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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.

Industrial Partners Praise LLNL's Computer Strengths

Visiting industrial research managers spoke out this week about how computing skills and resources at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory promise to transform their businesses. The managers came from a wide range of companies with a common theme, the application of high performance computing to the development of energy sources.

Several of the companies represented were huge, like General Electric, Robert Bosch and United Technologies, which have hundreds of thousands of employees each. Some were mid-sized, like New England ISO, with 400 employees. And one was small: Potter Drilling, with 15.

Campus, which has been carved out of an otherwise high-security site to stimulate collaborations between industry and the Lawrence and Sandia weapons labs. Broadly speaking, the goal is an old one at the two labs, to transfer government sponsored technologies to industry. Across the U.S., all the national laboratories have been active in this area, with thousands of compa-

nies spun off from their research. In the case of Open Campus at the laboratories, the aim is for industrial partners to have offices on-site where they can use Lawrence Lab computers and interact with experts who know how to use them scientifically. While the industrial leaders welcomed the power of Lawrence Livermore's computers, which are among the

world's fastest, they stressed that computing power alone was not the main attraction. Far more important to them is the availability of LLNL scientists who can explore the basic physical characteristics of their industrial products and processes and model them in unprecedented detail. Private companies – even high tech ones – don't have these (See LAB, page 5)

Community Invited to College's Events to Honor Vets

The "Veterans First" Program at Las Positas College announced today its 6th Annual Veterans Day observance. The event will include appearances and comments by distinguished members of our nation's military, a Vietnam-era Huey pilot, a CIA and "Air American" Pilot, and a local historian/author. The event, designed for the entire regional community, will take place on Friday, November 9 beginning at 10:30 AM. "This year, we are focusing on Vietnam-era veterans in our celebration," said Todd Steffan, Veterans First Coordinator for LPC's "Veteran's First" Program. He noted further that the day's events will be varied and mix solemnity with appreciative remembrance: The nation's colors will be presented by the Travis Air Force Base Honor Guard at the front of the College's Mertes Center for the Arts.

The colors ceremony will be followed by comments from Colonel Peggy L. Stafford, US Army Reserves, who will share a brief history of Veterans Day. The Huey pilot, US Army Reserve officer Doug Miller, will speak in the Main Stage Theater of the Mertes Center. Miller completed two tours in Vietnam as an Army helicopter pilot and worked from 2007 to 2010 with the "Wounded Warrior Program," assisting veterans from Iran and Afghanistan.

Finally, the program will tackle the secretive side of the Vietnam War by featuring remarks by former CIA and "America Air" pilot Ted Moore. ("Air America" was a CIA-owned company that supported American Intelligence agents during the Vietnam War era. For many years the air service remained secret, and unacknowledged. Finally, in 2007, US Senator Harry Reid (D-Nevada) said "Air (See LAS POSITAS, page 2)



RABBIT ADOPTION
 My name is Tyler. I'm a darling boy. I like to please. I'm a 4 month old Mini-Lop with a charming personality. And, I like pears. To meet Tyler stop by this Saturday from 12-3 pm at the Adoption Event at the Dublin Petco, 11976 Dublin Blvd. For more info, call 925-519-1723, or email ebrabbit@comcast.net. Visit www.eastbayrabbit.petfinder.com to see more pet profiles.



Students at Arroyo Seco Elementary School in Livermore voted in a mock election at the school on Tuesday. Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Obama Wins Arroyo Seco Vote Again

By Patricia Koning
 At about 2:30 pm on Election Day, Arroyo Seco fourth grade teacher Lisa Wilson made the call – the school voted Barack Obama for president by a nearly 3-1 margin. Of course those votes don't count in the

actual Presidential election, but what does count is the civics lesson on voting and the election process. "I hope my students will have a memorable experience that encourages them to vote and to become involved in the election pro-

cess through volunteering, working at the polls, or running for office themselves," she said. "In just a few short years, they will be voting. We are teaching them about being good citizens." A total of 560 students voted, for a participation

rate of 84%. Obama received 407 votes and Mitt Romney received 153. Many of the Arroyo Seco voters voiced strong opinions about their choice of candidate. One girl said she chose Obama because (See AGAIN, page 5)

Pleasanton School Facilities Dream Could Cost Close to \$500 Million

The Pleasanton Unified School District's Facilities Master Plan Committee (FMPC) members warmed up for the election by casting votes in favor of features they hold most dear in the 30-year master plan they have been helping to draw up for the district's schools. At their seventh and fi-

nal meeting Oct. 25, they learned how much a wish list of projects on all campuses and school headquarters would cost, if everything proposed were built. The estimate is \$491 million. However, consultant Ann Feng-Gagne who worked on the financing aspect of the master plan, told The

Independent this week that figures are still being firmed up. A more accurate estimate will be available at a special board workshop Nov. 27. Feng-Gagne will be talking to district staff and another consultant, Tom Hodges, vice president of O'Connon Construction Management, who is estimating the cost

of improvements at all of the campuses. Included on the preliminary cost estimate list was \$37 million for a new elementary school, if the district were to decide to build one. With Pleasanton rezoning land and eliminating its building cap as part of (See DREAM, page 5)

Woman's Campaign Shows Care for Peace Monument

By Ron McNicoll
 Sally Brown wants to rally people around the Livermore Peace Monument. Brown's rally would be figurative, not literal. People don't have to show up for any rally. However, she would like them to know that the two-piece sculpture, an abstract work by

rural Livermore artist Don Homan, needs some repairs. Homan, who is nearing 80, told The Independent that he annually would sand down the original teak sculpture. Those sandings rubbed away the knife marks and graffiti that vandals put on (See PEACE, page 4)

Measure D Change Sent to Supervisors

The Alameda County Supervisors' Transportation and Planning Committee is sending the full board a recommendation for a change in Measure D. Supervisors Scott Hag-

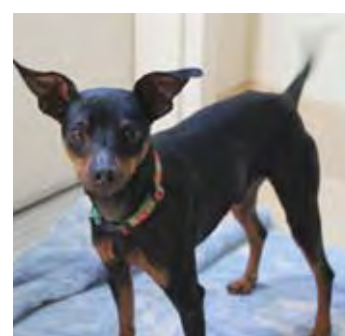
gerty and Nate Miley listened to information from planning staff and county counsel at their meeting Nov. 5. They determined that allowing the doubling of (See CHANGES, page 4)



The annual parade to honor veterans marched down Main Street in Pleasanton last Sunday. Entries included military units, veterans groups, Scout troops, bands, and members of organizations supporting the military and veterans. Photo - Doug Jorgensen

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PET OF THE WEEK
 Meet Jax- a year old Miniature Pinscher mix who was picked up off the streets by local animal control. After staying at East County Animal Shelter for several days and not being picked up by anybody who may have lost him, he was rescued and brought to VHS. He is an energetic dog who loves playing with his toys and going out for a walk. For more information, call 426-8656 or go online to www.valleyhumane.org or www.facebook.com/ValleyHumaneSociety to see other adoptable dogs and cats. Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Photo by Trina Cort



The Goodguys provided a classic car for veterans to ride in during the annual parade in Pleasanton last Sunday. The show this weekend at the fairgrounds will offer free admission to veterans on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Goodguys to Honor Veterans

A colorful weekend of American cars and patriotism is on tap Saturday and Sunday November 10 & 11 as the Goodguys present the 23rd Autumn Get-Together Presented by J Rockcliff Realtors. Over 2,500 classic hot rods, custom cars, muscle cars and more will take over the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton showcasing the world of customized and restored cars.

Before the big weekend gets started at the fairgrounds, Goodguys will reach out to local veterans by taking a mini car show to the Livermore Veterans Hospital on Wednesday, November 7th to share classic cars and good cheer with retired US Military servicemen and women.

The Goodguys Rod & Custom Association and Specialty Sales Classics will honor the military with free Sunday admission to the show on Nov. 11. All active and retired service men and women will be admitted free upon presentation of a military photo I.D. at the ticket gates.

The free admission is just part of a weeklong celebration honoring our U.S. veterans. The kick off was Sunday, November 4th with the 16th annual Tri-

Valley Veteran's Day Parade in downtown Pleasanton in which the Goodguys participates. At the 23rd Autumn Get-Together, a special vintage military vehicle exhibit will be featured inside the Young California building. The colors will be posted both Saturday and Sunday during special ceremonies. Collections will also be taken at the event in support of Pleasanton Military Families Holiday "Pack-Out" packages (comfort and care supplies that go to overseas troops). There will be a special card signing for kids (located in the kids area) where they can send a note of thanks and holiday cheer to soldiers abroad. Topping it off will be an appearance by the Young American Patriots Fife and Drum Corp – a group of grade schoolers decked out in colonial military costumes.

"All of us at Goodguys salute our military servicemen and women," said Goodguys President Marc Meadors. "We're honored to host our freedom fighters for the day at the 23rd Autumn Get-Together. Our founder, my father Gary Meadors served in the military and many of our members here and abroad are active military. We sincerely appreciate the sacrifices they make every

day for our freedom."

There's a lot more than cars to see at the event. A large swap meet with over 1,200 sellers will offer vintage auto parts. A special area full of kids games and activities will entertain the little ones as will the model car exhibit. Vendor exhibits will offer everything from vintage clothing and collectibles to auto parts and more. Festive music and all the culinary delights you can imagine will also be part of the big weekend. Finally, if high speeds and acceleration interest you – the Goodguys AutoCross course will be hot all weekend featuring hundreds of cars racing around the course in 4 classes going for the quickest lap time. It's all here at the 23rd Autumn Get-Together – the final Goodguys event of the year at the Fairgrounds.

The Goodguys 23rd Autumn Get-Together is open 8am-5pm Saturday and 8am to 4pm Sunday. General admission is \$17, kids 7-12 \$6. Kids 6 and under are free. All active and retired military are free on Sunday 11/11 with valid ID. Fairgrounds parking fee is \$8. For information, contact the Goodguys Rod & Custom Association at 838-9876 or visit www.good-guys.com

LAS POSITAS

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America's personnel performed heroic service to our nation, executing dangerous flight missions in communist China during the Korean War, and throughout the Vietnam Era."

Moderating the Veterans event will be Las Positas College History Instructor and author Stuart McElderry, Ph.D. He will provide context on the Vietnam Era and CIA Operations.

The Veterans Day observance at Las Positas College is sponsored by the College's "Veterans First" Program and is open to the general public. Lunch provided by Carls Jr. of Livermore will be free for all Veterans. There is no charge for event attendance but visitors are reminded that the campus has a \$2 parking fee. Daily tickets are available from vending machines in the campus parking lots. The College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore 94551.

The "Veterans First" Program at Las Positas College was developed to assist veterans to make the transition from the military to college. The program provides the tools and services needed to succeed in college and to connect veterans with career options and opportunities for continued higher education at four-year colleges and universities. Local funding and support provides the primary funding that allows the "Veterans First" Program to develop, expand, and continue programs and services for returning veterans at Las Positas College. Over 350 student veterans currently attend the college with the numbers continuing to grow with each new semester.

For more information about the program and details about the Veteran's Day event, contact Todd Steffan at (925)-1571 or tsteffan@laspositascollege.edu.

Mt. Diablo Creek Link Preserved

After ten years of work, Save Mount Diablo has protected the missing link in Mt. Diablo Creek. Save Mount Diablo's newest preserve, Lot 25, is five acres of woodland and canyon near Mount Diablo State Park including 500 feet of Mt. Diablo Creek. With the help of Toll Brothers and the City of Clayton this section of creek is now protected. Recently, Save Mount Diablo held the first public tour to dedicate the property as open space.

"We wanted to involve the community in dedicating this property because it has the potential for future State Park access right here in the neighborhood. It's also an opportunity for neighbors to get involved in caring for the natural lands quite literally in their backyards. Our hope is that they will volunteer with us to restore the native habitat that they and wildlife can enjoy," commented Julie Seelen, Save Mount Diablo's Advancement Director.

Beginning in 2003, the organization worked with the City of Clayton on a development project, Diablo Pointe, on the former Claretian Missionary property. The development included 24 homes but the remaining

parcel, Lot 25, has been preserved which is precedent setting.

During the development planning process, Save Mount Diablo focused on protection of the creek corridor, oak woodland and a canyon along the eastern boundary as well as buffers to the State Park on the east and south. "Instead of three new houses along Mt. Diablo creek, no houses were built there and an existing caretaker house next to the creek was removed and the riparian corridor replanted", said Seth Adams, Save Mount Diablo's Land Programs Director.

On December 21, 2004 the redesigned Diablo Pointe project was approved. The developer, Toll Brothers, asked the State Park to accept Lot 25 in 2011, the Park declined the offer due to budget cuts. Toll Brothers and the City then worked with Save Mount Diablo to transfer the property to the organization for preservation. Ron Brown, Save Mount Diablo's Executive Director explained, "Save Mount Diablo will take care of the property until the State Park is able to accept it and make it part of the Park."



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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Jack London Extension

The new West Jack London Boulevard Extension between SR 84 (Isabel Avenue) to El Charro Road is now open for traffic. The new Livermore to Pleasanton Trail adjacent to West Jack London Boulevard will be completed by the end of November 2012.

West Jack London Boulevard was built under the El Charro Specific Plan Infrastructure construction project by Ghilotti Construction Company. The total contract amount for the El Charro Specific Plan Infrastructure Project cost approximately \$20 million. The extension of the West Jack London Boulevard is a two lane road, approximately 2 miles long.

Mayor John Marchand emphasized that improving transportation infrastructure is a critical need in the City. "This segment will play a vital role in reducing congestion on I-580 and help ease the time it takes residents to get to the Paragon Outlet mall," Marchand said.

New Food Storage Units Open

Tri-Valley food pantries will have enough refrigeration and freezer storage to accommodate the more than 1,000 turkeys that are donated for the region's hungry this holiday season as the result of a new refrigeration/storage unit that emerged as a collaboration of corporate, government, and local non-profit agencies.

The City of Pleasanton provided a secure and centrally located site for the storage unit that is also ADA compliant, at its Operation Services Center.

Representatives from donor groups such as Safeway, Inc., Alameda County Supervisors Nate Miley and Scott Haggerty, cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, Open Heart Kitchen and local food pantries in the Tri-Valley region will be on hand for the unveiling. The event is set for 11 a.m. Thurs., Nov. 15.

The three new food storage units can accommodate dry, refrigerated and frozen foods. The facility is located at the City of Pleasanton Operation Services Center, 3333 Busch Road, Pleasanton.

Solar Project at Lab

The U.S. Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration is seeking proposals for a solar electrical-generation system onsite at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

The solar energy system at the Laboratory's Livermore site would be placed on a 10-acre location in the northwest buffer zone along Vasco Road. The Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), on behalf of DOE/NNSA, would purchase the power generated from this system through a power purchase agreement

with the developer. The developer would be required to enter into a license with DOE/NNSA as well.

"This solar project would provide both a clean, renewable source of energy and an additional capability for Laboratory energy research and development efforts," said National Nuclear Security Administration Livermore Site Office Manager Kim Davis. "The move toward solar energy will enhance the Laboratory's sustainability initiatives and performance, with a focus on renewable energy."

Laboratory Director Parney Albright stated, "The Laboratory supports the Federal government's national energy security, clean energy economy, and greenhouse gas reduction goals. In support of these goals, the Laboratory looks forward to working with the entire DOE complex and scientific communities to design, build and operate a fully operational solar energy system, as well as staying the course on continued DOE initiatives to strengthen our overall sustainability performance."

Solar energy developers are encouraged to visit Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory on November 13, 2012 in anticipation of submitting proposals. The visit requires pre-registration no later than November 8, 2012. Final proposal submissions will be due January 18, 2013. The project is anticipated to be awarded in the February/March 2013 timeframe.

Specific questions regarding the call for proposal will be answered by submitting an email to lnlsolarproject@nnsa.doe.gov.

Group to Discuss Clean-up Efforts

The general public is invited to attend the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Community Working Group, Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the LLNL Press Room, Trailer 6575. The press room is located off of Greenville Road at the east entrance to LLNL. Directional signage will be posted on Greenville Road. Community Working Group meetings, hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration and the Laboratory, are held periodically to discuss ongoing cleanup of historic groundwater contamination at the Laboratory's Livermore site.

The Livermore site was added to the Comprehensive Environmental Remediation Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) National Priorities (Superfund) List in 1987. Current and proposed remediation/cleanup efforts will be discussed as part of the Community Working Group meeting agenda. Contact: Scott Wilson, 925-423-3125.

Livermore School District Receives Golden Bell Award for Green Engineering Academy

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District will be honored during the 33rd Annual Golden Bell Awards program of the California School Boards Association (CSBA).

The award falls into the Career Technical Education category. The program honors the Green Engineering Academy at Livermore High School under the direction of Alberto Solorzano, principal at Livermore High School, and Mike Waltz and Susan Johnston, program coordinators and lead teachers.

The Golden Bell Award will be presented at a special ceremony during CSBA's Award Luncheon at the Westin Saint Francis Hotel in San Francisco, on Saturday, December 1, 2012. The event is held in conjunction with the California School Boards Association's Annual Education Conference.

Livermore High School's Green Engineering Academy offers a Career Technical Education (CTE) sequence of courses providing students with a strong foundation in engineering and design specifically in the areas of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and recycling technology.

The ninth through twelfth grade academic sequence includes advanced project-based learning opportunities utilizing the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) curriculum throughout which students tackle real-world challenges and create innovative solutions.

The Academy combines an integration of academic and career technical education, business partnerships, mentoring, and internships.

Students take courses as a cohort with a small cadre of partner teachers who collaborate and integrate curriculum to prepare students for CTE-related courses, including but not limited to, Engineering Physics, Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, Civil Engineering and Architecture, and Engineering Research and Development, and their futures.

