to trained Las Positas College students working under the guidance of professional mentors. See <http://lpc1.clpccd.cc.ca.us/lpc/design-shop/> to learn more.

"It was a truly great process working with the Design Shop," he says. "I wanted cover art that was eye-grabbing, conveying motion and action with bright colors. I'm thrilled with what they were able to create." The Design Shop students also created the inside logo for *The Barcelona File* and are working on promotional posters.

McElderry is already working on another thriller, *The War Work*, set in San Francisco in 1945 with a newspaper reporter as the protagonist. He also plans to write a sequel to *The Barcelona File* and finish that "other book" that he left in the editing room.

"I made every rookie mistake and learned so much from writing this first book. It was so much harder than I ever imagined it would be," he says. "The writing itself wasn't difficult, but turning the writing into something that fits the conventions of the publishing industry, the editing, was really hard."

One mistake, he explains, was writing the story with no idea how it would end. He didn't know what secret Tomlinson discovered until he'd been writing for several months. "I still like the idea of writing being an exploration, a journey of discovery. However, now I know how to create a basic outline as a launch into a story," he says.

"I'm also a better editor."

McElderry will hold a book signing for *The Barcelona File* as part of the Las Positas College Honoring Veterans Day event on Nov. 9 at 10:30 a.m. He's participated in the event for the past several years, providing a historical context for the special guest veteran speaker. This year's featured guest is a Vietnam War veteran, so McElderry will give a talk on the history of that era. He will also participate in a Las Positas College writing and book publishing event featuring several of the college's published authors scheduled for Nov. 29.

*The Barcelona File* is available at the Las Positas College bookstore, Towne Center Books in Pleasanton, and through Amazon.com. To read a sample chapter and learn more about the book and McElderry go to <http://stuartmcelerry.wordpress.com/>, or visit the book's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/TheBarcelonaFile](http://www.facebook.com/TheBarcelonaFile).

## Neighborhood Promotes Halloween Fund

Livermore has a neighborhood that thoroughly promotes Halloween excitement. Over 13 years ago it all started with a wolf's head and has grown into a neighborhood event. For 2012, a capsized pirate ship (pictured at right) has been created. It is surrounded by a moat complete with surprising and scary scenes that welcomed trick or treaters. The ship creaks back and forth in its watery grave, with a skeleton captain at the helm. A skeleton head eerily floats to the entry way and cannons fire periodically.

Since the guests have grown from year to year, this neighborhood has requested 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.

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 Sta-

ton, a Mechanical Engineer who works in the Silicon Valley with the help of Jeremy Travis, neighbors Dave and Logan Warner, Kevin Gemberling and too many other contributors to mention. Neighbors not only have donated time but also provided gift cards to Home Depot and candy to keep the event going year after year. So, although John has warned "this is the last year," he has done it again.

The display will be up until November 3 at 1312 Winding Stream Dr., Livermore.



## Holiday Boutiques Offer Variety of Items



Home decor and animal themed planters are among the many items awaiting shoppers at the 13th annual Holiday Sale for the Animals on November 3.

The Animal Lover's Boutique, which is located year-round in the lobby of Feline Medical Center (FMC), 3160 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton, will hold a Holiday Sale for the Animals event on November 3. Proceeds from the 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. boutique will benefit Jackie Barnett's Just Like New (JLN) Fund, a Valley Humane Society program that aids sick and injured pets.

The Holiday Sale will showcase animal-themed and holiday gift items such as planters, garden art, wind chimes, ornaments, home and kitchen decor, purses, jewelry, greeting cards, and much more. For pampering your pet, cat and dog toys and dishes will be available.

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 more than 400 companion animals.

Today volunteers mentored by Jackie are continuing her work. Volunteers

raise money for the JLN Fund by making and selling catnip toys and by operating the Animal Lover's Boutique at Feline Medical Center. Although FMC does not offer veterinary services on weekends, it is opening its lobby on Saturday, November 3 for the Holiday sales event. For more information, please contact Cindy Ferrin (925-323-8517), or visit Valley Humane Society's website at [www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org).

**Holiday Craft Fair**, hosted by Tri-Valley Haven on Thursday, November 1, from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The event will be held at the Livermore Barn, 3131 Pacific Avenue in Livermore. Crafts and artwork made by local artisans. Merchandise will include jewelry, textiles, pottery, holiday decorations, pet items, stationery, and many other one-of-a-kind treasures. Funds 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](mailto:Stacey@trivalleyhaven.org).

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

**Livermore Lions 20th Xmas Boutique** Nov. 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Craft and Commercial participants need to contact Lion Joan Beason at 925-373-1131 or [jbeason@comcast.net](mailto:jbeason@comcast.net) for event fees information about exhibiting at the Bothwell Center. 3 commercial and 3 craft tables still

open. The table fees and purchase of food at the event will help support the Livermore Lions' community activities.

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

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

**Book Sale**, Friends of the Livermore Library on Sunday, November 4 from 12:00PM - 4:00PM, rain or shine, for regular monthly book sale. There will be craft books, fiction and classics, children's books, and more. Outdoor plaza of former library, corner of Pacific Ave. & S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. For more information, call 925-443-0766. Mention "The Independent" and save \$2 when you spend \$4 or more!