The cohort of students remains together throughout high school. Students are paired with an industry

mentor during 11th grade and have a unique opportunity to participate in an industry summer internship between 11th and 12th grade.

As seniors, students participate in a green design project in cooperation with industry mentors.

The program includes field trips, guest speakers, and special activities.

The CSBA Golden Bell Awards program promotes excellence in education by recognizing outstanding programs in school districts and county offices of education throughout California.

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Family Stroll

Thursday, November 15, 5 to 8pm.

This family evening features a visit with Santa Claus, shopping in Santa's Secret Shoppe, entertainment and kid-friendly refreshments.

\$15/adult, \$10/child

Tinsel Teas

Friday, November 16, 10am and 2pm.

Embrace Christmas in the City as you partake in high tea, purchase your chance drawing tickets for the beautiful trees and get a jump start on your shopping in the Holiday Gift Boutiques.

\$45/person

Silent Night Soiree

Friday, November 16, 6:30pm.

Kick off the holiday season with dining and dancing with friends. Enjoy a gourmet, sit-down, served dinner, bidding on your favorite silent auction basket and shopping in the Holiday Boutiques.

\$90/person

Silver Bells Luncheon

Saturday, November 17, 10:30am-1:30pm.

Visit the Merry Gentlemen to purchase tree tickets. Enjoy gourmet holiday fare and entertainment with friends around your table. Be the lucky winner of the stunning china table setting, or your favorite tree.

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EDITORIAL

Reject Measure D Change

Alameda County Supervisors Transportation and Planning Committee voted to send a proposed Measure D general plan amendment to the full board.

The amendment 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.

Supporters of Measure D point out that the provisions in the measure approved by county voters in 2000 require a vote of the public to enact "substantive changes."

Prior to a hearing before the full board, Supervisor Scott Haggerty will meet with supporters of Measure D to listen to their point of view.

We hope that supervisors heed the arguments of supporters of Measure D and reject the proposed change.

PEACE

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the surface.

Year after year, Homan labored away, making the teak whole again. Eventually, his efforts reached far down on the layers of wood, it was clear that he could repair it no more.

During one of former Mayor Marshall Kamena's terms, the two met to talk about a solution for the declining monument. The city treasury was in good shape then. Kamena found \$100,000 for a renewal of the sculpture. Homan donated his labor, but the money was needed to form a new bronze sculpture, using the original teak as a mold for it. After the process, the original had to be thrown away.

The new sculpture had been doing well, but with the closing of the old library, foot traffic no longer goes by it. Perhaps few people noticed the accumulated knife scars and graffiti on the bronze. One day, Brown saw it, and wrote a letter to The Independent to sound the clarion call.

Brown's letter says, "Hopefully we, the Livermore community, will find a means to restore this treasure and perhaps, if practical, relocate it to a more public, more easily protected site. I'm willing to contribute. Surely there's a group who can organize and complete such a project." Relocating the sculpture can be a good way to place it before more viewers, she said.

The city owns the sculpture. City manager Marc Roberts said he was not aware of the problem, since

no one had complained to city hall.

Roberts said he will investigate. If the staff can spruce it up again, as it does with its renewals of other vandalized surfaces, the city staff will tend to it. If it will require some serious money above that budget, he will take it before the council.

Photos of the sculpture may be seen on Homan's web site at <http://www.peaceart.us/sculptor.htm> in its original teak form.

Homan has some comments about his sculpture on the page. The Livermore hills inspired the shapes. The large holes "hopefully will attract the interest of the kids who may wish to crawl in them."

Creating a sculpture comprised of two pieces is a hint to viewers that "peace requires more than one, working together in some harmony. Hopefully, it is a peaceful object to observe," says Homan.

The idea of a peace monument came originally from the late Leon Smith. Homan was on a committee that was going to help carry out the vision. He did not think of doing it himself, but instead wrote to world-renowned sculptor Henry Moore. "He said that he was too occupied, and could not take on a project like that," said Homan.

Moore's busy schedule probably saved Livermore quite a bit of money. Homan agreed to complete the project with his labor donated. The materials and hoisting the sculpture in place cost \$4000.

Bird Count to Honor Late Independent Editor

The Audubon Society's annual holiday bird count in the Valley this year will be named in honor of the late Bob Several, who was a reporter and editor of The Independent until 2011.

Rich Cimino, chair of the society's Ohlone Chapter East County Conservation subcommittee, said that when he learned of Several's death, he wanted to give recognition to his journalistic efforts in preservation of the Valley environment.

"Several was involved in all of the right land preservation topics coming up here in the early days. He is local. I'd like to give him some recognition," said Cimino.

Some of the preservation efforts led to saving the Sunol Ridge and Pleasanton Ridge, and such areas as the salt marsh north of Livermore, an important place for bird and plant species, said Cimino.

The Audubon Society, which was incorporated in 1905, is a non-profit organization that advocates for birds and their habitat preservation. The annual holiday count of birds gives an indication of how many birds and species there are.

Cimino, who heads up the bird count efforts in the Valley, said that last year,

there were 92 volunteers counting in 30 areas. They counted 35,000 birds among 150 species.

The whole territory covered by volunteers is 15 miles in circumference. Counters go to specific areas in teams of two or three. One volunteer keeps a tally, while another identifies the species. Use of binoculars is important to the task.

Volunteers should have some experience in identifying birds, and will need a book for verification. Volunteers do not need to be Audubon Society members.

The count this year will occur on Dec. 14, beginning at 7 a.m., and ending at about 4:15 p.m. Volunteers should bring their own lunches.

Not all volunteers go into the field. The count also welcomes people with backyard bird feeders, and Cimino would like to see more of them involved. They, too, must have some experience with bird identification.

People interested in volunteering should send an e-mail to Cimino at yellowbill-tours@gmail.com. Deadline for people who will be out in the field is Dec. 10. People who will be observing their backyard feeders have until Dec. 12 to sign up.

ELECTION

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Democrat John Garamendi, who has been representing Livermore in the current 10th CD, had 69,424 to Republican Kim Vann's 64,283.

MEASURE B1 LOSING
Alameda County Measure B1 appeared headed for defeat. With a two-thirds majority required to pass it, the measure was at 65.63 percent as of Nov. 8 with absentee and provisional ballots still to be counted.

If approved, the measure would have raised the county sales tax by a half cent to a full cent to fund transportation and transit projects. The tax would have been in perpetuity, the main sticking point with opponents who would have preferred a sunset. The BART extension to Livermore will likely be delayed as a result, with \$400 million in the measure for the extension.

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District parcel tax, Measure I, won with only a 50 percent margin required. The vote was 90,980 in favor and 56,717 against.

In Livermore, voters supported moving elections to even years, supporting Measure W over Measure X. The change would begin 2014 election.

THORNE, BROWN, PENTIN ELECTED

Two new city councilmembers and a new mayor were elected in Pleasanton. Current councilmember Jerry Thorne defeated fellow council Cheryl Cook-Kallio for mayor. Cook-Kallio will remain on the council with two more years to serve on her current term.

The voting for the council race, and for all of the Pleasanton races, was led by Karla Brown. She ran as the only slow growth candidate on the ballot. Planning commissioner Jerry Pentin was elected to fill the second seat. Erlene DeMarcus finished third. Mike Harris, who had dropped out of the race, likely impacted the outcome, receiving over 4000 votes.

With Thorne taking on the role of mayor, there will be an opening on the city council. An election would

	Yes	No
Alameda County Measure B1 (2/3 vote required to pass)	239,675 (65.63%)	125,490
Chabot-Las Positas Measure (50% required to pass)	90,980	56,717
Livermore Measure W	18,828	5538
Livermore Measure X	10,750	12,321

Pleasanton Mayor 94% of vote counted	
Jerry Thorne	12,259
Cheryl Cook-Kallio	10,972

Pleasanton City Council (top 2 elected)	
Karla Brown	12,886
Jerry Pentin	10,972
Erlene DeMarcus	6286
Mike Harris (withdrew)	4542

Dublin City Council (top 2 elected) 87% of vote counted	
David G. Haubert	5182
Kevin E. Hart	4561
Doreen Wehrenberg	2593
Anita B. Carr	2353
Shawn Costello	1113
Shehu Solomon Hassan	647

Livermore School Board (top 2 elected) 90% of vote counted	
Tom McLaughlin	11,165
Chuck Rogge	10,584
Belia Martinez	8453
David Jonas	5558

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District 90% of vote counted	
Bob Coomber	12,016
Mark Thrailkill	10,570

BART, District 5	
John McPartland	52,813
John Maher	30,802

15th Congressional District	
Eric Swalwell (D)	85,580
Pete Stark (D)	75,669

State Senate, 7th District	
Mark DeSaulnier (R)	171,342
Mark Meuser (D)	111,388

State Assembly, 16th District	
Joan Buchanan (D)	92,512
Al Phillips (R)	66,132

CHANGES

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the floor area ratio (FAR) for equine facilities is a technical, not substantive, change in the measure.

The FAR is based on a formula that allows coverage of an agricultural facility with a roof in proportion to the square-footage size of the total parcel. The ratio is .01. Supervisors are considering doubling it to .02.

Calling the change "technical" put the two supervisors at odds with Measure D backers, who asked to meet with supervisors before the board's Dec. 4 meeting, where action could be taken to pass the change.

The meeting involving Friends of Livermore, the Sierra Club and Supervisor Haggerty has been set for Wed., Nov. 14.

Sierra Club representative Dick Schneider, co-author of Measure D, told The Independent that it's clear

that the supervisors need more information about exactly why he and his allies are objecting to the change.

Basically, Schneider contends that making the change would be a substantive one, not a technical change. Measure D permits technical changes to the text for clarification and correction of typos, but not substantive changes.

Brian Washington of the county counsel's office said that it is a technical change. However, he added that there are "plausible arguments" on both sides.

Supervisor Nate Miley said that it might be a good idea to litigate the issue, since there appears, according to county counsel, to be no case law on the issue.

Another option is to put the change on the ballot, which clearly is supported

by election law in regard to Measure D, said Schneider. He said that he is willing to consider that, but added that he felt that a dialogue with supervisors before Dec. 4 might find some clear way to a resolution. Haggerty said he very much would like to meet with Schneider and his allies.

Miley raised a caution about going to the ballot with the change. He said, "If we put it on the ballot, there might be other amendments (suggested for Measure D) as well." It might "open a Pandora's box," he said.

Other speakers seeking to prevent the change by supervisors were Bob Baltzer, treasurer of the Measure D campaign, and Diana Hannah, a Castro Valley environmentalist.

Baltzer read from Measure D, "Any modification must be consistent with the preface and substantive content of this ordinance." He saw that as a clear statement that the proposed amendment would not be merely a "technical change."

Hannah said, "It's important when something becomes law that the board upholds it."

Washington clarified that, saying that if supervisors did not make a finding that the change is technical, it would have to go to the voters as a

be held to fill the vacancy.

In the Livermore School Board race, former trustee Tom McLaughlin led the field followed by incumbent Chuck Rogge. Belia Martinez, who had been appointed to the board when Stu Gary was elected to the city council, was in third place followed by David Jonas.

Bob Coomber was elected to the two year term on the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board. Mark Thrailkill was second.

In Dublin, school board member David Haubert was leading the race for one of two city council seats.

Incumbent Kevin Hart was second and was re-elected to the council. Finishing behind were Doreen Wehrenberg, Anita Carr, Shawn Costello and Shehu Hassan.

Incumbent John McPartland was returned to the BART Board representing District 5, which includes the Valley. His challenger was John Maher.

Democrat Joan Buchanan was headed towards reelection to the newly created 16th Assembly District. She led Republican Al Phillips.

Mark Saulnier, a Democrat) was relected to represent the State Senate, 7th District over Republican Mark Meuser.

MAILBOX

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Attention Livermore Sally Brown

Perhaps we, as a community were naive in assuming that Don Homan's magnificent artwork which embodies the late Leon Smith's vision of a local monument to peace, would remain honored and unscathed by vandals. Yet, today, its surface is marred by senseless scratches and deliberate graffiti.

Patrons of the arts, the wines, the fine dining in our bustling downtown seldom seek out this noble symbol of peaceful interactions situated beside our former main library building. Few of our residents simply wander over to read the plaques describing the dedication and rededication or appreciate the art itself. But it's semi-secluded site apparently challenges some misguided community members. I was shocked when I visited the site this afternoon; hence this letter.

Hopefully we, the Livermore community, will find a means to restore this treasure and perhaps, if practical, relocate it to a more public, more easily protected site. I'm willing to contribute. Surely there's a group who can organize and complete such a project.

Urban Shield Training Barbara Hill Livermore

A letter to the Independent, on Thursday November 1, from Keith Rothenberg of Livermore, expresses his dismay that "the arroyo staging area and adjacent parkland was closed to the public use Friday, 10/20/12-Monday 10/29/12 while law enforcement agencies conducted urban warfare training including gunfire, explosions and attack dogs." His concern has left me questioning what public agency gave permission for this event to take place?

The writer suggests that the "East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) has lost their way and seem to have forgotten their role as stewards of the land". I suggest that EBRPD was given direction that Urban Shield would be conducting a scenario at Lake Del Valle State Recreation and asked EBRPD to cooperate with the agencies conducting Urban Shield. Since the lake is a State Recreation Area and the CA Department of Water Resources also has some say I would suggest he address his concerns elsewhere.

I have enjoyed being a volunteer for the EBRPD for almost twenty years and feel some angst that someone who does not seem aware of the line of command would make the comment "Shame EBRPD".

I would also recommend that Mr. Rothenberg go to the Urban Shield web site and become aware of how many agencies, towns and sites were utilized for the training. If the scenario at Del Valle was to train to protect to the dam or prevent chemicals from being put into the lake then I am sure happy that the training took place at that area of the lake.

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"Romney only cares about rich people and the President should care about everyone."

A fourth-grade boy said his choice of Romney was based on how his family has done under Obama. "My dad has been unemployed twice. I think Mitt Romney will do a better job," he explained.

Wilson's students advertised the election and ran the polling stations for the mock election. Students in all grades, kindergarten through fifth, were eligible to vote. "We lowered our voting age this year," said Wilson. "The students vote at lunchtime and with extended day kindergarten, the youngest students were still here during that time."

To prepare for the mock election, Wilson taught the importance and rules of voting, what makes a good leader, and political parties and their colors and symbols. The election fits into the study of government and civics in fourth grade, which culminates in May with a trip to Sacramento.

"The election allows me to introduce new concepts," said Wilson. "We discussed citizenship and how voting is part of being a good citizen. We also discussed how some people don't vote. Citizenship is one of the pillars of character we learn about as part of our Character Counts Education Program."

She observed that this year the students knew more about the Presidential candidates than in 2008. "I think part of it is media saturation," said Wilson. "And many of these students remember the mock elections we had here in 2008 and 2010."

On Wednesday, Wilson and her students discussed the results of the presidential election and what they learned from running the mock election. Next month the students will prepare and give a "stump speech" oral presentation about three things they would accomplish as President of the United States. The speech will be delivered to the class in December.

Celebration Marks Opening of Outlet Center in Livermore

Paragon Outlets Livermore Valley, the first new outlet center to open in California since 2001, will welcome shoppers for its grand opening weekend celebration Thursday, Nov. 8 through Sunday, Nov. 11.

The center is located on Interstate 580 at the El Charro Road exit in Livermore.

Developed by Paragon Outlet Partners, a commercial real estate development firm headquartered in Baltimore, the \$150 million, 543,000 square foot outlet center features 130 leading designer and top brand name stores.

"Paragon Outlets Livermore Valley is one of only five outlet centers that will open in the United States this year," said Paragon Outlet Partners Principal Robert A. Brvenik. "We're thrilled to deliver an outlet center that is 100 percent leased just ahead of the holiday shopping season today."

According to Paragon Outlet Partners Principal Nicholas King, "Not only are we proud to deliver a well-tenanted shopping destination that offers dra-

matic savings, but we are delighted our grand opening also represents the delivery of approximately 2,000 permanent jobs in the region."

More than \$15,000 in sweepstakes prizes and giveaways courtesy of merchants such as Armani Outlet, Bloomingdale's, The Outlet Store, Cole Haan, Converse, Elie Tahari, J.Crew, Kipling, Levi's Outlet Store, MaxMara, Movado Company Store, Nike Factory Store and Nine West Outlet, among many more, will mark Paragon Outlets Livermore Valley's highly-anticipated debut in the regional marketplace.

Paragon Outlet Partners will officially open the area's newest outlet shopping center at its Champagne & Confetti Grand Opening Ceremony, near the outlet center's Food Court, Thursday, Nov. 8 at 10:00 a.m. Beginning at 5:00 p.m., Diablo Magazine will host an invitation-only VIP Grand Opening Party complete with:

- Swag bags featuring merchandise from an array of brands. (While supplies last.)

- Style Suggestions with Diablo Magazine's Style Editor Kristen Haney along with Last Call by Neiman Marcus's Stylist Brandy Lunsford.

- A sampling of culinary treats of the Livermore Valley provided by area restaurants.

- Select wines courtesy of Wente Vineyards.

The Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association will host Sunset, Sip & Shop Saturday, Nov. 10 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Featuring tastings from 15 of Livermore Valley's wineries, tickets are \$10 and may be purchased online at www.lvwine.org or on-site on a first come, first serve basis.

"Paragon Outlets is a great addition to Livermore Valley and will definitely enhance the wine country experience for our visitors," said Chris Chandler, executive director of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. "We are very pleased to partner with Paragon Outlets in making our beautiful region a top Bay Area destination."

LAB

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people or skills, they said. "Computer capabilities at these labs are probably five or six years ahead" of where they are in industry, according to Gary Leonard, Technology Director of GE Global Research.

Working with Livermore, GE is now "starting to learn the physics" of products like jet engines that it has been making for years, Leonard said. "We might have had a gut feeling for what was going on, but being able to quantify things is important."

Eugene Litvinov, head of research for New England ISO, pointed out that "we can get computer capacity" by buying it from other places, including the so-called "cloud" of online computers managed by Amazon. His company oversees the generation and transmission of electrical power in New England.

What they can't get by simply purchasing computer power - buying "cycles," as it is called - is the expertise that comes from the Lab that enables his company to make "robust projections" of improved approaches to energy transmission and distribution.

To Mike McQuade, senior vice president of United Technologies, there is an even more fundamental point about working in a place with capabilities like Lawrence Livermore's. While it is impressive to tackle a known problem using improved technical tools, he believes the environment at the Laboratory allows more imaginative and ambitious levels of problem-solving. He described this as "thinking about problems that haven't been thought about before."

He said he envisioned people suddenly saying, "I never thought of doing that! I never thought I had the tools to solve a problem of that scale!"

To Parney Albright, Laboratory director, sharing this kind of creative environment with industry is just what the Livermore Laboratory should be doing. "It's not the hardware but the people," he said at the workshop.

"We are trying to get high performance computing to make a substantial contribution to American productivity. The real issue is the (intellectual) ecosystem that surrounds us."

DREAM

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a lawsuit settlement, several thousand new units are expected in the near future.

The new growth would bring in more developer fees, said Feng-Gagne. She said it is impossible right now to specifically match up developer fee revenue with projected cost.

The two other revenue sources for school construction are local construction bonds and state bond money.

Pleasanton is still paying off its own Measure B bonds for school refurbishing and reconstruction, after bond refinancing a few years ago yielded cash that the district spent on improvements at various campuses.

The state from time to time is successful in raising voter approved bond money. However, the details of what might happen are not known

for the next 30 years. State bonds include a matching fund, with the local district required to provide 50 percent of the match for new construction and 40 percent of the match for modernization.

The current state bond, passed in November 2006, still has money in it. Some \$234 million of the original \$1.9 billion approved for new schools remains. Some \$796 million of the original \$3.3 billion for modernization is still there, according to the state Office of Public School Finance. No information was available about how many applications, if any, may be competing for the remaining money.

The FMPC members were among 500 or so individuals consulted in a process that began last year in drawing up the 30-year outlook for

Pleasanton schools.

Part of the driver is to design new facilities that are more flexible in offering ways to teach students a 21st century curriculum. Also important is the ongoing need to keep facilities fresh. The state provides financial aid to districts once permanent buildings are 25 years old.

The voting by members of the committee at the meeting was not tallied. A look at the poster-size charts representing each campus showed people favoring replacement of buildings on some campuses, and providing new or upgraded tech facilities at some. Other projects with strong backing appeared more modest, but badly needed, according to feedback from the campuses. For example, they included fence replacement and a new HVAC system.



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SPORTS NOTES



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Amador Valley High School Dons got past crosstown rivals Foothill Falcons 28 to 23 in EBAL varsity football action. Amador intercepted six passes in building a 28-3. Foothill cut the score to 28 to 23 on a 66-yard touchdown with 7:32 left to play. A two point try failed.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Granada High School Matadors varsity football squad scored 35 points, while holding the Livermore Cowboys to 3 as the Matadors recorded a victory last Friday in the EBAL league. Casey Soltis and Kyle Campiotti each rushed for two touchdowns in the victory.



Race to the Flagpole Set for Saturday

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. They encourage awareness and appreciation for fitness, as well as community pride. All race proceeds support the Livermore-Granada Boosters scholarship program. For 64 years, the Boosters have honored varsity scholar athletes from both high schools at their annual May awards banquet. Substantial scholarships are awarded to young men and young women who exemplify athletic excellence and high academic achievement. The Boosters believe students who excel in academics, athletics, and community service become exemplary civic leaders. Since 1958, the Boosters

have awarded more than \$211,000 in scholarships. 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. The awards ceremony honors the top finishers in each age division, school participation, and a tribute to our veterans. All schools in Livermore may compete for the top participation award. The school with the most participants receives a \$250 cash donation. For more information, for sponsorship opportunities, or to register, visit www.livermoregranadaboosters.org, or contact Mike Nagel, Race Director, at 925-667-6535 or flagpolerace@yahoo.com.



Livermore Fusion Soccer Club hosted the first Ghouls & Goals tournament the last weekend in October. The U10 Maroon girls team treated their opponents to some tricks. Working together and playing with heart allowed them to score twelve goals and concede only one against opponents, West Valley White, San Ramon Azuri, Heritage Firestorm and West Valley Maroon. The final game of the weekend between Fusion and West Valley Maroon was an equal match of skill and determination, neither side willing to allow the other to score. With minutes remaining in the game Fusion earned a corner kick and midfielder Kayla Galo headed it in, making the final score 1-0 Fusion. Pictured are team members.



The 10UB Livermore Smoke softball team took 1st place at the Jack-O-Lantern Halloween tournament held October 20-21st in Modesto, Ca. Pictured are (back row, from left) Coach Eric Scher, Izzy Romero, Coach Doug Roberts, Olivia Kohndrow, Kylie Roberts, Coach KC Peterson, Melanie Laronde, Jordan Beakey, Shay Mott, Coach Brian Kohndrow, Coach Steve Pepperdine; (front row) Rebekah Peterson, Hannah Whitelock, Bri Lynn Pickerill, Allison Scher, Tatum Hayes, Alyssa Fuller, Katlyn Woolley, and Allison Sprugasci.

defense scored a safety on the Ravens and then a touchdown for an 8-6 lead at the half. The Ravens defense was incredibly strong all game as they have been all season long. Every defensive player contributed, led by Hunter Musgrave (6 tackles), Zack MacIntire (7 tackles), Michael Trafton (7 tackles), Zac MacDonald (5 tackles), Nate Wilson (6 tackles) and Seth Davis (6 tackles). The offense also did great in the 2nd half, with a momentum changing 73 yard touchdown pass from quarterback Kaine Montez to Kyle Betz. The Ravens then took the lead 12-8. Montez passed well for the Ravens as he has all season, and also rushed for two key 1st downs in the game. The Raven defense shut down any chance for a Bronco rally and then solidified their victory with a 4 yard TD run by Malini Tia. Tia rushed for 184 hard fought yards, including a 43 yard run. The game ended with an exciting interception by Hunter Musgrave who ran for 12 yards.

Senior Division: Steelers 24,

Packers 0: The Steelers upset the previously undefeated Packers to take the Senior Division championship.

Pleasanton Rage
U10 Pleasanton Rage Grey traveled to Sacramento to compete in the annual Nor Cal State Cup tournament November 3 and 4. After 3 hard fought games in the Silver division, Rage Grey was reseeded as a number 8 to face the number 1 seed Union City Shooting Stars in the Quarter Final game. Union City is familiar opponent for Rage Grey, because they compete in the same regional league and Rage had lost twice in the season (3-0, 1-0). This would be the first time they'd meet for a State Cup game. The game was very hard fought on a fast turf field to a 1-1 tie. The momentum turned in the final minutes of regulation where Rage controlled the ball and that would carry into 2 overtime extended periods. After the two 5 minute extended over times the game

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Livermore Jr. Football Championship Games

On November 3, the Livermore Junior Football League played its championship games:

Junior Division: Vikings 24, Texans 21: The Texans received the opening kickoff and led off with some well executed offensive plays, locking down suspicion that they were armed with the tools to compete at a high level. The first quarter ended with the Texans well into a strong offensive drive keyed by fantastic downhill running by Dylan Silva, and a huge 25-yard gain by Edward Vilchis. Tyler Blue and Robert Mullineaux helped create a great wedge and key blocks. Texans 0, Vikings 6.

The eventful second quarter continued the Texans offensive march, capped off by a great 8-yard touchdown run by Zach Gooby, with Jake Herweg, Brandon Norton, and Yash Hammond pushing the defense back on the score. On the ensuing Vikings drive, the defense came in ready to do their part causing and recovering a fumbled Vikings ball, with Matthew Polaski coming out of the bottom of the pile with possession. Right back to work was the offense. The blocking power of Matthew Warren, Mitchell Mau, and Mason Newbould engineered an explosive play, allowing Dylan Silva to display his break-away speed with a 60-yard touchdown run from scrimmage. To complement the offense and defense, special teams kept the Texans momentum going by recovering their own kickoff following the touchdown. On the next possession, the Texans defense made it very tough for the Vikings offense to move the ball. A collection of open field tackles by Jason Sanders, Grant Gomes, Justin Torres, and Matthew Polaski demonstrated the skills and determination of the Texans defense. The offense got the ball back

with mere moments left in the half. Edward Vilchis turned on the after burners for a huge run, covering half the field for a Texans touchdown. The score was capped off by Miles Rasmussen who scrambled out of a collapsed pocket to find an open Vilchis, who made a diving catch in the end zone for the 2 point conversion. Texans 21, Vikings 12.

The second half began with the Texans defense back to work, featuring sure-handed tackles by Anthony Shepherd and Joseph Bartoni. The defense continued to play physical football as interior defensive linemen Myles Anderson and Romon Saleh plugged up holes, and Deegan Rabino came up with a big tackle right off the line of scrimmage. Dennis Derham displayed awareness and speed on the corner, keeping everything in front of him, and Germaine Cox continued to pound the Vikings offensive line, and disrupt ball carriers. The end of the third quarter saw the contest become a one-score game. The Texans dug in their heels and stood tough. Texans 21, Vikings 18.

The fourth quarter featured some solid runs by Miles Rasmussen and Zach Gooby, with blocking by Mitchell Mau; and some more disruptive defense by Paul Buxton, Grant Gomes, and Antonio Rivalie, and a stellar hustle combined with sticky hands on a great tackle by Jason Sanders. The defense played lights-out to give their offense the ball back, but ran short on time, leaving them just 3 points shy as time expired. Texans 21, Vikings 24.

Intermediate Division: Ravens 18, Broncos 8: In the Championship game of the Intermediate division, the Ravens used a total team effort to defeat the Broncos 18-8 for the title. The Ravens scored first with an amazing 63 yard touchdown run by Malini Tia to take a 6-0 lead. The Broncos

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Pictured is action in the Pleasanton Rage U12 match between the Orange Crush and Her-Ricanes.



Pictured are Pleasanton U10 Rage Grey at State Cup competition on Nov 4. Team members are Kate Derham, Madie Mendoza, Alex Lovelock, Chaney Heinbaugh, Bella Segundo, Rylee Scanlon, Coach Danielle Sweeny, Emily Hunt, Eva Bull, Naya Williamson, Audrey Googins, and Shyla Caponig.



A complete effort in Brentwood by the West Coast Soccer U-12 Wrath allowed them to control the pace of the game and maintain ball possession throughout. It was another great defensive effort from goalie Brienne and defenders Kaylie Fran, Annaliese Tyler, and Ariana. Kate, Abby, Hailey, Kaylee, and Kylie controlled the midfield distributing the ball up top to Abby, Leila and Lindsey. Scoring for the Wrath was Lelia with a hat trick that started off with a beautiful shot from the right side 20 yards out. Lindsey got into the action scoring 2 goals the second from a lovely cross. The hard work and effort allowed coach Paul to move all the players around in the second half giving Brienne a chance to play up top and almost score a goal. At one point all the defenders were up top and forwards and mids were playing defense. The wrath played so strong that even out of regular positions they still controlled the game. Pictured is Leila on her way



Pictured are the Livermore Fusion U7 Rock Stars and the Super Stars playing in the last game of the season.



West Coast Wild U15 girls are the # 1 ranked team in California. This past weekend at the Placer Prestige Cup Premier Tournament, Wild was put to the test by some of the best teams in the State. West Coast Wild coached by former Olympian and San Jose Earthquakes Hall of Famer Troy Dayak took home the coveted Placer Cup by defeating the home tournament Team Placer United in PK's to remain undefeated in the tournament and extend their unbeaten streak to 17 in all competitive games. West Coast Wild defeated Davis Legacy 2-0 with goals scored by Caleigh Hufana and Demi Gonis. Wild handled rivals Castro Valley 2-0 with goals by Sydni Lunt and Kasidee Wiley. Sunday matched the Wild up against arch rival Konfusion with the Wild getting another 2-0 shutout with goals from Miciah Madison and Kasidee Wiley. The Championship game vs home team Placer United would be a thriller. Wild came from behind twice for a 2-2 tie, putting them into double overtime and ultimately penalty kicks from the mark. West Coast GK Amanda Valentine made three saves in the PK contest securing the victory, the cup and earning MVP tournament honors. This would mark the 6th major title this year for the West Coast Wild. Pictured are Wild team members with the trophy. They are wearing championship sweatshirts.



Pictured is the Wicked team showing off their hard fought and well earned second place medals.



Members of a few of the boys and girls teams from West Coast Soccer Club gathered for a Friday night practice and a celebration of the completion of the new turf fields at Robertson Park. Many of the players at West Coast Soccer have been playing at Robertson for years. The new turf fields are a great asset for the City of Livermore and a great benefit for the club congratulates the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) on the successful completion of the turf project and is looking forward to putting the fields to good use.

was still 1-1. The game would be decided on penalty kicks where Rage would upset the number 1 seed and win on PK's 4-2. Rage Grey continues their State Cup run in Manteca for the Nov 17th finals.

The U9 Pleasanton Rage Orange team advanced to the Semifinals of the State bracket of the Norcal State Cup Championships. The State bracket is for the top 8 teams for the age group. By advancing to the Semifinals, the Rage Orange have assured themselves a top 4 finish.

The Rage Orange advanced to the State bracket by winning 2 out of 3 of the State Seeding games plus their quarterfinal game the weekend of November 3-4 at the Davis Legacy Soccer Complex.

The Rage Orange opened playing on Saturday by defeating the Folsom Soccer Club Cal Storm 4-2. Ashley Belshe gave the Rage Orange a 2-0 lead in the 1st half, scoring on two penalty kicks. Maddie Benson and Sophia Minnite were both fouled in the penalty box which gave Belshe the PK opportunities. Belshe scored again in the 2nd half on another penalty kick for the hat trick. This was after Caitlin Currie was fouled in the penalty box. The Rage Orange tallied their 4th goal when Leile Lyons drilled home a cross to beat the Storm goalie. Goalies Isabella Guerrero and Avery Clark were solid in goal in limiting the Storm to just 2 goals.

The Rage Orange faced their toughest match of the weekend against the Stockton Storm. The Rage Orange and Storm played an entertaining first half and were tied at 2-2. The Rage

Orange recorded 1st half goals by Sophia Minnite and Caitlin Currie. The Storm took over in the 2nd half and finished with a 7-2 win over the Rage Orange.

The Rage Orange came back Sunday morning and got back on the winning track with a 6-0 shutout over the Livermore Fusion Maroon. Belshe came out of the goal to score the Rage Orange 1st goal on a penalty kick. Then Sophia Minnite sped by the Livermore defense to score the next 2 goals. Then it was Olivia Martin's turn as she dribbled half of the field to score to give the Rage Orange a 4-0 halftime lead. The Rage Orange tallied 2 more goals in the 2nd half. Minnite netted her 3rd of the game and Belshe her 2nd goal of the game. Goalies Belshe and Maggie Nostrand kept Livermore from scoring to preserve the shutout.

After the State Seeding games, the Rage Orange went into the State bracket as the number 7 seed. They were matched up against the number 2 seeded GSC Gryphons Red. The Rage Orange controlled play in the 1st half but didn't score. In the 2nd half, the Rage Orange broke through when Olivia Soble took the ball to goal and shot, the ball was deflected by a Gryphons defender and rolled toward the goal line where Maddie Benson tapped it into the net to give the Rage Orange a 1-0 lead. The Rage Orange defense was too good to be scored upon on this day and the Rage Orange came away with a solid 1-0 victory.

Pleasanton Rage Division 4:
U9: Pumas 1, Puppies 6: Another strong offensive performance

by the Puppies this week, where six players each scored a goal including Payton Limakeng, Kim Ebbers, and Shay McIntyre. An equally good defensive display by Ella Grijalva and Anna Taylor in goal, allowed the Puppies to secure another win. Top Offensive Players: Taylor Woodruff, Sammy Traynor, Makenna Meyers-McNerney - Puppies; Top Defensive Players: Ella Grijalva, Anna Taylor, Julia Smith - Puppies

U12: Orange Crush 5, Her-Ricanes 2; Bend-Its 3, Blasters 3: The Orange Crush got off to a fast start against the Her-Ricanes, winning 5 - 2. The game started as a defensive battle. Halfway through the first half, Orange Crush's Megan Gee's well placed shot struck the back of the net. Five minutes later, Mollie McKay's determination led to another score. Elisabeth Balicanta scored just before halftime to give the Orange Crush a 3 - 0 lead. The second half started out strong as Megan Gee scored her second goal of the game. The Her-Ricanes showed game and scored the next two goals to cut the lead to 4 - 2. However, Noe Jue came through with her first goal of the season to make the final score 5 - 2. Lindsey Schroeder played her first game in goal and did a fantastic job turning away shots by the Her-Ricanes. Alyssa Wu and Gracie Ose led the way on defense for the Orange Crush. Top Offensive Players: Megan Gee, Noe Jue, Mollie McKay - Orange Crush; Gail Panaga, Katie Schmitz, Lucia Castaneda - Blasters; Top Defensive Players: Lindsey Schroeder, Alyssa Wu, Gracie Ose - Orange Crush; Harsha Mudaliar, Robin Hong, Jazzy

Sahabi - Blasters

Sanchez and Sam Ornelas for offense and Collin Alire on defense.