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

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

**Holiday Boutique**, Our Savior Lutheran Ministries will be hosting a Holiday Boutique on Saturday, November 17 from 10am to 3pm. The event will take place in the gymnasium at Our Savior, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue in Livermore. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be jewelry, knitted items, jams and jellies, photo cards, home décor, and more. Please contact the office with questions, 925-447-1246.

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

**Holiday Book Sale**, Sat., Dec. 1, noon to 3 p.m. Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Selection of hardcover books in excellent condition, ideal for gift giving; children's books, holiday books, gourmet cookbooks, gift books, and more. Information, call the Dublin Library (925) 828-1315.

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

## WINE COUNTRY By Harry Stoll

### What is Blanc? *Not beyond the pale*

Chenin Blanc grapes originated in France's Loire Valley in the Middle Ages. It's naturally acidic and sturdy. Depending on time of harvest and the winemaker's methods, it can vary from very sweet to dry.

Among a mont of Blanc wines, here are a few:

**2011 Chouinard Chenin Blanc Monterey (\$16)**. This is dry, nearly droll, with peachy flintiness and pear flavors. It is crisp, yet nicely balanced. Winemaker Damian Chouinard cold-fermented it in stainless steel. It rolls around your mouth as you loll in the backyard, and cozies up to a spicy rice pilaf with chunks of chutney and ahi tuna.

The familiar Weissburger, is called Pinot Blanc in France and Pinot Bianco in Italy. Call for this crisp, dry versatile wine to go with light dishes such as garlic chicken and figs (as recommended by [wine-searcher.com](http://wine-searcher.com), which also told me Pinot Blanc is a mutation of Pinot Gris, which mutated from Pinot Noir).

**2011 Longevity Pinot Blanc Livermore Valley (\$24)**. Flash bam alakazam out of a lemon colored sky, this medium bodied Pinot Blanc emits aromas of white peach, apple, and honey, and jotted notes of flint and mineral. The slight yeastiness adds texture to the fruit. It caresses your membrane epithelium and lingers like a haunting refrain. For it, I proved I could wok the wok, and created a stir with chicken strips and bamboo hearts.

**2011 Las Positas Pinot Blanc Livermore Valley (\$27)**. This is from the Buttner Vineyard in Sunol at the edge of Livermore Valley at the bottom of a steep canyon, which makes it cool. It was

picked at Brix 23.8 and underwent 50% malolactic fermentation in 100% stainless steel tanks for 40 days and 40 nights. It goes bananas over magnolias. A princely pairing cheered on by root vegetables and chicken breasts baked in broth.

**2011 La Rochelle Pinot Blanc Arroyo Seco (\$26)**. The vineyard uses vertical shoot position trellising. The wine was fermented in 83% second-use French oak barrels: Vernous, Damy, Radoux, and Latour. It expresses the traditional Pinot Blanc pair of pear and nectarine notes written with a flourish on a crisp background with a slight greenocity. It lights it up with a focused acidity. It wanted some seafood, mama.

**2011 Ruby Hill Pinot Bianco Livermore Valley (\$26)**. Flavors of crisp green apple and nectarine next to lemon and a touch of minerality. Gently fermented in neutral oak barrels, it is pleasantly acidic on the tongue. For it, salmon was king, with a royal feast of wild fresh filets and a squeeze of lemon in what may be the last of the season for this sea treat.

**2010 Wenté Pinot Blanc Arroyo Seco (\$24.99)**. An aromatic bright delight with aromas and flavors of lime, fig, and apple, with added lemon and floral notes. Fifth Generation Winemaker Karl D. Wenté does yoga poses between the rows of Eastern European barrels, keeping his balance as does his Pinot Blanc, which has a rich, full body, and a smooth finish. It has a pH of 3.4 and acid of 0.63. Perfect with tequila lime-rub chicken quarters from Kinder's.

Sauvignon Blanc is often thought of as herbal, but Livermore Valley wineries have cut the grass to present some very pleasant

wines.

**2009 Garré Sauvignon Blanc Livermore Valley (\$18)**. Very classy, with but a whiff of the lawn in front of the Hansel and Gretel tasting room opposite their fine restaurant. It's crisp and a bit tart to start the meal off right. Get a lift with it and shrimp cocktail.

**2008 el Sol Sauvignon Blanc Lodi (\$14)**. Sassy and not too grassy, it stacks up to snacks, and has the chops for skinny pork chops seared in some extra virgin's olive oil, served with a dash and dot of freshly ground pepper.

Fumé Blanc is not a grape, it's the marketing genius of Robert Mondavi, who obtained label approval for an excellent Sauvignon Blanc he made in the style of a Pouilly-Fumé that smoked the competition. And, as Occasio winemaker John Kinney points out, "He didn't patent it."

**2011 Occasio Fumé Blanc Livermore Valley Del Arroyo Vineyard (\$24)**. Akin to the Pouilly-Fumé I could have tasted in the Loire valley where Sauvignon Blanc is also know as Blanc Fumé. John, and associate winemaker Chris Sorenson (soon to have his own label), fermented it in stainless steel until 16 Brix was reached, then in untoasted barrels from Sequin Moreau and Taransand. It liked a re-run of Summer and Smoke with a dish of meaty Romano beans in Balsamic vinegar, sesame seed oil and pine nuts. It's to be released soon.

Let's not overlook: **1908-1989 Mèl Blanc South Coast (Pricele\$)**. We pronounced it "Blank" not "Blahnk," and he always asked what was up. We paired him as "That Wabbit," as Sylvester the Cat, Porky Pig, and 400 other voices.