Livermore Fusion

Fusion U14 Rec: Fireballs 10, Blackout 1: This was a really fun game for the Fireballs as all played well. For both defense and offense the coach is very proud of Noah Sage-Blanchard, Hayden Brackett, Nick Brown, Izaiah Casillas, Jack Ellsworth, Robbie Hoff, Nikhil Kumar, Spencer Kramm, Justin Pettis, Fernando Puentes, Leath Rawashdeh, Charlie Ridings, Danny Torres and Taylor Williamson. Top players for the Blackouts are Chris

Fusion U10 Rec: Mustangs 2, Strikers 1: This was a nerve wracking, evenly matched game that kept the parents watching every second. Both teams played really well and had many near misses. The score was still 0-0 at half time. The Mustang offense was led by Dolby Cairel and Cole Deter. Notable on defense were Preston Langeloh and Maximus Thorpe. The Striker offense was led by Erick Jaramillo, Joshua Kim and Wyatt Jackson, defensive standouts

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Pictured are the Level 6 girls from California Gymnastics Academy, who captured the state championship. Photo courtesy of Martin Deflino Photography



Pictured are members of the Level 4 team that competed for the West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy in the Hollywood Invite.



The Pleasanton Phantom 14B fall travel softball team took 2nd Place in the Halloween Havoc Tournament, October 27-28, 2012. Pictured are (back, from left) Mark Sanchez, Emily Crimi, Alex Sanchez, Emily Trinidad, Arabelle Franco, Kristen HoTseung; (middle row) Taylor Congdon, Lauren Jepson, Kelsey Congdon, Madie Bianco; and (front) Lauren HoTseung and Nicole Riordan.



Livermore High School girls varsity water polo team ended the regular season with a record of 17-4. In a nail-biting season finale, the girls played an outstanding game against crosstown rival, Granada, winning in overtime, 13-12. This placed Livermore 3rd in the East Bay Athletic League and earned the team 7th seed in the North Coast Section Playoffs. Mikayla McNair led the team with 4 goals, Michelle Hawkins and Jessica Eflin each scored 3 goals, and Amber Mills netted 2 goals including one in overtime, and Sadie Serdahl added 1 goal. Michelle and Katie Johnston both recorded 3 assists. Goalies Jessica Floyd and Faith Badertscher had a combined 13 saves. Jules Davis, Lauren Cano, Jenni Smith, Kaela Moehne, and Madi Souja were also a big part of this outstanding team.

were Nico Lamanna, Gregory Quach and Vidal Ebrado.

U-9 Boys: The U-9B Black finished the season in first place after winning two games over the weekend, 6 to 2 on Saturday and 7 to 2 on Sunday. Eduardo Angeles and Nadeem Yassin continued to dominate the offense with multiple goals, assists and strikes. Andrew Bates and Kieran Campbell also supported the offense with key goals. Exceptional goalkeeping was provided by Dale Spence and Michael Johanson. Demonstrating excellent speed and ball handling skills on both offense and defense, Luca Montalvo and Ryan Hansen forced numerous turnovers to easy wins on both days.

Fusion U9 Boys: Lightning vs Fire Bullets: Team Lightning took on the Fire Bullets, winning by a final score of 5 to 0. Fire Bullets had strong offense from Moses Soto and Matt Burkett but were not able to find the back of the net. Defender Danny Knight was kept busy and worked hard to protect his goal. Team Lightning's Mikey Duperly and Matt Thompson each scored a goal and Mason Franchi netted his third hat trick of the season with 3 goals for the final 5 to 0 win.

U7 Girls: Rock Stars vs. Super Stars: Rock Stars: Audrey Belmessieri, Katy Canaan, Isabella Draghi, Olivia Draghi, Kiara Franklin, Kara Gee, Terra Kubiak, Ariana Reyes, Marina Rivera, Super Stars: Mia Carlucci, Maddie Coelho, Makenzie Duffin, Hailey Gibson, Kira Korsak, Sarah Lovdahl, Kyli Oki, Madison Perkins. Goal by Rock Stars player Marina Rivera. Multiple goals made by Rock Stars player Kiara Franklin. Goals by Rock Stars player Olivia Draghi, Katy Canaan, and Terra Kubiak. Great defensive kicks by Ariana Reyes. Great offensive moves by Isabella Draghi and Kara Gee. Great defensive plays by Super Stars players Sarah Lovdahl, Madison Perkins, Maddie Coelho, and Mia Carlucci. Great offensive maneuvering by Kira Korsak, Kyli Oki, Hailey Gibson, and Makenzie Duffin.

West Coast Soccer

West Coast Wonder U14 took home another championship trophy as they left the Placer Cup action undefeated. With a solid defense, tireless midfield and dedicated front line the Wonder defeated Lamorinda in game one with a goal by McKenna Buti; then beat Nevada Elite with a goal by Leslie Jimenez. Day two brought more success as the Wonder swept past California Odyssey with 2 goals by Buti and another by Jimenez. The finals showed the true heart of the Wonder as they came from a 2-0 deficit with a rocket across the net by Lauren Sandy. Continued communication and solidarity helped Jimenez to put two more beautiful balls in the back of the net to secure first place. Jimenez was named MVP of the tournament.

West Coast Wicked soccer team brought home a second place trophy from the Placer Cup tournament held in Rocklin. Facing stiff competition throughout the tournament, the Wicked battled back from an opening round defeat with victories in their next two qualifiers to gain a berth in the championship match. The opening game ended with the West Coast club on the short end of a 3-1 score against an outstanding opponent in the Samoa FC Intensity. Molly Scheid provided the lone score for the Wicked.

In the second game, the West Coast squad got back on track led by two goals from attacker Misha Brewster and a third from Addie Ruiz to give the team a 3-1 victory. Kalyn Ganz was instrumental in the attack setting the offense while goalie Misha Cahill neutralized the El Dorado Hills Soccer Club. The third game highlighted the depth of the West Coast team as Carleigh Thurman ignited the attack with two goals while Addie Ruiz popped in a third and Makenzie Paulo came up from her defensive slot to blast a 35 yarder into the net. Paulo's goal proved to be the difference as an early 4-1 lead was nearly erased in a furious comeback by a determined Alum Rock Soccer Club. Holding on for a 4-3 victory, the Wicked got the opportunity to avenge their opening loss in the championship game.

Despite a superb team effort by the West Coast Wicked, in the end the

Samoa Club proved to have the edge and won the championship trophy by converting what few opportunities they earned. This game showcased a Wicked defense led by Jordan Volponi, Claire Soule and Kate Chase alternately controlling the strong outside attack from Samoa. Inside backs, Shasta Grant and Makenzie Paulo patrolled the center forcing their opponents to work for every opportunity. Supporting the defensive effort as well as generating the attack was the midfield unit of Shannon Holt, Nadia Ranaagan and Kalyn Ganz. Addie Ruiz scored her third goal of the tournament keeping the Wicked in the match.

Pleasanton Ballistic

The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) U19 Select rolled into the Mustang Soccer Complex on a good second half run. They did not disappoint in the season finale, taking a 2-1 decision from the Mustang Earthquakes in a game not quite that close. The Select began the game like a team that had not played in 2 weeks, which they actually were. Passes were not connecting until midway through the first half. Thanks to co-"Men of the Match" Jack Simmons and Alex Williams in the back, the Earthquakes did not muster much damage on the Select net. Finally, Ballistic put together a brilliant build-up in the 20th minute, Grant Petrie put heavy pressure on his mark and took the ball away in the left corner. He sent a ball out to Chris Ford, who kept it going to Collin Laporte, who found Drake Foote all by his lonesome for an easy 1v1 with the GK and the 1-0 lead. A midfield breakdown caused a run through by a Quakes midfielder and he finished for a 1-1 tie at half.

Early in the second half, the Select showed they were ready to take the game over. Christian Nahaolelua went down the left and gave his mark the oustadoke before leaving him in the dust and sending in a cross that LaPorte powered home in the 48th minute. The Quakes tried to respond, but they were turned away by a diving save by GK Bailey Roberts, who tipped it away off the post. In the 68th, Nahaolelua gave his mark another dose of medicine and served up a beauty into the box where Wes Rager headed it home, only to be denied by the off sides flag. The Select kept pounding the Quakes net, led by Arthur Kuo with three good chances, and therefore keeping them away from the tying goal. The Select left with a 2-1 victory. The Select (9-9-4, 4-5-1 CCSL) now head off for high school before resuming play in the spring in Association Cup.

Ballistic U14 Premier 99 played a pair of important matches over the weekend. On Saturday the Pleasanton team hosted PAC San Jose Atlas in an NPL game at Val Vista. Ballistic got off to the quick start they were seeking when Imran Matin headed home Kyle McClanahan's corner kick to open the scoring in the 3rd minute.

In the 9th minute Ryan Murray's corner from the right side was knocked toward the goal by Sam Christensen. The keeper's clearance was challenged by Blake Tucker who deflected the ball into the net using his backside for a 2-0 lead.

Ballistic earned yet another corner kick with McClanahan sending yet another dangerous ball just outside the 6 yard box. After a couple of deflections and poor attempts to clear the ball Daniel Ferguson knocked the ball into the goal from 7 yards putting Ballistic on top 3-0.

Pleasanton netted the final goal of the half in the 29th minute on a play started by Right Back Jason Dremalas. Dremalas pressured the keeper's throw on the right side winning the ball and then sending an excellent cross along the ground that was finished at the far post on a hard shot by Left Winger Sam Christensen. Ballistic went into the half with a commanding 4-0 lead.

In the second half, Ballistic had several excellent scoring opportunities that they were unable to put away. Blake Staniford had a wonderful game in goal as he finished with a clean sheet and a 4-0 Ballistic victory. Excellent performances were seen by Imran Matin, Jimmy Thompson, Ryan Murray, Jacob Dremalas and Kyle McClanahan as they limited PAC Atlas to just 7 shots on the goal. Winger Daniel

Ferguson had a solid day running up and down the right flank.

Top Offensive Players: Youki Chiba, Kyle McClanahan, Blake Tucker, Sam Christensen; **Top Defensive Players:** Blake Staniford, Jimmy Thompson, Imran Matin

CYO Basketball

St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) CYO 6th grade boys' basketball team 622, aka Fireballs, hosted St. Isidore 624 on Sunday and after a close game and especially exciting final period, were overtaken 24-23. For St. Isidore, Caden Stewart scored 12 points, while Cathan Mullaney and Grant Sanders each scored 6. Thomas Gavello and Gabriel Wood were standouts on defense. The Fireballs stayed strong until the final buzzer, and Jack Molitoris was high scorer with 9 points. Logan Finch scored 6, and Xavier Pelican and Eric Valdez each scored 4. Rebounding prowess was demonstrated by Jack Molitoris and Eric Valdez.

California Gymnastics

The Level 6 girls from California Gymnastics Academy, located in Livermore, CA, competed at the Nor-Cal Level 6 State Championships held in Roseville, CA November 3-4. The 5 gymnasts took home a total of 10 Nor-Cal State Championship titles and placed 6th out of 39 teams.

Analiase Almgren is the 2012 Nor-Cal Jr. A All-Around State Champion with a score of 37.150. Analiase is the Nor-Cal State Vault Champion with a score of 9.475, and Floor Champion with a score of 9.450.

Jasmyng Cheng is the 2012 Nor-Cal Jr. E All-Around State Champion with a score of 36.575. Jasmyng is the Nor-Cal State Beam Champion with a score of 9.575 and the Nor-Cal State Floor Champion with a score of 9.35. Jasmyng scored a 9.1 on Vault for 2nd place.

Jessica Pulver was 2nd All-Around in the Nor-Cal Jr. C category with a score of 36.825. She is the Nor-Cal State Champion on Bars with a score of 9.425 and Nor-Cal State Champion on Beam with a score of 9.45.

Gabriele Rego was 3rd All-Around in the Nor-Cal Jr. B category with a score of 36.650. Gabriele is the Nor-Cal State Beam Champion with a score of 9.5 and came in 2nd on bars with a score of 9.1. Gabriele was 3rd on Floor with a 9.05.

Anna Jabs was 3rd All-Around in the Nor-Cal Jr. C category with a score of 36.025. Anna was 3rd on Vault, scoring 8.95 and 3rd on Floor with a 9.05.

WCOGA Gymnastics

West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy (WCOGA) compulsory gymnasts competed in the Hollywood Invite, in Vallejo on October 27, 2012.

Level 4 won third place team. Level 4 standouts -McKenzie Meyn placed 1st on vault, beam and in All-Around, 3rd on bars and 4th on

floor. Deanna Chang placed 2nd on beam, 4th on vault, and 5th on floor and 4th all-around. Naomi Evans placed 3rd on vault, 4th on floor, 5th on bars and 6th all-around. Isabel McGaughy placed 7th on bars.

Level 5 won 3rd place team. Level 5 standouts-Megan Brennan placed 6th on beam and floor. Allison Reilly placed third on vault and floor. Lauren Swenson-Lenox placed 1st on vault and bars and 5th all-around. Audrey Ong placed 2nd on bars and 6th on vault. Kamryn O'Reilly placed 3rd on vault, bars and in all-around and 4th on floor.

Level 6 -Nathalie Boyle placed 5th on vault. Abigail McKeag placed 6th on bars and in all-around and 3rd place on beam.

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

Please visit 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; 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.

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). 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

New Uniform Material Would Repel Biochemical Agents

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientists and collaborators are developing a new military uniform material that repels chemical and biological agents using a novel carbon nanotube fabric.

The material will be designed to undergo a rapid transition from a breathable state to a protective state. The highly breathable membranes would have pores made of a few-nanometer-wide vertically aligned carbon nanotubes that are surface modified with a chemical warfare agent-responsive functional layer. Response to the threat would be triggered by direct chemical warfare agent attack to the membrane surface, at which time the fabric would switch to a protective state by closing the CNT pore entrance or by shedding the contaminated surface layer.

"The uniform will be like a smart second skin that responds to the environment," said Francesco Fornasiero, LLNL's principal investigator for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)-funded project. "Without the need of an external control system, the fabric will be able to switch reversibly from a highly breathable state to a protective one in response to the presence of the environmental threat. In the protective state, the uniform will block the chemical threat while maintaining a good breathability level."

High breathability is a critical requirement for protective clothing to prevent heat-stress and exhaustion when military personnel are engaged in missions in contaminated environments. Current protective military uniforms are based on heavyweight full-barrier protection or permeable adsorptive protective overgarments that cannot meet the critical demand of simultaneous high comfort and protection, and provide a passive rather than active response to an environmental threat.

To provide high breathability, the new composite material will take advantage of the unique transport properties of carbon nanotube pores, which have two orders of magnitude faster gas transport rates when compared with any other

pore of similar size.

"We have demonstrated that our small-size prototype carbon nanotube membranes can provide outstanding breathability in spite of the very small pore sizes and porosity," said Sangil Kim, another LLNL scientist in the Biosciences and Biotechnology Division. "With our collaborators, we will develop large area functionalized CNT membranes."

Biological agents, such as bacteria or viruses, are close to 10 nanometers in size. Because the membrane pores on the uniform are only a few nanometers wide, these membranes will easily block biological agents.

However, chemical agents are much smaller in size and require the membrane pores to be able to react to block the threat. To create a multifunctional membrane, the team will surface modify the original prototype carbon nanotube membranes with chemical threat responsive functional groups. The functional groups on the membrane will sense and block the threat like gatekeepers on entrance. A second response scheme also will be developed: Similar to how a living skin peels off when challenged with dangerous external factors, the fabric will exfoliate upon reaction with the chemical agent. In this way, the fabric will be able to block chemical agents such as sulfur mustard (blister agent), GD and VX nerve agents, toxins such as staphylococcal enterotoxin and biological spores such as anthrax.

The project is funded for \$13 million over five years with LLNL as the lead institution. The Livermore team is made up of Fornasiero, Kim and Kuang Jen Wu. Other collaborators and institutions involved in the project include Timothy Swager at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Jerry Shan at Rutgers University, Ken Carter, James Watkins, and Jeffrey Morse at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Heidi Schreuder-Gibson at Natick Soldier Research Development and Engineering Center, and Robert Praino at Chasm Technologies Inc.

The new uniforms could be deployed in the field in less than 10 years.

Valley Humane Society Offers Camp, Blessings

The Valley Humane Society will host the following events during November:

Camp of Caring, Sat., Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$50 per child (include t-shirt). Explore animal care, make toys and blankets for the animals. Discover the many ways even kids can help our homeless cats and dogs. Bring a bag lunch and be ready for fun. For ages 8-13.

Blessing of the Animals, Sat., Nov. 17, at Mill-fleur @ Kottinger Barn on Ray Street (time TBD); or Sun., Nov. 18 at 1 pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church,

1225 Hopyard Road. Go to valleyhumane.org for more information.

Black Cat Friday, Nov. 23, noon to 4 p.m. at the Valley Humane Society: No adoption fee for black/mostly black cats - reduced adoption fees for all other cats. Door open at 12 noon. Standard adoption criteria apply, while supplies last.

Valley Humane Society is an animal welfare organization. Information at www.valleyhumanesociety.org/ or 426-8656. It is located at 3670 Nevada Street Pleasanton.

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OBITUARIES

Donald Hirzel

Donald Hirzel, 73, a longtime Livermore resident, passed away unexpectedly on October 1, 2012.

Don was born in San Francisco to George and Doris Hirzel and attended grade school there. His family moved to Menlo Park in 1952 where Don graduated from Menlo-Atherton High School in Atherton. He served three years in the U.S. Navy as a machinery repairman on the USS Hector. He worked at Latham Manufacturing on the Peninsula and then in 1964 joined the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory working in the Mechanical Engineering/New Technologies Engineering Division until retirement in 1998. Don and his family lived in Livermore for over 48 years.