That's all folks.

## ART &amp; ENTERTAINMENT



San Ramon artist Norma Webb will be showing her oil paintings at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore for the month of November. Norma says she paints the things we love about where we live — oaks & waving grass, sycamores, vanishing rural scenes, wildflowers, eucalyptus, vineyards, and especially our beautiful hills. The public is invited to attend an artist's reception on Sunday, November 4 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Pictured is an oil painting by Norman, "Rusting Barn."

## 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.

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

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

**Livermore Art Association Fall Show**, Nov. 1-30, Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. On view during regular hours. www.LivermoreArtAssociation.com.

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

**Seasons of the Valley by Bettie Goosman**. An exhibit of large oil paintings and gicle'es depicting the "Seasons of

the Valley" currently on display through November at the Purple Orchid Resort and Spa, 4549 Cross Rd., Livermore. Art can be viewed every day from 8am to 6pm except when an event is being hosted. For more information call (925)606-8855.

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

**Body of Movement Art Exhibit** by Linda Ryan at Cuda Ridge Wines through Jan. 6, 2013. The winery is located at 5385 East Avenue in Livermore. Regular Winery Hours: 12-4:30 Fri-Sun; Available by appt. at 510.304.0914.

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

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

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

**Livermore Art Classes**, Artist and art

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

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

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

## WINERY EVENTS

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

**Sunset Sip and Shop**, Livermore Valley Wine Country at the new Premium Paragon Outlets on November 10, 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets include tasting of 15 Livermore Valley Wineries and a commemorative glass. Tickets are limited and can be purchased the day of, on a first come, first served basis. Must be 21 + to taste, ID required. www.LVWine.org. Participating Wineries

Include: Big White House Winery and John Evan Cellars, Charles R Vineyards, Concannon Vineyard, Crooked Vine Winery/ Stony Ridge Winery, Eagle Ridge Vineyard, Fenestra Winery, Garré Vineyard & Winery, Little Valley Winery, Longevity Wines, Murrieta's Well, Nottingham Cellars, Rios-Lovell, Rodrigue Molyneaux, Wente Vineyards Estate.

**Murrieta's Well, Winemaker's Dinner**, Fri., Nov. 16, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Meet co-founders Philip Wente and Sergio Traverso. \$95 for Silver Spur Members; \$105 for guests. Reservations are required. Call 925-456-2395. Murrieta's Well Tasting Room and Historic Barrel Room, 3005 Mines Road, Livermore.

**Thomas Coyne Winery Fall Open House**, Nov. 23, 24 and 25, noon to 5 p.m. at 51 E. Vallecitos Road Livermore. Release of five new wines, including the first Sparkling Wine, "methode champenoise." A selection of

fine fruits and cheeses will be served. Ginger will be there with samples of flavored Goat Cheese. The goat cheese will be available for sale. Bring a picnic and enjoy the view.

**Wine Pairing Dinner at Terra Mia Restaurant**, Livermore, flavors of Calabria paired with great wine selections from Livermore Valley wineries of Steven Kent and La Rochelle. Thurs., Dec. 2, 6 p.m. Reservations recommended, call the restaurant, 456-3333. www.terramiarestaurant.com. \$100 per person (tax and gratuity included). 4040 East Ave., Livermore.

**The Winemaker's Pour House**, Be Happy At "Happy Hour" with Livermore Valley Wine. Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 4 to 6 p.m. Buy a glass of Livermore Valley Wine or Flight and order a flatbread for half price. Take the wine puzzle challenge. Ask the wait staff for the wine puzzle. Information call (925) 215-2656 or visit www.winemaker-spourhouse.com.

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

**Tri-Valley Medieval and Renaissance Collegium** playing session for amateur musicians, Peter Maund, director. Mondays 7:30-9:30 p.m. 7600 Dublin Blvd., suite 370, Dublin. \$25. Informa-

tion collegium2011@gmail.com or 925-424-1209 or 925-984-4395

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

**Chris Bradley's Jazz Band**, plays at the Sunol Jazz Cafe (In the Center of Sunol) the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month 7:30-9:30 p.m. The band features real Jazz from the 1920's.

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

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

**Dan Zane and Friends**, Nov. 3, 10 a.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Wake the Dead**, Saturday November 3, 2012, Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. www.asburylivepresents.com, 925-447-1950.



**The Male Chorale from California Baptist University's Collinsworth School of Music will perform again this year on Sunday, November 11 at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Trinity Baptist Church, 557 Olivina Avenue, Livermore. Male Chorale is one of four choirs offered at CBU. The choir consists of 90 young men conducted by Dr. Glenn Pickett. The ensemble, which includes a 9-piece brass section and a percussion section, performs music in a variety of styles. Following the concert, Dr. Pickett will audition, vocal or instrumental, any interested students for scholarship opportunities at CBU. High school juniors or seniors and junior college students interested in pursuing music at a four year university are invited to audition. For information regarding the concerts please call Trinity Church at 447-1848, ext 117 or the School of Music at 800-782-3382, ext 4949.**

**The Robert Cray Band**, Fri., Nov. 9, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

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

**Endless Summer: A Tribute to the Beach Boys** starring the California Beach Boys. Sun., Nov. 11, 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Royal Drummers and Dancers of Burundi**, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

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

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

**Yuri Liberzon, Classical Guitarist**, Nov. 25, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

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

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

## ON THE STAGE

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

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

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

## ART &amp; ENTERTAINMENT



Las Positas College's Theater Department will present "Fools," a fable of acclaimed writer Neil Simon. Performances are November 2, 3, 9, 10, at 8:00 p.m., and November 4 and 11, at 2:00 p.m. "Fools" will play in the Black Box Theater of the College's Mertes Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$12 for General Admission and \$8 for Students and seniors, with identification, and for LPC Faculty and Staff. They are available on-line at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or by calling Brown Paper Tickets at (800) 838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door on a space-available basis. Visitors are reminded that the campus has a \$2 parking fee. Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore.

**Fools, A Comic Fable** by Neil Simon, Nov. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11, 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Sundays. Las Positas College Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts., 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Advance tickets at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or call 1-800-838-3006. Further information at 424-1100 or [www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts)

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

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

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

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

**Particulate Matter**, Chabot College performance explores the building of a Power Plant in the community. Written and directed by Theater Arts instructor, Rachel LePell. Faculty Emeritus

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

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

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

**Creatures of Impulse**, teen improv troupe presents Holiday Shorts: A Long Winter's tale. An interactive holiday improv show. Nov. 29 and 30, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org)

## COMEDY

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

## DANCE

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

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

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

## AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

**Prometheus Symphony Orchestra, 24th annual youth concerto competition** the evening of Tuesday, November 27, at Church on the Corner, 1319 Solano Ave in Albany The competition is open to Bay Area string, woodwind, brass or percussion players, age 18 or younger. The winner will perform with the orchestra on Sunday January 27, 2013, will receive a \$200 award and a professional recording of the performance. Deadline for applications is November 19, 2012. Visit the Prometheus Symphony's website at [www.PrometheusSymphony.org](http://www.PrometheusSymphony.org) for application form and further information. Or email [ConcertoCompetition@PrometheusSymphony.org](mailto:ConcertoCompetition@PrometheusSymphony.org), or call (510) 841-5882.

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

## MOVIES

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

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

## CHORAL

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

## OPERA

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

## MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

**Museum on Main, preschool literacy program**, M.o.M.'s Reading Time. For ages 2 to 5 and families, free reading program, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Reading at 10 a.m. with theme crafts following. Donations appreciated. No reservations required. Large groups or playgroups please phone in advance: 925.462.2766 or email: [education@museumonmain.org](mailto:education@museumonmain.org). 2012 M.o.M.'s Reading Time Dates and Themes: November 14, Thank You, Veterans; and, December 12, Light Up the Seasons. The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton.

**Fall 2012 lecture series**, Congregation Beth Emek: Nov. 15 Professor Michael Nacht of UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy, speaking on non-proliferation challenges in the Middle East. Dec. 5 scholar Ken Cohen who will trace the creation of Tel-Aviv

in the early 20th century. Admission is \$10. All lectures will begin at 7:30 pm. Congregation Beth Emek is located at 3400 Nevada Court in Pleasanton. For more information: 510.318.6453. The series is sponsored by Congregation Beth Emek and the Jewish Federation of the East Bay.

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

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

**Pioneer Folk Fest**, Sunol Regional Wilderness, free public festival at the park on Saturday, November 3 from 1 to 6:30 pm. Live music, square dancing, crafts and games. "Barns, brands and bovines" is the theme for the day. Learn about local pioneer and ranching history. Barbeque meals by Dino's Grill will be available for purchase. Visitors who wish to explore the park may join a free, guided history hike with Park

District naturalists in the morning, or register in advance for a horseback ride through the valley (\$25/\$29). End the evening with an old-fashioned square dance, campfire, and birthday cake. Sunol Regional Wilderness is located at 1895 Geary Rd., Sunol. Admission is free; parking is \$5. Information is available at 1 (888) 327-2757 or visit [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org). Day of the event, call the Green Barn Visitor Center at (510) 544-3245.

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

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

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

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

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

## Beyond Google: Better Fact Finding for Fiction Writers

Geri Spieler will be the guest speaker at the next monthly meeting of the California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch on Saturday, November 17, 2012, at the Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard, Pleasanton.

Fiction does not release a novelist from fact. Inaccurate detail will sink a book into the chasm of sloppy writing and lazy work habits. Accurate references such as historical data, legal and medical references are critical examples for professional writers. Learn the skills for fast, accurate and reliable internet search techniques that boost your book out of the slush pile.

Geri Spieler is an internet research guru. As the Research Director at Gartner Group, she advised major corporations and published 150 research notes on emerging technology. She has been a journalist and investigative reporter and has written for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and *Forbes*.

Geri is the author of *Taking Aim at the President: The Remarkable Story of the Woman who Shot Gerald Ford*, and has won four awards for *Taking Aim* including the Smart-Writ Best Non-fiction award at the 2010 Mensa Annual Conference ([www.gerispieler.com](http://www.gerispieler.com)).

The CWC Tri-Valley Branch invites writers of all genres and experience levels to learn about their craft at its monthly meetings. The meeting will be Saturday, November 17, 2012, 2:00-4:00 pm (registration at 1:30). The cost for CWC Members is \$10, nonmembers, \$15. Anyone interested in the program or the organization may attend with no obligation to join. Reservations requested by contacting Deborah Bernal at [reservations@trivalleywriters.org](mailto:reservations@trivalleywriters.org) no later than Thursday, November 15, 2012.