Everything Don did was motivated out of his faithfulness to Jesus Christ and his devotion to helping others.

He helped build homes in the East Bay for Habitat for Humanity. For the past 32 years he raised dogs for Guide Dogs for the Blind and he teamed with his wife as co-leaders to help other Alameda County families raise pups to become guides. Don was highly involved in Cedar Grove Community Church and in mission outreach programs of Veteran's Hospital visitations, Prison Ministries, Shepherds Gate, and Valley Crisis Pregnancy Center.

His hobbies included vegetable gardening, fly fishing, SCUBA diving, camping and water skiing with family and friends, travel, woodwork and repair of almost anything.

Don is survived by wife of 48 years, Diana Hirzel; son Douglas Hirzel and wife Jennifer; daughter Debbie Jackson and husband Duane; four grandchildren; sister Carolyn Parker and husband Don; and cousin Marilyn Bodourian.

Although Don left us, his generosity, gentleness, and thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. His family looks forward to being reunited with Don one day.

A celebration of Don's life will be at a memorial service Nov. 17 at Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Avenue, Livermore.

Donations in memory of Don to the following non-profit organizations would be much appreciated: Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. (<http://guidedogs.com>) or Cedar Grove Community Church - mission outreach (<http://cedargrove.org>)

David Scott Behne

David Scott Behne, 57, of Brentwood, Ca., passed away on Oct. 23, 2012, in a tragic plane crash near Byron.

David was born June 16, 1955 in Avenal,

Ca. He attended Knightsen Elementary School, Liberty Union High School in Brentwood, Granada High School in Livermore and Clark High School in Nevada. He went on to earn his BS in mechanical engineering from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Ca. in 1977.

He enjoyed a long career as a mechanical engineer in the aerospace industry, including working on rocket engines for the Space Shuttle program at the aerospace firm Rocketdyne and on the airborne laser project for Lockheed Martin. He most recently worked at Space Systems Loral in Palo Alto on commercial satellites.

He was also a licensed U.S. merchant marine officer.

As an avid aviator with approximately 5,000 flying hours, David's favorite activity was flying. He also enjoyed traveling, scuba diving, motorcycling, and working on his many and varied projects at his Funny Farm Airport, where he lived.

He is survived by his father, Joseph Behne; step father, Alfred Harral; son, Eric Behne; ex-wife, Shelley Rose; siblings, Dan Behne and Julie Korhummel; niece, Megan Korhummel; nephew, Michael Korhummel; in addition to many friends and colleagues. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Ann Harral.

A celebration of David's life will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Funny Farm Airport, 2651 Penny Lane, Knightsen, Ca.

Elden B. Williams

Elden B. Williams was born on August 14, 1930. He was the second son of James N. Williams and Jennie B. Williams. His older brother was Kenneth J. Williams.

He graduated from Spanish Fork High School in 1948 and attended Brigham Young University for two years before being rudely interrupted by the Korean War.

Elden was a member of the Utah National Guard Battery "C" 145th Field Artillery Battalion. They were activated in 1950 and sent to Fort Hood, Texas for Basic Training and then sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma to perform live firing demonstrations of all sizes of artillery. From Fort Sill he reported to Camp Stonemen in Pittsburgh California and boarded a ship headed for Korea. He took a three day train ride to just shy of the 38th parallel where he joined the 58th Field Artillery Battery of the Third Division as a Chief of a 105 Howitzer Section. After 8 months in Korea he was sent to school in Seoul, Korea and then sent to the front lines near the 38th parallel as a Reconnaissance Sergeant. In July of 1952 he was on his way back home with stops in Inchon, Korea and Sassebo, Japan. In Sassebo he boarded the USS Pope Brewster for an eighteen day trip back to San Francisco. On the 15th of July, 1952 he was Honorably discharged at the Sixth Army Headquarters in the Presidio in San Francisco, California.

In September of 1952 Elden enrolled at Brigham Young University to continue his education where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education in 1955.

In June 1955 he married Beverly Griffiths and had three children Nannette, Brian Elden and Kevin Alan. They divorced in 1967.

Elden remarried in August of 1969 to Dolores Fitch who had three children Lisa Marie, Annette Jean and Nick Martin. He married Dolores again in the Oakland Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in 1974.

In July, 1955 he was recruited by Joe Michell, the superintendent of schools in Livermore California, to leave Utah and come to California to start his teaching career. He taught 5th grade at Junction Ave School for 10 years. He then taught at Almond Ave School for seven years in the "Big Room," an open room concept that housed 150 students and four other teachers. Then it was back to Junction Ave School as Vice Principal for three years before becoming the principal of Andrew N. Christensen School for seven years. Elden finished his career in education as the principal of Joe Michell School, named after the

man that gave him his first teaching position. He retired in 1990 after dedicating 18 years of his life as a teacher and 17 years as a principal.

In retirement he enjoyed woodworking and gardening, but felt he needed something else to help occupy his time. In 1996 he went to work for Wal-Mart in their hardware and paint department. He spent 10 years working for Wal-Mart before health problems forced him to stop.

On Friday October 26, 2012 at 9:30am Elden died at home with family and friends from complications brought on by his diabetes.

Services will be held November 9, 2012 at the LDS church, 950 Mocho st., Livermore, California. Viewing 10:00 - 11:30am, Services 12:00 - 1:00pm

Following the service, burial will be at Roselawn Cemetery, 1240 North Livermore Ave., Livermore, Ca.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Leonard Len Silva

Leonard Len Silva, age 63, of Livermore, CA, passed away October 31, 2012.

Leonard was born August 1, 1949 and was raised in Hayward and Livermore, CA. He spent 30 great

years working at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and passionately spent his free time working as a general contractor. Aside from work, Leonard loved raising his daughters and spending time with his family.

On his days off work, you could find Leonard landscaping his beautiful land off of Morgan Territory Road or working on his tractor. Leonard received great satisfaction out of remodeling his own home, and teaming up with friends on projects to help them do the same.

Later in life, Leonard discovered a new talent in the art of writing poetry. He was extremely successful, had many poems published, and was honored a First Prize Award through Poetry.com. His poem *Young and Old* was published on page 1 of *Invoking the Muse*. Also during that time, he enjoyed collecting hunting rifles and U.S. Currency.

Leonard is survived by his two daughters, Jill and Jordan Silva, his former wife Marti Silva and his Rottweiler, Arizona, man's best friend.

A memorial service will be held Friday, November 16, 2012 at 12:30pm at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave in Livermore. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a contribution or donation to Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301 Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

Dorothy Tudder Wright

Dec. 14, 1920 - Oct. 29, 2012

Dorothy Tudder Wright, born in Eugene, Oregon on Dec. 14, 1920 to Grover Cleveland Tudder and Sarah Adele (Johnson) Tudder, came to California as a baby and grew up in Oakland. She was active at Roosevelt High School, editor of the newspaper, The Roosevelt Crimson, and attended the University of California, Berkeley until the attack on Pearl Harbor.

During World War II Dorothy worked for Standard Oil Co. as assistant Personnel Manager and then as Personnel Manager in charge of



hiring women for the Richmond Refinery, to replace the men called for military duty. She also married her high school sweetheart, Martin Wright, who became an officer on a naval minesweeper.

At the conclusion of the war, Dorothy and Martin purchased 150 acres at the eastern foot of Mt. Diablo and operated a resort business, Curry Creek Park, which had originally been created by Martin's grandparents Sylvester and Louise Olofson, who moved to Curry Canyon in 1896 and started Curry Creek Park in 1925. This involved picnicking and swimming for groups as well as being open to the public. Within six years, they had five children including a set of twins, Claudia, Diana, Cindy, Tom and Judy. Dorothy and Martin ran the business for 38 years until 1979, and rented permanent mobile homes and cottages.

Besides charitable volunteer work, Dorothy earned a real estate license and worked as a salesman for ten years in the 1980's and 90's. She played flute for 35 years as a member of the Diablo Light Opera orchestra, the Contra Costa Musical Theatre orchestra, other chamber music groups and solo performances.

Martin passed away in 1999. In 2001 Dorothy sold the family's remaining 76 acres to Save Mount Diablo, a local conservation organization, with life estate which allowed her to live on the property for the remainder of her life. On October 12, 2008 a historical monument to the Olofsons and Wrights was dedicated at the top of the property overlooking Curry Canyon. Known as the family "Gathering Place," ashes of four generations have been spread there.

Dorothy's daughters Judy Wright (deceased 1993), Diana Jo Barr (deceased 2001), husband Martin Wright (deceased 1999) and sister Sarah Eleanor (deceased 2009) preceded her. She is survived by daughter Claudia Dell Phippen, Bethel Island & granddaughter Lea Marie Lasater, Concord; daughter Diana's sons, grandsons Eric Valverde, Brentwood & Jamey Robison, Beaverton, OR and great-granddaughters Joanna & Jaelynn Robison; daughter Cindy Lou Wright, Susanville & son Tom Wright, Clyde. With the help of her loving friend and caregiver, Ken Arentz, Dorothy passed away at home on October 29, 2012.

An event celebrating Dorothy's life will be held at Wright Canyon on Sunday, November 18, 2012, at 2:00 pm, 4390 Morgan Territory Road, Clayton, CA 94517. Please r.s.v.p. to smdinfo@SaveMountDiablo.org or call (925) 947-3535. A private family ceremony will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to Save Mount Diablo (www.savemountdiablo.org), hospice, or a charity of your choice.

Information in this obituary was provided by Claudia Phippen, Eric Valverde, Tom Wright, Seth Adams, Dick Heron, Anne Homan, and Craig Rideau.

Priscilla Margarette Lindberg

Resident of Livermore

Priscilla Margarette Lindberg, mother of four and an active member of Lutheran churches in the Midwest and

Southwest, died on October 30, 2012 in Livermore, CA. She was 93. Priscilla (maiden name Lokkesmoe) was born on July 23, 1919 in Ray, North Dakota, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Martin B. Lokkesmoe, the only girl of six siblings. She grew up in Hendricks, Minn. and graduated high school in 1937 and from the College of Commerce in Minneapolis in 1941.

In the fall of 1941 she was employed by Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance as a private secretary until 1948 when she met and married Roy A. Lindberg, a recently discharged Army Air Force officer enrolled at the University of Minnesota. They subsequently moved to Madison, Wisconsin where Roy was employed as a professor of Mechanical Engineering for 35 years. All four of their children were born and raised in Madison.

In those years many companies offered summer faculty positions and the family accompanied Roy to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin with Gisholt Machine Company, to Seattle with Boeing, and to Delaware with Dupont. Other summers found them camping in the U.S. National Parks. In 1967 the family moved to Singapore for two years while Roy taught at the University of Singapore. The whole family valued this experience and enjoyed exploring the neighboring countries.

Roy and Priscilla moved to Sun City, Arizona in 1987, to enjoy a warmer climate. After a long period of involvement in Midvale Lutheran Church in Madison, they became active members of the American Lutheran Church in Sun City. After Roy's death in 2003, Priscilla moved to Heritage Estates in Livermore, CA in 2008 and enjoyed being a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore.

She is survived by her brother, Peter Lokkesmoe of Elgin, Illinois, and her children: Stephen, who resides in New York City with wife Joyce and daughter Kari (now in Shanghai, China); Ann, who lives in Greens-

boro, NC with husband Eric and daughters Erika (now in Hawaii) and Ingrid; Joan, who resides in Livermore, CA with husband Richard and sons Benjamin (now in NYC) and Stanley (at Cal Poly); and Julie, who lives in Orlando, FL with husband Marc and children Rachel and Ryan.

Arrangements are by Callaghan Mortuary.

Mary Ann Keith

Resident of Livermore

Mary Keith, 52, passed away Friday November 2, 2012 with her family by her side in Livermore, CA.

Mary was born in Champagne, IL on April 22, 1960 to Richard and Ruth Meyer. Richards' job moved them to many places throughout the United States and Europe, finally settling in Livermore, CA in 1966.

Mary graduated from Granada High school where she was a member of the school choir. She then attended Santa Rosa Junior College. Mary was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. She was very involved in the youth group growing up and went on many mission trips. It was through the youth group that Mary met and eventually married her husband, Kevin Keith, on September 11, 1982.

Mary's interest included raising her three girls, spending time with her husband, staying active in the church, camping, and going to the beach. She devoted much of her time and energy to helping others.

Mary was preceded in death by her father, Richard Meyer. She is survived by her husband Kevin Keith, her three girls, Kelly, Kerri, and Kristy Keith, mother Ruth Meyer, sisters Marlene Acelar and Martha Adams, nieces and nephews Anthony, Brian, Abigail, Joshua, Hannah, and many, many friends.

There will be a celebration of her life on Friday, November 9, 2012 at 1pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore.

Arrangements are by Callaghan Mortuary.

Hope Hospice Offers Workshop

Hope Hospice invites community members who have recently experienced the death of a loved one to this free workshop to explore practical ideas for handling the holidays while grieving.

The workshop will be offered 4 times: Nov. 13 or Dec. 4, at 2:00 or 7:00 p.m. both days. Please call 925-829-8770 to register as

seating is limited.

The workshop will be held at the Hope Hospice Grief Support Center, 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568.

Obituary/ Memorial Policies

Obituaries are published in The Independent at no charge.

There is a small charge for photographs in the obituaries.

Memorial ads can also be placed in The Independent when families want to honor the memories of their loved ones.

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Beach Boys Tribute Show will be performed at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore this Sun., Nov. 11.

Endless Summer: Beach Boys Story Starring the California Beach Boys

Ask Mike Amaral, leader of the California-based Beach Boy Tribute show, 'Endless Summer' what was the best music ever recorded, he will tell you it's the golden sounds of Brian Wilson's famous native sons. Mike and his group, "The California Beach Boys" have made it their lifelong quest to keep the music of that era and combo alive, and tell the story of how the real Beach Boys went from an unknown bunch of childhood friends to one of the world's most iconic supergroups.

"Endless Summer" is coming to the Bankhead Theater this Sunday, November 11 for a 3:00 p.m. matinee performance.

"It's a labor of love, really," Amaral says, pushing back his trademark sun-

glasses and signature Beach Boy haircut, "we strive to sing the harmonies exactly as the Beach Boys did, all those years ago." Amaral is the founder and leader of the California Beach Boys, a Bay-Area based music group.

"The musical history of the Beach Boys is an interesting one, Amaral says, "and we do it in this exciting multi-part live concert show featuring the career and the incredible hits of America's most beloved and successful sixties supergroup."

He added, "It's a really fun, fascinating look at how the Beach Boys formed, and tells their story through their greatest hits. It brings back a lot of memories and really captures the essence

and magic of the original members, including their trademark harmonies. We make it as authentic as possible, right down to the blue candy-stripe shirts."

Using multiple costume changes and telling the story of the Beach Boys, the presentation contains all the classic hits including, Mike says, all the hits we remember so well. For instance? "Surfer Girl," "Fun Fun Fun," "Surfin Safari," "Good Vibrations," "Help Me Rhonda," "Barbara Ann," Amaral adds, "Need I go on?"

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. For tickets please call 925.373.6800 or visit www.bankheadtheater.org.



The Livermore School District Grounds Department added a little Halloween spirit at several schools this past week. Pumpkins were mowed in the front lawn at Altamont Creek, Christensen, Jackson and East Avenue schools. The Livermore School District Grounds department staff includes Adrian Butterfield, David Faulk, Herb Guidry, Jesse Lopez, Johnathan Newkirk, Manny Sampayan, Ryan Sanchez and Glenn Sherman, Supervisor.

Viewing Party Planned for 2nd Round of Air Guitar on 'Shark Tank'

Voyage-Air Guitar, Inc. is invited back for a third appearance on the ABC Television Network's hit show "Shark Tank." The show will air at a new time, November 9, 2012, 9 p.m.

Livermore Downtown, Inc. has organized a viewing party to be held at the Vine Cinema and Alehouse on Fri., Nov. 9 at 9 p.m.

Doors open at 8:45. However, a meet and greet with the Voyage-Air Guitar Guys is at 8:30 in the Lobby.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and space is limited.

Voyage-Air Guitar will be giving away one of the guitars to one of the lucky ticket holders.

The show stars five wealthy investors called

"Sharks" who consider offers from striving entrepreneurs seeking investors for their business or product. Wielding financial power and keen negotiating skills, each multi-millionaire "Shark" is willing to wager their own riches to secure a bite out of the entrepreneurial chum in the water.

According to Michael Ferrucci, VP of Sales and Marketing at Voyage-Air Guitar, "Three years ago, we declined a million dollar offer from the Sharks. Since then, we've built a worldwide network of hundreds of retail dealers in the USA, coupled with strategically selected international distributors. Then, the ABC

Network ran a Shark Tank follow-up feature during the second season. That catapulted our success. Product orders continue to grow."

Ferrucci continued: "Well, that success caught the attention of the folks at Shark Tank, and they invited us back for another chance. They want a piece of the action at Voyage-Air Guitar. That's never happened on the show, ever: the Sharks have never invited a company back for a second try. The results are mind-blowing."

Voyage-Air Guitar, Inc. manufactures the first and only patented folding guitars: both acoustic and electric.

SHORT NOTES

One Warm Coat Drive

The Livermore Girl Scout Brownie Troop 30321, in conjunction with Art Glass Studio, will be conducting a One Warm Coat Drive on November 23rd. Although at this time it does not appear that a coat is needed, the cold weather is just around the corner and many Livermore friends and families can really benefit from a new or gently used warm coat this winter season.