For more information about California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch contact Paula Chinick at [president@trivalleywriters.org](mailto:president@trivalleywriters.org) or visit [www.trivalleywriters.org](http://www.trivalleywriters.org).

In 1913 all the streets in Livermore were dirt. In the dry season the town council hired someone to drive around with a water sprinkler wagon to cut down on the dust. You can imagine what it was like in the rainy season. New cars were such a major event in town that almost every week the *Herald* listed their owners and the make of their cars. Many automobiles, like the Kisselkar, I did not recognize. In July the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, alarmed at the speeding of cars and motorcycles, adopted a new policy that ordered strict observance of the 20-mile-per-hour speed limit in the county. Constable Wright, who patrolled the district from Livermore to the San Joaquin County line, arrested 20 speeders in just two days. All speeders were fined \$25.

The Coast Manufacturing and Supply Company, better known to locals as the "Fuse Works," was built in Livermore in 1913 and 1914. The site had many buildings, including the fuse houses, each 16 feet square, made of corrugated iron with hollow tile brick for fire walls. They were built on supports so that their floors were six feet above the ground, away from any dampness. The company made its first shipment of fuses in early November. At the time the business was running at about a quarter of capacity.

Meanwhile, rebels in Mexico were fighting against the government. The Hearst family owned a large ranch in Chihuahua; a number of people from the Tri-Valley worked there. One of them from Livermore was John C. Hayes, superintendent of the ranch. He escaped to El Paso in 1913 with 150 horses to keep them out of the rebels' hands. "He had been threatened time and again by revolutionary leaders and bandit

## Do You Remember?

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### One Hundred Years Ago (Continued)



1382 Sweeney Opera House, Livermore, Cal.

chiefs," according to the *Herald*. The rebels attacked the ranch for the second time in September. Hayes, despite many pleas from friends and family, returned to Mexico in October.

A major accomplishment of our supervisor on the Alameda County Board, D.J. Murphy, was to convince the other board members to purchase \$500,000 worth of state highway bonds in November. The purchase itself was not as important as the fact that with this purchase, it was settled that the main arterial highways between San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, and the San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys would run through the Livermore Valley. Essentially, today that would mean the I-580 and I-680 corridors. Perhaps to celebrate, Murphy bought a new Chalmers automobile.

The Sweeney Opera House, built in 1904 at the southwest corner of

McLeod and First Streets, had a seating capacity of 800. It was used by many organizations. The state paid \$80 per month rent for

the National Guard, Company I to use the building as an armory. The basement housed their equipment. When the weather was bad, the unit used the interior for its exercises. The National Guard was a wonderful organization for the town's young men. From its beginning in 1900 until 1917, a total of 414 men were members of the company. They used the Opera House to stage their dramatic presentation to raise money. Each year they went on a camping expedition. They organized a basketball team. In July 1913 they were called to help fight a forest fire on Mt. Tam for four days.

St. Michael's Academy was dedicated in 1913. Dinner was served outdoors for about 500 guests at noon; the actual dedication took place at two p.m. There was a dance in the evening. Oil well officials decided to redrill the Independence Well, one of the first in Livermore. C.P. Lefever was chosen as the new driller. Eighteen boys from Livermore High

participated in the Portola Relay Race. The race went from Sacramento to San Francisco, with the last leg of the race a swim across the Bay. Livermore High runners racing from Livermore to Hayward included Norman Sangmaster, Kenneth Henry, Gatz Wagoner, Fred Winegar, Jens Fryden-dahl, Percy Groth, and Martin Poco. On Thanksgiving Eve, Company I held its annual Military Ball at the Sweeney Opera House. It was always a handsome affair, with the guardsmen in their dress uniforms. Tickets were \$1.00 per couple.

The federal postmaster notified our postmaster, Thomas E. Knox, that he must house our post office in a fireproof building. A site was selected that today abuts the Independent Building to the north on Livermore Avenue. The new one-story concrete building was divided into four compartments of equal size; the one closest to the Independent Building was the post office. This building still stands—the

new French bakery is one of the stores. In December 1913, the U.S. Congress passed the Hetch Hetchy Bill to bring water from the mountains to San Francisco. This was not important to us yet, but it would eventually be a major source of employment for Livermore workers in the 1930s during the depths of the Depression.

An electric car came through town. Its owner waited about an hour and a half while his battery was recharged at the Livermore Garage. The owner was enthusiastic and believed it would not be long before electric machines would be as common on the road as the gasoline variety. Although many parts of it had not been completed, the Lincoln Highway, which would eventually come through Livermore, was dedicated on 31 October 1913, the first coast-to-coast highway.

The bra, the zipper, and crossword puzzles were all invented in 1913.

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**Livermore High School student Lauren Cano and fellow AP (advanced placement) biology student Jackie Sasamoto, examine a California sea hare from the sandy bottom of Elkhorn Slough. Naturalists, paid for with an education grant from the Livermore Rotary Club and Livermore Valley Education Foundation, revealed many of the unique plants and animals of California's second largest wetland to students as they guided the kayakers through the National Estuarine Research Reserve during a trip on Oct. 13. (Photo - Katrina Trujillo)**



# BULLETIN BOARD

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

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club**, Sat., Nov. 3, 45-55 miles through Healdsburg Valley, meet 10 a.m. at Giorgi Park, Julie Hampton and Dick Ward, 389-6738 or 510-685-7103. Sun., Nov. 4, progressive dinner, 50 to 65 miles, start at 10 a.m. reservations due by Nov. 1, call Bonnie Powers, 828-5299. Wed., Nov. 7, 38 miles staging area for Pleasanton Ridge out to Calaveras, meet 9 a.m. Gail Blanco, 872-1001. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA.**, Breakfast/lunch in San Ramon, Nov. 4, noon, RSVP by Nov. 1 to Hilda, 398-8808. Lunch in Fremont, Nov. 7, 1 p.m. RSVP by Nov. 4 to Vickie, 510-656-1166. General meeting Nov. 11, 1:30 p.m. in Pleasanton, RSVP by Nov. 5 to Barbara, 426-8876. Happy hour in Pleasanton, Nov. 15, 5 p.m. RSVP by Nov. 13 to Kathy at 398-8005. Friendly bridge in Dublin, Nov. 17, 1 p.m. RSVP by Nov. 10 to Marge, 828-5124. Brunch in Livermore, Nov. 18, 11 a.m. RSVP by Nov. 15 to Ruby, 292-2000. Lunch in San Ramon, Nov. 28, noon, RSVP by Nov. 25 to Marsha, 830-8483.

**Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment** (Tri-Valley CAREs). Tri-Valley CAREs monitors nuclear weapons and environmental clean-up activities throughout the US nuclear weapons complex, with a special focus on Livermore Lab and the surrounding communities. All are welcome at the monthly meeting at the Livermore Civic Center Library Thursday, November 15 from 7:30pm to 9pm. For more information call Tri-Valley CAREs at (925) 443-7148 or visit our website at <http://trivalleycares.org>

**Ohlone Audubon** will meet on the second Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 7:30 pm at the Casa Sandoval, 1200 Russell Way, Hayward. Phil and Pat Gordon will present a program on their East Africa trip. Topic will be on Tanzania Safari: Critters in Plains, Rifts, Gorges, Lakes and Marshes. No admission charge. Refreshment served. For more information call 925-447-8843 or go to web site [www.ohloneaudubon.org](http://www.ohloneaudubon.org)

**Fertile GroundWorks Garden Lecture**, Nov. 10, 11 a.m. to 12 noon for "The Dirt on Soils: Soil Science and Soil Fertility Basics for the Gardener" by Marion Adams Yoxall, Alameda County Master Gardener, Soil Scientist and Organic Gardener. The Garden Lecture will be presented in rooms 11 and 12 in the Northeast classroom building on the Asbury United Methodist Church campus: 4743 Est Ave., Livermore, CA. Please follow signs in parking lot to classroom. There is no charge.

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

**New Face in the Valley:** Kolby Seymour was born June 24, 2012. His parents are Ashley and Ryan Seymour.

**Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club** will meet on Thursday, November 8, 7pm in the Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Debbie Weiss, a mushroom specialist and a member of the

Fungus Federation will speak on identifying mushrooms and how to grow and use them. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Bev at 925-485-7812 or visit [www.lavgc.org](http://www.lavgc.org).

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

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

**Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated** will host speaker Arkady Faktorovich at the November 8 dinner meeting. Faktorovich is a very humorous, patriotic, and well-educated man who shares what it was like to grow up in socialist controlled Ukraine and what it took to get to the United States from behind the Iron Curtain. He will also share his thoughts about the direction he feels America is heading. Dinner will be held at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore, 6:00 p.m. \$26 members/\$30 guests. For reservations and information contact Phyllis Couper at [coupclan1962@pacbell.net](mailto:coupclan1962@pacbell.net) or 925-462-4931.

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

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

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

**Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner**, between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. over 1000 meals will be served and hundreds more delivered to those unable to attend. Transportation is available to give people rides to and from the dinner. Those in need of a ride or a meal delivered please call 455-9782. Anyone interested in helping out is invited to attend an information and planning meeting

on Wednesday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Bothwell Center, 2466 8th Street. For more information please call anytime or check out our web site at [WWW.LCTD.ORG](http://WWW.LCTD.ORG).

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

**Writing Club**, young adults, ages 12-21, are invited to join The Writing Club at the Livermore Public Library for fun-filled evenings of writing with author J.L. Powers. This free event will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on the following Mondays: November 5, and December 17, 2012 in the Small Conference Room of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. For more information, please visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website: [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net), or contact Jennifer at 925-373-5500, extension 5576.

**Free computer training classes** will be offered at the Livermore Library during November. Best of the Web class on Monday, November 5, 2012 from 1:00PM - 3:00 PM. Internet for Beginners class on Monday, November 19, 2012 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Searching the Internet on Monday, November 26, 2012 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Classes are hands on, first come first served and take place in Community Meeting Room B. For further information call 373-5505. The library is located at 1188 So. Livermore Ave.

**Operation: S.A.M.** "Supporting All Military" is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued support of deployed troops. Preparation of comfort packages takes place every other week - all year long. Providing morale support for those deployed. All information provided is confidential and is not shared for security purposes. To submit a name and address, inquire about donations or helping, please visit [www.operationsam.org](http://www.operationsam.org), email [operationsam@comcast.net](mailto:operationsam@comcast.net) or call 925 443-7620 for more information and the calendar of events.

**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 [tamayo@cril-online.org](mailto:tamayo@cril-online.org). All services are free.