Please clean out those coat closets and plan to come by and share the warmth of a new coat to someone in need. The Drop off will take place at the Livermore Art Glass Studio located at 174 South L Street on November 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The scouts will help unload donations from cars. If this time and date do not work, please contact troop leader via email at busyborgorganizer@yahoo.com so other arrangements can be made. The plan is to distribute the coats locally to a Tri-Valley agency.

Volunteers for Robotics

Livermore will be host to two First Lego League (FLL) Robotics events. One will be held Saturday November 17 at Our Savior Lutheran School, 1385 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore, the second at Sunday, November 18 at i-GATE, 7693 Longard Rd., Livermore. Volunteers are needed to help run these events.

Volunteer roles range from all day jobs as judges or referees to 2-3 hour jobs as guides, scorers, food/drink etc. For more information on the types of volunteer positions available and the commitments required, please go to www.playingatlearning.org/FLL/volunteerinfo.html#judge

Those interested in volunteering again this year, please contact: for Saturday, November 17 at Our Savior Lutheran School, Melanie Young email: melanie@redhunter.com, 925-784-0811; Sunday, November 18 at i-GATE, Andra Keay email: andrakeay@gmail.com, 925-344-5925 or 925-960-3090.

Bank at New Location

Tri-Valley Bank in Livermore opened its doors on Mon., Oct. 29 in a new location, mov-

ing to a new, more centralized downtown location from its previous site. The new office is located at corner of First & L Streets.

"We're excited about our new quarters and our staff members look forward to welcoming customers to the office," said Brian Kehoe, Senior Vice President - Regional Manager. "We enjoy being closer to the heart of downtown and look forward to doing business here."

Doreen Rosengarth, Senior Vice President - Operations Manager, added, "Our office provides local experienced professionals that have been part of the Livermore community for many years."

Charles Crohare, Vice President - Relationship Manager, stated, "The bank focuses on serving Livermore-area small to medium sized businesses such as professionals, manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, service companies and contractors, as well as individual consumers."

Book Events

Towne Center Books events:

- Read It and Eat Luncheon w/ Scott Hutchins, Friday Nov. 9, 11:30 social; 12:00 lunch; \$30.00 includes book and lunch. \$15.00 for lunch only. Book alone is \$28.22. Reservations are required. 925-846-8826 or orders@townecenterbooks.com

- Deborah Underwood and Genevieve Sowa, Christmas Quiet Book, 5:00 Nov. 20 - Kids and Books.

Towne Center is located at 555 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton.

Fun on the Farm

Forest Home Farms Historic Park and the Glass House Museum offers Fun on the Farm from 10am to 2pm the 2nd Saturday of each month.

On November 10, 2012 the theme for the day will be "Hammers, Horseshoes, and Hulling." The harvest is in, but there is still work to be done on the farm, and some of these jobs require specialists. Come see our blacksmith at work shaping metal into tools. The farrier will also visit the farm. Watch him

shoe the horses and trim their hooves from 10am-11am and noon-1pm. You can also see a specialized piece of equipment in operation as we run some walnuts through the antique walnut huller.

Tours of the restored Victorian Glass House Museum will be held at 10am, 11am, 12pm and 1pm and tours of Forest Home Farms Historic Park, including the tractor museum, at 11am and 1pm. The fee is \$5 per person or \$8 for both tours taken on the same day. Tour tickets can be purchased in the Gift Shoppe.

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

Alamo Canal Trail

Zone 7 participated in the October 27, 2012 opening of the Alamo Canal Trail I-580/BART Undercrossing. This project is an example of an integrated approach to achieve maximum public use of Zone 7's flood control facilities, including not only regional flood protection but, when possible, recreational uses, habitat enhancements and water quality improvements.

The new freeway underpass provides a non-motorized route for people to use when walking or biking between the communities of Dublin and Pleasanton, while preserving the flood protection aspects of the channel.

East Bay Regional Park District took the lead in making this trail connection a reality.

This particular project represented an opportunity to bring together multiple partners for further public access along streams and channels. Along with EBRPD and Zone 7, other project partners included the Cities of Pleasanton and Dublin, the Alameda County Transportation Commission and Caltrans.

Funding sources for the \$2 million project include the Federal STIP-TE and TIGER II programs, Alameda County's Measure B, EBRPD's Measure WW, and the cities of Dublin and Pleasanton.

For information on Zone 7's programs and projects,

visit Zone 7's website, www.zone7water.com.

Shepherd's Gate Fund-raiser

Salon Tivoli will host a 1930s Casino Celebration to celebrate its 5th anniversary and to raise funds for Shepherd's Gate.

The festivities are set for Sat., Nov. 10 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Salon Tivoli, 2219 First Street, Livermore.

Play money will be used for gambling, with the ability to purchase additional play money. All proceeds will be donated to Shepherd's Gate. There will also be a silent auction with the proceeds going to the shelter.

The evening includes prizes, appetizers catered by Wente, and a cash bar serving cocktails.

Those attending are invited to dress in 1930s formal attire. A password is required for entry. Please RSVP to 456-3000 or susansalon@mac.com.

Ugliest Appliance

Cornerstone Realtors in Dublin is looking for the "Ugliest Appliance in the Valley." Homeowners in the San Ramon, Pleasanton, Dublin, and Livermore area are invited to send in photos. The Winner will receive up to \$2,000 for a replacement appliance of choice.

Enter to Win by Liking Us on Facebook.com/Cornerstone-RealtorTeam. Then, click on Contests, to Enter to Win. Ask friends and family to vote. The appliance with the most votes will win. Submissions must be in by 11/30/2012 at 12:00 AM. Tie Breakers will split prize equally. Winners are responsible for paying sales tax. Winners are responsible for delivery of appliance.

Memory Loss

Diana Orem will offer a free seminar on memory loss at the Pleasanton Public Library on November 15, Thursday at 7pm.

What is "normal" memory loss and when should we worry about more serious conditions, such as Alzheimer's? Could seemingly everyday problems, such as stress or lack of sleep, actually be sapping your memory and other cognitive processes? This question and others will

be addressed in Dr. Orem's presentation.

Dr. Orem is a licensed clinical psychologist with extensive training in diagnosis and treatment of psychological disorders using scientifically validated techniques. Trained in both therapy and research, she specializes in serious mental illnesses, including depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and severe anxiety.

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

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

Vegetarian Event

The Tri-Valley Vegetarian Society will host a Giving Thanks potluck and speakers on Sat., Nov. 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the San Ramon Library.

Two speakers will be featured. Nick Sabharwal will talk about The Healing Powers of Tea and Meditation. Archana Rao will present "Introduction to Ayurveda."

Participants will learn how to make a quick and easy holiday nog from Chef Lisa. In addition to a potluck of vegan food, Chef Lisa will prepare and provide her apple tartlets topped with cashew cream for dessert.

The library is located at 100 Montgomery St., San Ramon.

Each person is asked to bring a vegetarian (plant-based and non-dairy items are greatly preferred) or raw/living foods appetizer, entree or dessert to feed 5 persons. There is a suggested donation of \$8.00 per person help cover the costs of rent, beverages and utensils. For those who do not wish to help cover the cost of the catered food, Children are welcome and eat for free.

To RSVP or receive more information: Please call 925-989-1811 or email Lisa at Lisa-BooksW@Hotmail.com

Got Milk? Contest

The California Milk Processor Board (CMPB), the creator of GOT MILK?, and the Girl Scouts in California, the organizations are searching for three

lucky Girl Scouts among more than 200,000 in the Golden State to be the stars of a new print campaign. Locally, registered members from Livermore are encouraged to submit a photo showing how Girl Scouts and milk are helping them become strong, healthy and confident young women.

The Girl Scouts Photo Contest is an opportunity for three Girl Scouts in California to each receive a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond and to be featured together on a billboard (or comparable advertising media) in their hometowns. The contest is open to all currently registered Girl Scouts, kindergarten through Grade 12 (except Girl Scout adults) belonging to one of the eight councils in California including Girl Scouts of Northern California. From Nov. 5 to Dec. 17, 2012, Girl Scouts may submit a photo with a caption of no more than eight words showcasing the contest prompt: How have Girl Scouts and milk helped them become strong, healthy and confident young women? The Girl Scout submitting the photo and dairy milk must be featured on the photo. In addition to the three grand prizes, camp scholarships worth \$350 each will also be given to 24 finalists throughout the state. For complete contest rules and to download an entry/release form, visit www.gotmilk.com/news.

Wingstop Opens

Wingstop has reopened its Livermore restaurant, located at 4436 Las Positas Road under new ownership, and with a new look.

Jason Khan, who also owns the Wingstop locations in Fresno and Visalia, recently purchased and remodeled the Livermore restaurant.

Under Khan's ownership, the Livermore Wingstop underwent a complete remodel. The new design retains the store's aviation theme, and includes a fresh décor package, featuring new table tops and chairs, stained concrete polished floors, updated lighting, menu boards and flat-screen televisions.

Wingstop Livermore is open from 11 a.m. to midnight daily. For online orders, or to locate the nearest Wingstop, visit Wingstop.com or Facebook.com/Wingstop.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 470742

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

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 469937

The following person(s) doing

business as: Residential 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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 469937

The following person(s) doing

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.

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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), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (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 CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en lacorte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), 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), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (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 Bereola
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 9/24/2012.
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.

The Independent Legal No. 3328. Published November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2012.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
Date of Filing Application: **October 8, 2012**
To Whom It May Concern: The Names(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
NETWORKING BIDDERS CONFERENCES FOR RFP #900129 REACH Ashland Youth Center Recreation Program Core Lead Non-Mandatory - Thursday, November 15, 2012, 2:00 p.m. at 1000 San Leandro Blvd., 2nd Floor, Room 200 A, San Leandro and Mandatory - Friday, November 16, 2012, 2:00 p.m. at 1000 San Leandro Blvd., 2nd Floor, Room 200 A & B, San Leandro
Responses Due by 2:00 pm on December 11, 2012
County Contact: Vassilisa Johri at (510) 667-4326, vassilisa.johri@acgov.org
Attendance at 2nd 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.
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THE INDEPENDENT Legal No. 3331

NOTICE OF INVITING BIDS
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be accepted in the office of the Alameda County Community Development Agency, 224 W. Winton Avenue, Rm. 110, Hayward, CA 94544
NETWORKING/ BIDDERS CONFERENCES FOR RFP CDA 10-31-12 Billboard Consolidation & Relocation Program North County - Monday, November 26, 2012, 3:30 PM, General Services Agency, 1401 Lakeside Drive, 11th Floor, Suite 1107, Oakland and South County - Tuesday, November 27, 2012, 9:30 AM, Community Development Agency, 224 W. Winton Avenue, Rm. 110, Hayward, CA 94544
Responses Due by 2:00 pm on December 20, 2012
County Contact: Bill Lambert, (510) 670-5335, ilambert@acgov.org
Attendance at Networking Conference is non-mandatory. The RFP is available via the GSA website— www.acgov.org under Current Contracting Opportunities.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 471288
The following person(s) doing business as: ELLA, 1141 Catalina Dr. #123, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Robert P. Legg, 2927 Danielle Lane, 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/: Robert P. Legg, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 26, 2012. Expires October 26, 2017.

NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a mobilehome, registered to Thomas L Floyd, with interested party The Estate of Thomas Floyd and described as a 1973 Sheraton Manor mobilehome, Decal Number AAC2159, Serial Numbers 3200389U/3200389X, Label/Insignia Numbers 270304/270305 and stored on property within the Sunrise Mobile Home Park, at 856 Sundial Circle, Livermore, County of Alameda, California 94550 (specifically the space designated as 5378 Sundance Dr., within the park), will be sold by auction at the mobilehome park at the Sunrise Mobile Home Park, at 856 Sundial Circle, Livermore, County of Alameda, California 94550 (specifically the space designated as 5378 Sundance Dr., within

the park), on November 28, 2012 at 1:30 p.m., and such succeeding sales days as may be necessary, and the proceeds of the sales will be applied to the satisfaction of the lien, including the reasonable charges of notice, advertisement, and sale.

This sale is conducted on a cash or certified fund basis only (cash, cashier's check or travelers' checks only). Personal checks and/or business checks are not acceptable. Payment is due and payable immediately following the sale. No exceptions. The mobilehome and/or contents are sold as is, where is, with no guarantees.

This sale is under the authority of California Civil Code 798.56a and Commercial Code 7210.

Unless a written waiver is received from management/plaintiff, the mobilehome and contents must be removed from the present location within 10 days.

DATED: October 25, 2012 :s/: Joseph W. Carroll Attorney at Law 1231 I Street, Suite 203 Sacramento, CA 95814 (916)443-9000
The Independent Legal No. 3338 Published November 8, 15, 2012

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FILE NO. 471548
The following person(s) doing business as: Two Men and a Truck, 4749 Bennett Drive #C, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ziepk Inc, 2986 Blumen Avenue, Brentwood, CA 94513
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/: Brent E. Larson, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 2, 2012. Expires November 2, 2017.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 470923-24
The following person(s) doing business as: (1)JPOWR Entertainment (2) DJPOWR, 363 Clarke Ave, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by an Individual
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 9/24/2012.
Signature of Registrants :s/: Charles D. Harding
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 17, 2012. Expires October 17, 2017.

The Independent Legal No. 3334. Published November 8, 15, 22, 29, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 471611
The following person(s) doing business as: Picazo Vineyards, 5600 Greenville Rd., Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): McGrail Vineyards and Winery, LLC, 5600 Greenville Rd., Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by a Limited liability company
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
Signature of Registrants :s/: James McGrail - Managing Member, McGrail Vineyards and Winery, LLC
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 5, 2012. Expires November 5, 2017.

The Independent Legal No. 3335. Published November 8, 15, 22, 29, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 470593
The following person(s) doing business as: Artisan Marshmallows, 260 N. L Street, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kim Elaine Faulkner, 714 Canterbury Ave, 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 10/15/2007.
Signature of Registrants :s/: Kim E. Faulkner, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 9, 2012. Expires October 9, 2017.

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LARPD celebrates opening of Robertson Park Sports synthetic turf fields



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Members of the Livermore Fusion Soccer Club were on hand for the official ceremony opening the new synthetic turf fields at Robertson Park. The soccer club provided funds to help build the fields.

By Patricia Koning

Representatives from the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) and Fusion Soccer Club along with Fusion players and families celebrated the grand opening of the Robertson Park Sports Complex synthetic turf fields on Fri., Nov. 2.

"This is a dream we've had for many years," says LARPD Board President Beth Wilson. "This is truly a thrilling day."

In addition to Wilson, LARPD General Manager Tim Barry, Fusion president Ed Mylius, Fusion Director of Coaching Ben Graham, and Fusion liaison to LARPD Dave Best all spoke at the grand opening.

The LARPD Board and Fusion representatives then cut a ceremonial ribbon at the gate to the new fields. To close out the event, Fusion took a club picture of all of the players, coaches, family members, and other club representatives in attendance.

Ground was broken on the project on May 1. The fields opened for play in early October. Two soccer fields were converted from grass to synthetic turf and a new lighting system was installed. The entire project cost about \$2.8 million.

"Once we were under construction, we realized our lighting system was as old as the original fields," says Barry. "The Board agreed to

fund the new lights from our reserve, so this is essentially a brand new facility."

The new lights are more efficient, more directed at the fields for less light pollution, and entirely computerized so they can be turned on and off remotely. The synthetic turf contains rubber from 15,000 recycled tires.

Goodland Landscape Construction, working with AstroTurf, completed the project ahead of schedule. "They did an amazing job," says LARPD Assistant General Manager John Lawrence. "We encountered numerous obstacles, which reset the project deadline each time. Goodland had until the middle of December to finish the work." Among

those obstacles were drainage issues, fledgling birds nesting in the old lights, and an equipment fire.

The synthetic turf fields can be used year-round, unlike grass fields which require at least three months of rest each year. The fields also require no irrigation and minimal maintenance.

The fields were designed for soccer, football, lacrosse, and rugby. Fusion began holding soccer practices on the fields in early October and at the end of the month held its first tournament, Ghoul and Ghosts, on the new fields.

"We had coaches from other teams telling us how fantastic our facility is," says Mylius. "It was a great tournament for our league and our city."

Fusion provided approximately \$600,000 of funding for the fields to enable LARPD to get the project started. Fusion's contribution is a prepayment of six years of usage fees and was facilitated through Tri-Valley Bank.

The LARPD Foundation has started a commemorative brick campaign to raise money to support commu-

nity sports and athletics. For a contribution of \$250 or more to the LARPD Foundation, the donor's name (or name of choice) will be inscribed on a brick installed in the donor appreciation centerpiece area of the Robertson Park Sports Complex.

Learn more at www.larpd.dst.ca.us/board/donations.html.

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THE INDEPENDENT • SECTION A

Community Steps Up to Help Wounded Marine

By Carol Graham

For the second time in two days, Staff Sergeant Jason Ross and his fellow Marines moved through a village in the Helmand Province of southwestern Afghanistan.

After having successfully cleared the area of explosive devices the day before, soldiers learned that the Taliban had replanted explosives.

“Jason was in full gear leading the group when they approached a mosque,” said George Ross, Jason’s father. “It was the last area needing to be cleared when Jason stepped on a hidden pressure plate. They don’t use nice, well-defined materials, so not only was it hidden, but it was not detectible with a metal detector.

“The explosion hit all the guys, with Jason taking the brunt of the blast.”

Since that day in early March 2011, the Granada High School graduate has endured a series of operations and procedures that resulted in a double leg amputation and pelvic-tomy.

Livermore Veterans Foundation founder Marilyn Carter said, “Jason is part of the Livermore community. Livermore needs to know that one of their sons is struggling with profound life-changing challenges. We must embrace him. His spirit, strength and attitude are unimaginable.”