## RELIGION

**First Presbyterian Church**, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel, 10:30 Traditional

Service in the Sanctuary and children's program. For more information [www.fplcs.org](http://www.fplcs.org) or 925-447-2078.

**Tri-Valley Bible Church**, 2346 Walnut St., Livermore, holds Sunday worship at 10 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9 a.m. Children's classes during adult worship service. AWANA children's program Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 449-4403 or [www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com](http://www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com).

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

**Congregation Beth Emek**, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055.

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

**Sunset Community Church**, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church** Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Information, 447-8840.

**Our Savior Lutheran Ministries**, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. worship (semiformal); 9:45 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school; 11 a.m. worship (informal). For information, call 925-447-1246.

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

**Calvary Chapel Livermore**, Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. 545 N. L Street Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - [www.calvarylivermore.org](http://www.calvarylivermore.org).

**St. Matthew's Baptist Church**, 1239 North Livermore Ave., Livermore. Services on Sunday at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Prayer each Wednesday at 7 p.m. followed by Bible study at 7:30 p.m. 449-3824.

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

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

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

**Faith Chapel Assembly of God**, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School for all ages 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Intercessory prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Please call office at 846-8650 for weekly programs.

**Trinity**, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday school or Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday nights there is adult Bible study at 6:45 and NRG and Re.Gen for youth, and children's choir for kids. Child care during all events. 447-1848, [www.trinitylivermore.org](http://www.trinitylivermore.org).  
**St. Charles Borromeo**, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Meditation groups following the John Main tradition, every Monday 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For details, contact Claire La Scola at 447-9800.

**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. (new time) contemporary worship led by a band. Sunday school for children and middle-schoolers. [www.centerpointechurch.org](http://www.centerpointechurch.org) 925-846-4436

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

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

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church**, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, Sunday services with Rev. Joyce Parry Moore - Rector. 8:00 am Contemplative Eucharist with Taizé music, 9:15 am Godly Play and Adult Bible Study, 10:30 am Sung Eucharist with choir; childcare available. Youth Group every Sunday from 4:00pm to 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall and youth room; youth oriented programs "Rite 13" and "Journey to Adulthood." [www.saintbartsLivermore.com/](http://www.saintbartsLivermore.com/) for more information.

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

**Tri-Valley Church of Christ** at 4481 East Avenue, Livermore, worship service 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Sundays, all are welcome. 925-447-4333 (a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

**Unity of Tri-Valley Church**, 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley. More room for all the new classes, small groups, new children's and teen programs, and Sunday services (at 10 a.m.). All are welcome. Rev. Harriet Hawkins, minister. (925) 829-2733. [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com) Check out Unity of Tri Valley on Facebook.

**Little Brown Church**, United Church of Christ 141 Kilkare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. [www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org](http://www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org) 925-862-2580

**Pathway Community Church**, 6533 Sierra Lane, Dublin. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are

welcomed. [www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org](http://www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org) (925) 829-4793.

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

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

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

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

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

**Family Movie Night**, Friday, Nov. 2, from 7 to 9 pm. "The Perfect Game," a movie based on a true story how a ragtag Little League team from Monterrey, Mexico won the Little League World Series in 1957. Donations will fund an outreach to women and children in India. The movie is sponsored by She Is Safe and will be shown at Valley Christian Center, 7500 Inspiration Drive, Dublin. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Joyce at 925-447-9530

**Facing the Holidays With a Broken Heart**, grief support, Thurs., Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m. Speaker is Fr. Padraig Greene. St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. No pre-registration required. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

**Veterans Day at Our Savior**, Livermore, The public is invited to a special chapel service commemorating veterans and the service they have performed for all Americans. Guests are invited on Monday, November 12 at 8:30am at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. A short reception will be held prior to the chapel service beginning at 8am, hosted by Our Savior Lutheran School.



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# Milestones

## Community

### Axis Selects Medical Director

Axis Community Health announced the appointment of Divya Raj, MD, to Medical Director.

As Director, Dr. Raj will oversee all medical services at Axis's two clinical sites, lead the clinic's "medical home" certification process, assist in medical and behavioral health services integration, and help develop Axis's new clinical site on W. Las Positas Blvd., in Pleasanton.

"We are especially pleased to promote one of our own physicians to this important role," said Sue Compton, CEO of Axis. "Dr. Raj brings a wealth of

knowledge in quality care outcomes and providing primary care for underserved populations. Dr. Raj's promotion will assist us in continuing to deliver high quality services to all our patients. We look forward to much success under her watch."

Dr. Raj, who is board certified in family medicine, joined Axis in 2011 as Associate Medical Director. She has extensive clinical health care experience and medical management leadership. Dr. Raj led the clinic's transition to implementing electronic health records (EHR). Under

her guidance on clinical aspects of EHR, Axis became the first community health clinic in Alameda County to successfully complete EHR implementation.

"I am honored to be the new Medical Director of a clinic that provides health care to all community members," said Dr. Raj. "I am committed to developing Axis into a home where patients can receive all their health care under one roof. There is so much to look forward to as we envision the future."

For information about services, call 925-462-1755 or visit [www.axishealth.org](http://www.axishealth.org).

### Pleasanton Church Names Minister

After a year without a regular minister, Pleasant View Church of Christ in Pleasanton has appointed a new minister, Glenn Newton, who comes to Pleasanton from Lakeview Church of Christ in Tacoma, Washington.

The 44-year old is origi-

nally from Florida. In 1997, he earned his Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies from Heritage Christian University in Florence, Alabama. After graduation, he returned to Florida and served churches in the Orlando area. From 2004 to 2007, he served as Director of Church

and Alumni Relations at his alma mater. In this position, he was the university's ambassador to churches and served frequently as a guest minister for congregations throughout the southeastern United States. In 2007, he made the decision to return to full-time preaching, and he was hired to preach at Lakeview Church of Christ in Tacoma. This ministry was very successful. In five years, the congregation's average Sunday attendance increased by a third to about 420.

In addition to his work in ministry, Glenn has authored four books on Christian living and church growth.

On Sunday, November 4, Glenn will begin his ministry at Pleasant View Church of Christ, 11300 Dublin Canyon Road, Pleasanton, by preaching at the congregation's 9:00 am and 5:00 pm services. Visitors from the community are invited to join the congregation.

## Lynn Seppala Honored by South Dakota State University Alumni Association

From Virginia to California, from South Dakota to Texas, this year's SDSU distinguished alumni span the continent. They were honored by the South Dakota State University Alumni Association at a banquet held Oct. 26, in Brookings, South Dakota.

Among those honored was Lynn G. Seppala, class of 1968, Livermore.

The following press release was provided reporting on Seppala's professional achievements:

Somewhere there's a Hollywood producer struggling as he tries to figure out how to make a movie about Seppala's life. Should it be a science fiction tale about a man working on an early-warning telescope that will detect asteroids on a collision course with Earth, or should it be a heartwarming drama about the triumph of the human spirit?

Both make up the life story of the physics major from Castlewood. After earning a doctorate in optics at the University of Rochester in New York, Seppala has spent most of his career at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore.

"Dr. Seppala is considered one of the world's top



Lynn Seppala

experts in optical design," said Edward Moses, principal associate director at Livermore. "Throughout his career, Lynn has tackled the most technically challenging optical problems and produced real and effective solutions to issues of national and international importance."

Those challenges have included designs for the first-ever, in-laboratory thermonuclear ignition that could lead to an unlimited source of energy and the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope to be built in Chile.

According to J. Anthony Tyson, distinguished professor in the department of physics at the University of California, Davis, Seppala's design for the optics of the

telescope is a game-changer for the way the universe is explored in the future.

"Cosmic cartography will become cosmic cinematography, forever changing the way we view the heavens," Tyson said. "Through his innovative optical design of LSST, Seppala has enabled the next generation of breakthroughs in our study of the universe."

Seppala's achievements are all the more impressive due to his personal struggles with a stroke at age 46 that paralyzed his right side and seriously affected his speech and cognitive abilities. Imagine his surprise during a day in physical therapy when a man who made his living with numbers realized that he no longer knew how to add or subtract.

Donald Jorgenson of Clear Lake, who nominated Seppala for the award, said, "With uncommon courage and determination, he overcame or compensated for the losses. He learned to become left-handed, walk again and ski expert runs despite his remaining handicaps. Regaining speech and cognitive abilities, he retained his position as chief optical designer, performing at even higher levels."

### Lisa Tromovitch Recognized for Work

The Alameda County Arts Commission recognized five individuals for their outstanding achievements and contributions impacting the arts community and residents of Alameda County.

Among them was Livermore resident Lisa A. Tromovitch, Producing Artistic Director of Shakespeare's Associates, producer of

the Livermore Shakespeare Festival.

Nominations for the Arts Leadership Awards Program were submitted by community members.

The Members of the Alameda County Arts Commission selected five individuals to receive the award, representing the five districts of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

The award recipients were honored by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors through a commendation ceremony presented in conjunction with the County's celebration of California Arts Day and National Arts and Humanities Month on Tuesday, October 2, at the Alameda County Administration Building.

## Education

The list of semifinalists in the 58th annual National Merit Scholarship Corporation was released in September.

Local students who are on the list include the following: Dublin High School: Malina Jiang, Nancy Zhou; Quarry Lane School: Arnosh B. Keswani, Tushar Kundu; Valley Christian: Christina M. Tong; Granada High: Maryann M. Gong; homeschool: Julian M. Wagner; Livermore High: Harsh Laxman, Yobin Lee, Hanying Mo, Sricharana Muppidi, Jonathan Nieman, Priyanka Saha, Steve Shen, Edward Wang, Julia Wang, Ke Zhao;

Amador Valley: Roshan Agrawal, Elise Berendt, Sara Borchers, Connie Chen, Kevin Chen, Roger Chen, William Dormann, Beverly Fu, Jiefu Gong, Niharika Gottiparthi, Dahsohl Im, Hye-Jin Kim, Sunyoung Kye, Harsh Laxman, Yobin Lee, Hanying Mo, Sricharana Muppidi, Jonathan Nieman, Priyanka Saha, Steve Shen, Edward Wang, Julia Wang, Ke Zhao;

Foothill High: Miromid Abrishamchian, Benjamin Chan, Andrew Chang, Michelle Chang, David Du, Benjamin Dunn, Karthik Gurugangan, Kevin Hong, Katherin Ihn, Selina Lao, Po-Yi Li, Victoria Liu, Marianna Nam, Matthew O'Neil, Omar Sajjad, Shuang Wan, Colin Wei, Christopher Wen, Winky Wong, Jenny Xia, Pan Yang, Chi Zhang.