Through its Stars For



Jason Ross enjoys a day at the beach with his children using a borrowed paramobile.

Heroes program, Carl’s Jr. has raised \$15,000 toward providing Ross with a Paramobile - a multi-terrain vehicle that allows disabled persons to stand. Originally developed for golfing, the device provides wheelchair users with a new level of freedom and participation while offering the therapeutic effects of promoting circulation, stretching tendons, and boosting morale.

“It’s the first time since

his injury that Jason could look his mom in the eye,” said local Carl’s Jr. owner Tara Lindstrom. “Jason has a smile that will light up a room and a great attitude despite his terrible injuries.”

During the three-week fundraising campaign last spring, restaurant patrons donated \$1 to support military charities, receiving a commemorative gold star and coupons toward

future purchases. Half of all donations go to support national charities; half is available for franchises to donate locally.

“My family has supported the Livermore Veterans Foundation (LVF) for a while as a hometown charity,” said Lindstrom. “When we started the Stars For Heroes program it was a natural fit to give money to their organization as part of the local grants.

Although the device was scheduled to be presented to Ross in October in Bethesda, Maryland where the 29-year-old is receiving medical care, it cannot be delivered until Ross receives housing. Meanwhile, Ross and his family face continued financial challenges.

“Jason’s father gave his life for a year and a half to provide the level of care that has brought Jason through injuries that are rarely survivable,” said Carter.

Mother Linda Ross remained in Livermore’s to run Just For Kids daycare. “She was separated from her husband and son when all she wanted was to be with them both and her grandchildren,” said Carter.

Ross is a father to two little girls, aged two and four. “His daughters run to their daddy and climb up on his bed and he tells them stories,” Carter added. “They don’t see injuries; they see daddy.”

The Paramobile, once delivered, will help Ross participate in activities with his daughters. “It’s ready for delivery whenever Jason is ready,” said Carter. “His wounds are making progress. He’s looking forward to receiving the Paramobile because when he’s in it, it’s the only time he’s pain-free. His attitude of courage and survival is overwhelming his injuries.

“We in Livermore have

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Kat Simmons Headlines Next Comedy Show at Firehouse

International comedy circuit veteran Kat Simmons brings her show to the Firehouse Arts Center on Wednesday, November 14 at 7:30pm. Opening the show will be award-winning comic Dave Mencarelli.

The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

Simmons is one of the few physical comediennes working today, and has been favorably compared to the masters of the craft Lucille Ball, Carol Burnett, and Red Skelton. Reviewer Howie Nave has said "...if Dick Van Dyke and Carol Burnett had a daughter, the end result would be Kat Simmons." Kat is known for her honest, clean brand of humor, sharing with audiences as though they are all longtime friends. "She makes me laugh so hard I cry, but even better, she reminds me of how good life really is," says Alice Heiman.

Simmons has appeared with Tim Allen, Kenny Rogers, Diane Ford, and a host of others in her 25 year comedy career. She produces a variety of regional and national shows, and appears on Comedy Central, FOX TV's Comedy Tonight, Candid Camera, and stars in the popular national comedy hit, *The 3 Blonde Moms*.

In addition to a packed touring schedule, she also teaches comedy workshops emphasizing empowerment through humor. She says she grew up a freckle faced, chipped tooth, red headed little girl, who just knew if she had blonde hair and blue eyes, and changed her name to Nora, everything would be better. Well, this never happened, and she says she "finally grew up to be me, because everyone else was already taken." She says laughter "changes your chemistry, lowers your blood pressure, builds your immune system and is like



Dave Mencarelli

internal jogging."

Opening act and award-winning comic Dave Mencarelli's general anxiety, low self esteem, and mild narcissism keep him in demand at *The Improv*, *Laughs Unlimited*, *Harrah's*, and *Catch a Rising Star* to name a few of the many venues he plays. He is a self-professed veteran of morning radio, late



Kat Simmons

night TV and traffic school, who takes the audience on a twisted journey through

the process of his mom and dad's unconventional parenting techniques along with his

own adventures raising kids. He might also venture to his family's home in Arkansas where graduating from the sixth grade is considered an accomplishment, or discuss some of the things that get under his skin, such as political correctness and job applicants. Dave has been called "acerbic, smart, and of average height . . . but one thing's for sure: he's bald."

Tickets are \$15 general admission. Group discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org up to two hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday-Friday, 12 noon-6:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance. The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.

Andre' Thierry & Zydeco Magic to Perform at the Bothwell

2012 West Coast Blues Hall of Fame Award-Winners Andre Thierry and Zydeco Magic make their Livermore debut at the Bothwell Arts Center's Zydeco Holiday Dance Party set for 6pm-10pm on Saturday, November 17.

This band is one of the hottest around the Zydeco scene. At only 32 years old, Thierry is already a legend, an exceptional multi-dimensional musician who has a finely-honed ability to merge traditional Zydeco music with hip-hop, blues, jazz and

rock, but always building from his love and respect for traditional Zydeco. He creates a unique sound for his and future generations while staying true to the past.

In Zydeco Dance tradition, the event starts with free Zydeco Dance Lessons with Ted Sherrod at 6pm. Zydeco Ted travels extensively to Texas/Louisiana; teaches basic Louisiana style Zydeco in New Orleans and has taught at numerous venues throughout California and Gator by the Bay Festivals.

Creole cuisine, beer and wine will be available for purchase. Doors open at 5:30. Produced by the Bothwell, the event offers dance, drink, and good food in a fun southern Louisiana atmosphere, decorated for the season.

Zydeco ("snap beans") is a form of American roots or folk music that evolved during the late 1800s from the multiracial French speaking Creoles of south and southwest Louisiana. You can find further info on Zydeco at andrethierry.com.



Andre Thierry

Paws to Read Program Celebrating 10th Anniversary at the Library

The Pleasanton Public Library will host a free event to celebrate the 10th anniversary of its popular Paws to Read program, which was the first of its kind implemented in California. Today there are dozens of Paws to Read programs around the state.

The celebration gets underway at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 10 in downtown Pleasanton with a Pooch Parade to the library. The parade begins at Veterans Plaza Park at 550 Peters Avenue and proceeds down Peters to Old Bernal Avenue and to the front entrance of the library at 400 Old Bernal Avenue.

A brief recognition ceremony will be followed by a demonstration of dog enrichment activities by professional dog trainer Christine Salazar, a Meet and Greet of the Paws to Read dog teams and an opportunity for all children to experience Paws to Read by signing up for a 15-minute reading session.

Pet adoptions through the Valley Humane Society will also be conducted at the event, which will also fea-



A young reader and his canine buddy enjoy the Paws to Read program at the Pleasanton Public Library.

ture kid's activities, and information booths, including an "Ask the Vet(erinarian)" booth.

This transformative program has children reading one-on-one to dogs to im-

prove literacy skills. The program removes the pressure of reading in the classroom and studies show it leads other positive results such as improved reading scores, improved confidence and self-esteem.

More than 7,000 children in grades 1-5 have benefitted from the program over the past decade. This much-in-demand program is offered for six consecutive weeks during the fall, winter, and spring, and for four weeks in the summer. Between 18

and 22 handlers and dogs participate each week.

In partnership with local schools, reading specialists are given priority registration for their students. All Paws to Read dogs and handlers are certified through the Valley Humane Society, which provides an orientation to the program, a Canine Comfort workshop, and a temperament and obedience assessment of the dog to ensure that it is well suited to the program.

Broadway Chorus Performs Program of 'Saints and Sinners'

Broadway Chorus will perform a concert with the theme, "Saints and Sinners of Broadway."

Performances will be Fri. and Sat., Nov. 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton.

Saintly songs will include, "Bless our Show" (Sister Act), "Blow Gabriel Blow" (Anything Goes), "Oh Bless the Lord my Soul" (Godspell) and the reverent ode to creation, "Let There Be" (Children of Eden).

On the sinning side of the ledger, the concert will feature, "No One Mourns the

Wicked" (Wicked), "Poor Unfortunate Souls" (Little Mermaid), "Pack up your Sins" (I Love a Piano), and "Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat" (Guys and Dolls).

The show will also include the Broadway Kids Chorus, made up of local children in grades 1-8, directed by Jenny Matteucci and Glen Riggs.

The show is directed by Jenny Matteucci, accompanied by Daniel Lockert, and is produced by JoAnn Loitz.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$17 seniors age 60 and over and \$10 under age 18 at 462-2121 or www.pleasantonplayhouse.com/



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Royal Dancers and Drummers of Burundi at the Bankhead

The world-famous African drum masters, the Royal Drummers and Dancers of Burundi, will bring their distinctive rhythms to the Bankhead Theater this November in a spectacle of music and dance that celebrates their rich cultural traditions. The sacred traditions of drumming and dance have been passed down from generation to generation in Burundi for centuries.

A single performance by the Royal Drummers and Dancers of Burundi will be offered on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this family-friendly show range from \$43 to \$63 for adults and are just \$14 for students.

The Royal Dancers and Drummers of Burundi represent the musical traditions of one of the smallest countries in central Africa. Their rhythmic style had its origins in early sacred rites, rituals shrouded in ancient legend and mystical beliefs. The drums they use are passed down from father to son and, as they have always been, are made from an indigenous tree which grows only in Burundi. The large drums called "Ingoma" are made from the hollowed tree trunks. Then the roughly carved wood is covered with animal skin. "Amashako" drums provide a continuous beat. "Ibishikiso" drums follow the rhythm of a single, central "Inkiranya" drum.

In 1982, the Royal Drummers took part in the first World of Music and Dance (WOMAD) festival held in the U.K. which helped establish them as an integral and permanent part of the emerging World Music movement. Featured on Joni Mitchell's 1975 album "The Hissing of Summer Lawns," they have appeared on recordings by the British rock band Adam and the Ants, as well as on several of their own albums.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800 or visit www.bankheadtheater.org.

When Dan Lee flew his plane from Oregon to the Livermore Airport for a job interview in 1959, Livermore had a population of 15,900; when he retired in 1989, the population was about 50,000. He was hired as the director of the city's public works department. During those 30 years, he was in charge of the upgrades necessary to the rapidly growing city's infrastructure.

Born in 1926, Dan Lee grew up in Rapid City, South Dakota. After his sophomore year of high school, he joined the Navy as a volunteer at age 17 during World War II. He served his hitch at Midway Island in the South Pacific doing electrical work on submarines stationed there. When he returned to the U.S., he applied to the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City. He aced the entrance exams. By this time, his wife, Leota (Taylor), said, "He was motivated to do well in school." Neighbors in Rapid City, they were married in 1949.

Dan graduated in 1951 and was hired by the Oregon State Bridge Department. The Lee family made seven moves in nine years. Dan was determined to leave the bridge department to stop the merry-go-round. He took the Oregon State proficiency test for his professional civil engineer's license and passed it easily. He began working for various cities in Oregon as an engineer. When he applied to Livermore, Dan discovered that the Oregon professional civil engineer test had no reciprocity in California, so he had to take the California version of the two-day test. He passed that, too. His appointment as the Director of Public Works for Livermore was approved by the City Council on August 17, 1959.

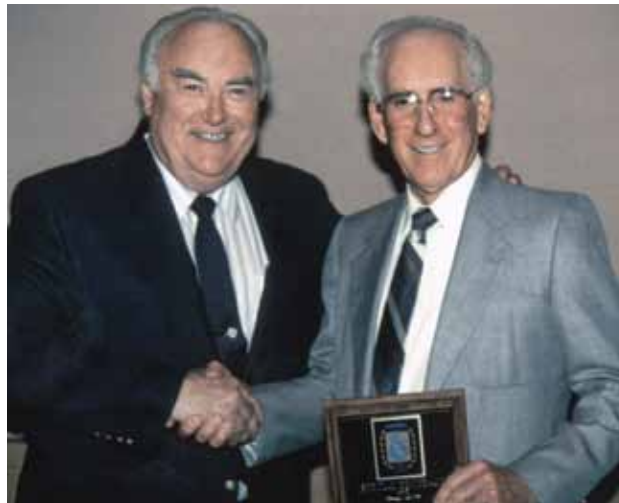
His first major tasks were the coordination of the movement of the airport to a new site west of the city and the establishment

Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan
Livermore City Historian



Daniel Lee



Dan Lee (on the right) receiving an award in 1993.
Photo courtesy of Leota Lee.

of a golf course next to it. One of the reasons for his being hired was his recent experience in Albany, Oregon, where he had been in charge of moving that city's airport. He also learned how to fly there. He was given lessons by a crop duster friend, receiving his pilot's license in 1956. Dan worked many hours on the design of the airport and the golf course. He also had a major public relations job convincing Pleasanton and Dublin of the feasibility of the new site. After his retirement in 1989, he was appointed to the Livermore Airport Advisory Commission for several years. He was very proud of the successful completion of the Airport Protection Plan in 1991; he did not want to help move any more airports. The plan created a buffer zone around the airport where no new housing would be permitted. Dan said, "This is precedent setting. Not only is it vital to the Livermore Airport, it will show the way for other cities that need to protect their airports." The *Inde-*

pendent said that during his work for the Commission, "He became a real activist, convincing city and county decision-makers to approve the all-important Zone." Because of his work for the airport, the Dan Lee Terminal is named in his honor.

Another large project Dan shepherded through to completion was the shifting of the double-track system of the Southern Pacific and Western Pacific railroads through Livermore onto a single track as well as the building of the underpasses on Murrieta Boulevard, P Street, and North Livermore Avenue. This involved long negotiations with the two railroad companies to come to a compromise. City planning commission meetings ran late into the night.

In his spare time from 1976 to 1978, Dan built a VariEze plane in his garage, using a design by Burt Rutan. After Dan's death, Leota gave it to the Oakland Aviation Museum. My husband and I went to see the VariEze several days ago at the Oakland Airport. It is hanging from the ceiling of the museum,

so in a place safe from visitors' fingers. Calling the plane "a pretty little puppy," the docent said that it only has 300 hours on it. The immaculate white plane is very unusual in design, with small canard wings in front in addition to regular wings at the back. It has a "pusher" propeller, meaning that it pushes the plane from the back. My husband remembers seeing it fly over our house a number of times, probably on the way to Sacramento. The VariEze is small—only 580 pounds—and can travel at a maximum speed of 195 mph. It is a two-seater. Leota often flew with him.

Another important undertaking as the head of Public Works was Dan's revamping of the city's sewer and storm sewer systems. The sewer plant had been moved from Rincon Avenue to its current site at Kitty Hawk Road and Jack London Boulevard just after Dan Lee came to Livermore. Leota remembered that Dan went alone down into the new storm sewer built on Portola Avenue and found several problems that the contractor had to fix. John Shirley, mayor during Dan's tenure, remembered him well: "He studied a situation very carefully. When he made up his mind, he would stay with his decision. He was strong-minded, his own man."

Dan and Leota had four children—Mark, Celia, Dennis, and Robin. He built a second story on their Sunset house. The Lees often went on hiking and backpacking trips. In the winter months they skied at Lake Tahoe. Dan taught all but the youngest of his 11 grandchildren to ski. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Wente Vineyards Restaurant. Dan died suddenly of a stroke while he and Leota were staying at a motel in Colorado Springs. He was 76 years old.

(Readers can reach me at am50homan@yahoo.com.)

Veteran Recalls His Service in World War II

By Carol Graham

“Give me land, lots of land under starry skies above, don’t fence me in...”

As the tides of victory turned in Europe during 1944 and ’45, the Bing Crosby and Andrews Sisters’ rendition of an old cowboy poem captured the imagination of the nation, topping music charts for eight weeks, selling a million copies, and reminding nostalgic soldiers what they were fighting for.

In Italy, a 19-year-old from Denver, Colorado was serving in the United States Army Air Forces, the aviation arm of WWII military that preceded the US Air Force.

“When Pearl Harbor happened, it was quite a day, but I couldn’t see where that was going to affect me at all,” recalled Sam Haley of Livermore. “I learned real quick that the entire world changed right then.”

Haley dropped out of high school shortly after the 1941 attack to study propeller mechanics. “I did so because I loved airplanes,” he said. As a young boy, he’d been captivated by the sight of a

dirigible in flight, likely the Graf Zeppelin as it crossed the United States on its 1929 round-the-world tour.

Although he hadn’t flown before the war, Haley said, “I had a model of every airplane ever built hanging from my ceiling.”

That passion for aircraft led Haley to establish Livermore’s Red Sky Aviation, a family-owned flight school that offers private, sport, instrument and commercial pilot training, along with renting airplanes and restoring antique and classic aircraft.

Following his return from WWII service, Haley earned his pilot’s license. “I haven’t flown for a year or so now, but I still can,” said the 87-year-old. “It’s like riding a bike.”

Nearly seven decades earlier, Haley had been part of the Fifteenth Air Force engaging in bombardment operations from bases in southern Italy. “When we got there, the Gustav Line was close enough that at night we could watch the fighting,” Haley said of the German defensive line drawn across central Italy just south of Rome.

The Foggia Province is situated where one would



Sam Haley today (above) and during the war (below).



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the opportunity to make a real difference in lives that deserve more than we can ever provide,” she added. “As usual, put good people together with real needs and the right actions will take place.”

For more information, visit www.livermoreveteransfoundation.org or the Stars For Heroes Facebook page.



Paramobile is a multi-terrain vehicle that allows disabled persons to stand.

find the Achilles tendon on Italy’s boot outline. It’s name is derived from the Latin “fovea” meaning pit and referring to the pits where the wheat was stored, making it an important hub between northern and southern Italy. All in the Family’s Archie Bunker was depicted as having served at the Foggia Airfield.

“I was very young and naïve,” said Haley of entering a country that had been at war for more than three years. “Most surprising to me was how poor the people were. They were

hungry and desperate. You couldn’t go any lower. They were *hungry*.”

On base, Haley and his crew helped ensure the function and reliability of US bombers. “Our anti-aircraft people were British. We had our friendships but nothing too permanent because things were moving along pretty quickly,” Haley remembered. “We never associated with an air crew. We didn’t get friendly with them because they may not be here tomorrow.”

Haley worked on B-24s, nicknamed “Flying Box-cars” for their spacious,

slab-sided fuselages.

Currently, every Memorial Day weekend, the Livermore airport hosts the Collings Foundation “Wings of Freedom Tour,” during which visitors can board, as well as purchase flights on, a B-24 Liberator.

“I flew in one four or five years ago,” said Haley. “It was like visiting an old friend. The B-24 was a good airplane. It was an honest airplane.”

When the war in Europe ended on May 8th, 1945 Haley travelled to Naples for departure to the States. “We saw the Bay of Naples when you could almost walk across it on the sides of toppled ships,” said Haley. “It’s not very deep, so the ships didn’t go under. Walkways were built on them and they were used for piers.”

Haley has not returned to Italy since that day. “I would love to travel back there,” he said, his unfocused gaze suggesting he was seeing it all again. “I’d go back to our old field. I’d visit the little town of Venosa - a perfect medieval town with a castle, wall, moat, and cliff on the backside. I’d take the old Roman road that led through the city, down the hill and across the creek.”

“Let me be by myself in the evening breeze, and listen to the murmur of the cottonwood trees; send me off forever but I ask you please, don’t fence me in...”

Haley added, “There were some good times, and there were some not-good times. I wouldn’t have missed it for anything, but I wouldn’t do it again for anything.”

For information on the flight school, visit www.redskyaviation.com.

New Book Focuses on the Benefits of Therapy Dogs

Successful Tails, released last month, is a book about the benefits of therapy dogs.

Although author Patricia Wheeler had been a therapy dog handler for three years with her dog, Lawrence, the Livermore Lab, she was really struck at how beneficial his work was one day at the VA. A veteran, who would not leave his room on his own, said to Wheeler's dog, Lawrence, that his doctor had told him that he needed to walk to the nurses' station each day. As soon as Lawrence heard the word "walk," he was going to make sure that this veteran walked. And the veteran did, with Lawrence at his side, all the way to the nurses' station and back, for the first time.

Wheeler didn't think much of what happened until she saw the looks on the faces of staff members. Their jaws were dropped, their eyes were wide open, tears came down their cheeks. Lawrence seemed not only to know that this veteran could tack the walk, but also how to motivate him to do it and make sure he did it. This became the first story in Wheeler's

book.

The book also contains bios and photos of the 51 therapy dogs featured in the book, all certified by Valley Humane Society, and bios of the 46 handlers.

Upcoming book signings in the Tri-Valley include—

- Saturday, Nov. 10, 1:00 PM, Cooleykatz, 1959 Second Street, Livermore

- Saturday, Nov. 17, 9:00 AM, Towne Center Books, 555 Main Street, Pleasanton

She started collecting stories from other therapy dog handlers and testimonials about the benefits of the therapy dogs from veterans, residents, students, educators, librarians, staff, family members, civic leaders, and others. Some veterans wrote poems about the dogs. Wheeler also started collecting photos of the dogs at work.

Congressman Jerry McNerney wrote the Foreword for the book. Livermore Mayor John Marchand, authored the Foreword for the chapter on the VA.

Susy Flory, co-author of the #1 *New York Times* bestseller, *Thunder Dog: The True Story of a Blind Man, His Guide Dog, and*



Pictured on the cover are Albert and a girl at Shepherd's Gate. He became a special friend to her.

the Triumph of Trust at Ground Zero, writes, "*Successful Tails* is a heartwarming collection of stories and photos of therapy dogs at work. I predict you will enjoy getting to know these extraordinary dogs and the people who love them and, perhaps, even fall in love with them. I know I did."

Congressman McNerney says, "The stories and testimonials contained in these



Pictured are Lawrence, the Livermore Lab, on the left, Patricia Wheeler, and Albert. Photo by Dawn Schubert

pages will open your eyes to the world of therapy dogs and how beneficial they can be for people. The services that therapy dogs provide are far-reaching and can be life-changing."

Livermore Mayor John Marchand writes, "The therapy dogs help us to see something other than just the world around us. They help all of us to see that, in this world, there is a gentler side. They help our veterans to navigate the dark land-

scapes, which are the memories that followed our service men and women home. These therapy dogs offer a world of uncompromising acceptance and affection, a silent understanding when someone looks into those big tender eyes."

The book covers facilities and programs throughout much of the East Bay. Livermore sites and programs include Camp Arroyo, Camp Erin, Emma C. Smith Elementary School,

Easy Living Care Home (five sites), LARPD's now closed Friendship Center, Livermore Manor (formerly Golden Manor, now closed), the Livermore Public Libraries (Civic Center and Rincon branch), Marilyn Avenue Elementary School, Shepherd's Gate, and the VA Palo Alto Health Care System (PAHCS) Livermore Division.

Pleasanton sites include Alisal School, The Parkview, and the Pleasanton Public Library. Other sites include CARH in Castro Valley, the Castro Valley Library, the Danville Library, Merrill Gardens in San Roman, the Orinda Library, and Los Perales Elementary School in Moraga.

The therapy dogs have also participated in many events which are covered in the book including numerous Welcome Home Celebrations for troops in 15 communities throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties; parades in Livermore and Pleasanton; concerts in the Sacramento area, San Francisco, and San Ramon; and Veterans Day ceremonies in Danville and Pleasanton.

The book is available from the publisher AuthorHouse (call 1-888-280-7713 or visit www.authorhouse.com), from local booksellers, and through online retailers. It is available in soft cover (ISBN 987-1-4772-6474-4), hard cover (ISBN 978-1-4772-6471-3), or as an electronic book (ISBN 978-1-4772-6475-1). For more information, visit www.phwheeler.com.

Wheeler says she hopes that the book sparks interest in therapy dog programs, both for sites and programs interested in offering therapy dogs for their clients, and for individuals who might want to be therapy dog handlers. "The book is a tribute to man's best friend and an unforgettable glimpse into to the lives these dogs have touched."

Ladies of the Poisoned Pen Present Program at Livermore Library

Authors Carole Price and Staci McLaughlin present their program *Ladies of the Poisoned Pen* at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. The two authors will celebrate their debut novels, *Twisted Vines* and *Going Organic Can Kill You*.

There is no charge for this event. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Twisted Vines is the first book in Carole Price's *Shakespeare in the Vineyard* mystery series. It is inspired by Livermore and its local Shakespeare festival. Crime

Analyst Caitlyn Tilson Pepper inherits a vineyard and two Shakespearean theaters in a northern California town from a mysterious aunt and becomes a target for murder. Cait's investigation into the life and death of her aunt Tasha forces her down a road paved with familial lies, devastating secrets, and multiple murders. Marcus Singer, a convicted felon and also Tasha's secretary, and Rachel Cross, a neighbor and Shakespearean actress, resent Cait's inheritance, but with the help of Royal Tanner, a Navy SEAL, Cait is able to uncover the lies beneath the murders.

"Mystery writing has

been a labor of love since retiring from a national laboratory over ten years ago," says Carole. "In my research for my writing endeavors, I traveled to Martha's Vineyard, England, and Scotland, and for my new series I spent a considerable amount of time exploring Ashland, Oregon, home to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, where I fell in love with the Bard. But with our very own Shakespeare festival and an exciting setting right here in Livermore, California, I only need to go as far as my own backyard to find inspiration for my novels."

Staci McLaughlin's cozy *Going Organic Can Kill You*

takes place at the O'Connell Organic Farm and Spa in the fictional town of Blossom Valley, CA. It features marketing maven Dana Lewis, former Blossom Valley resident and unapologetic junk food connoisseur—and soon to be sleuth. As Dana readjusts to life back home with her recently widowed mother, her latest career move isn't exactly a piece of cake. In fact, it's all tofu fish sticks, stuffed squash blossoms, and enough wheat grass shots to scream bloody murder—especially when Dana discovers the body of Maxwell Mendelsohn, Hollywood producer and opening weekend guest,

deader than a yoga corpse pose. While Dana pens the Spa's blog and balances the attentions of the local police and reporter Jason Forrester, her escalating job duties now include finding clues, motives and suspects.

Staci graduated from the California State University, East Bay before becoming a technical writer for a number of years. Now she is a stay-at-home mom and a cozy mystery writer in her spare time.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, go to www.livermorelibrary.net.

Festive Christmas Tree Lane Benefits ValleyCare Programs

For three days, November 15, 16, 17, the Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Avenue in Pleasanton, is transformed into a Christmas wonderland featuring decorated Christmas trees, silent auction gift baskets, gourmet fare, Holiday Boutiques and a visit with Santa ignite the Christmas spirit.

ValleyCare's signature fundraiser Christmas Tree Lane 2012, *Christmas in the City*, offers events for the entire family.

Thursday evening, November 15, 5-8pm, bring the entire family to the Wonderland Family Stroll. Enjoy a holiday treat, while kids shop for their parents in "Santa's Secret Shop." Photos with Santa will be available. Adult tickets are \$15 each, children are \$10. The Tinsel Teas are Friday, November 16, at 10am and 2pm. Here you can enjoy "high" tea, purchase your chance-drawing tickets for the trees and spectacular china table setting, and get a jump start on your shopping at the Holiday Gift Boutiques. Tea tickets are \$45 per person.

Friday evening, November 16, at 6:30pm is the Silent Night Soiree, featuring a silent auction of exquisite

gift baskets, sit-down dinner, no-host cocktails and dancing to a DJ for \$90 per person. Chance tickets for the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation money tree will be drawn Friday evening.

The three-day fundraiser is capped off with the Silver Bells Luncheon on Saturday, November 17 with tickets at \$100 each. Doors open at 10:30am for guests to enjoy the glittering wonderland of lights and colors; visit the "Merry Gentlemen" to purchase chance drawing tickets for the trees; enjoy gourmet fare and entertainment with friends, and place bids on beautiful silent auction gift baskets. The highlight of this event is the chance drawing for the 18 lavishly decorated Christmas trees and the exquisite china table setting.

Holiday Gift Boutiques with holiday and home décor items will be open at all events. Chance drawing tickets for the trees and the Christmas china table setting will also be sold at all events.

All proceeds benefit ValleyCare's Breast Cancer Program and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. To purchase tickets, donate auction



Tree from 2011 Christmas Tree Lane sponsored by Crooked Vine/Stony Ridge Wineries & Eagle Ridge Vineyard.

items or become a sponsor, please call the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation at

925-373-4560, or visit www.valleycare.com/charitable-foundation.

Tri-Valley Haven Seeks 'Paper or Plastic?' Donations

"Paper or plastic?" It's a question that is synonymous with a trip to the grocery store. Now, Tri-Valley Haven is hoping that question will also help them address the hunger gap locally.

Recently released Census Bureau statistics paint a grim picture of poverty. Nationwide the percentage of individuals living below the poverty line has increased from 14.3 to 15.1 percent. Most troubling is that the number of seniors living in poverty has nearly doubled from 9 to over 15 percent. "Hunger and food insecurity is a symptom of poverty," says Samantha Burrows, Director of Homeless and Family Support Services for Tri-Valley Haven. "We see these same figures playing out at our food pantry as seniors are faced with choosing between food and their medication".

While as many as 1 in 15 Americans are considered poor and the use of support programs, such as Tri-Valley

Haven's Food Pantry, are becoming more mainstream, vulnerable populations such as the chronically homeless or those with special medical needs continue to be the hardest hit. The idea behind "Paper or Plastic" was to equip Food Pantry staff with the resources necessary to meet the dietary needs of special needs groups without taking up the very limited space at the Pantry itself.

Canned food drives are popular during the holiday season. However, the Haven is asking that the community support its efforts to address special needs at the Pantry by donating cash ("paper") or gift cards ("plastic"). "Our clients come to us with a host of needs; sometimes it's a diabetes patient who requires a specific diet, or a family that has religious food requirements, or even a new mother who needs a special formula for her baby. Paper or Plastic allows us to respond quickly".

Last year, Tri-Valley Haven's Food Pantry served over 6,400 unduplicated individuals, representing over 2,000 households throughout Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton. Gift cards or checks may be sent to "Paper or Plastic" c/o Tri-Valley Haven 3663 Pacific Avenue Livermore CA 94550.

Now in its fourth decade of service, Tri-Valley Haven provides vital shelter and support services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness. The Haven also provides comprehensive violence prevention education and counseling. For more information about the Haven please visit www.trivalleyhaven.org or call (925) 449-5842.

Holiday Wish Drive Leaders Needed to Reach Goal

Family Giving Tree's 22rd annual Holiday Wish Drive is under way. This year, the nonprofit invites corporations, small businesses and community groups to participate in its "One Millionth Child" milestone by delivering happy holiday memories and gifts to Bay Area children.

Each year during the holiday season, children who have been registered with recipient social services agencies are asked to name their specific gift wishes. The children's wishes are

printed on cards and distributed to Holiday Wish Drive leaders for employees and customers to fulfill and return. The gifts are then collected, sorted and wrapped by more than 7,000 volunteers at Family Giving Tree's warehouse. The gifts are picked up by the participating agencies and presented to the individual children.

Since 1990, Family Giving Tree has fulfilled the wishes of 991,516 children for holiday gifts and back-to-school supplies. The

organization needs 1,050 Holiday Wish Drive leaders to help reach this year's goal. "Every gift counts toward meeting our goal and fulfilling our One Millionth Child wish," says Founder and Executive Director Jennifer Cullenbine. "Any corporation, small business or community group is welcome to participate as a Holiday Wish Drive leader."

As Cullenbine explains, supporters come up with many different and creative ways to do so — decorating a Christmas tree with request

cards, establishing a virtual giving tree with Family Giving Tree, hosting a party, or collecting toys as admission to an event. Last year, 17 ambitious Junior Girl Scouts from Troop 61080 in Los Altos, Calif. set up a tree in the front office of their school and described the Holiday Wish Drive at the Monday morning assembly. They collected 165 gifts.

On a larger scale, a number of local corporations have made the Holiday Wish Drive a tradition. Jessica Graham of Cisco Commu-

nity Relations, one of the nonprofit's long-standing corporate sponsors, says,

"Cisco is thrilled to lead the 2012 Holiday Drive with Family Giving Tree. With this year marking the one millionth fulfilled wish, Cisco's Silicon Valley employees are eager to participate in the legacy of bringing gifts and holiday cheer to children and families across the Bay Area."

Information about how organizations can register to lead a holiday wish drive is available at www.familygivingtree.org.

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Trunk Show Features Jewelry and Clothing Accessories

The Livermore Art Association Gallery at Carnegie Park kicks off the holiday shopping season with its annual Fall Trunk show on Friday, November 16 from 5:00-8:00 pm. Local artists will bring in extended lines of their jewelry and clothing accessory collections. Shoppers can nibble on wine and appetizers and try on original handmade accessories.

This season five artists will have their winter collections: Caryne Mount hand-dyes silk scarves and makes tote bags from upholstery samples. Rhonda Chase has won many jewelry awards with her intricate wire wrapping. Diana Carey hand-casts her own metal pendants. Michele Buckett and Christine McCall make necklaces and earrings from precious and semi-precious stones. Also available will be Angela Johal's line of retro button bracelets.

The Gallery is located in the historic Carnegie Building at 2155 Third Street, Livermore. The public is welcome to attend and admission is free. Combine this with dinner downtown for a very enjoyable evening! For more information call the Gallery at 925-449-9927.

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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.

Niles Canyon Artisans, special even 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. Features 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 lkozma@comcast.net

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 Gossman, 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.

Artist Norma Webb oil paintings at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore for the month of November.

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

Livermore Art Association, Pleasanton Art League, meeting Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m. Almond Avenue School, 1401 Almond Ave., Livermore. Topic is "Achieving luminosity in landscape paintings." Timon Sloane, a highly respected Northern California artist, will hold a free interactive demonstration. www.LivermoreArtAssociation.org or www.PAL-ART.com.

Re-Using for Art class for youth ages 5-11 at Firehouse Arts Center, Thursday, November 15, from 4:30-5:45 p.m. Kids will explore the current exhibit "Confrontations: Artists & the Natural World," then use related materials to create an art project to take home. Focus is on environmental care-taking, and using what nature provides. The center is at 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton. Cost is residents \$15, non-residents \$20. Registration: www.pleasantonfun.com, barcode 54096, or call 925-931-5340.

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.

WINERY EVENTS

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, at a first come, first served basis. Must be 21 + to taste, ID required. Participating Wineries Include: Big White House Winery and John Evan Cellars, Charles R Vineyards, Concannon Vineyard, Crooked Vine Winery/ Stony Ridge Winery, Eagle Ridge Vineyard, Fenestra Winery, Garré Vineyard & Winery, Little Valley Winery, Longevity Wines, Murrieta's Well, Nottingham Cellars, Rios-Lovell, Rodrigue Molyneaux, Wente Vineyards Estate.

3rd annual Holiday Sip and Shop, Thursday, November 15th from 6:30-9pm at Ruby Hill Winery. Shop while enjoying a glass of wine and light snacks. Multiple vendors will be showcasing a variety of gifts and merchandise. Ruby Hill Winery will be offering 10% off all RHW merchandise (some exclusions do apply, Gem Society discounts also apply). Admission is complimentary. Wine will be available for sale by the glass or bottle. To kick start the Holiday season our Sparkling Wine will be on sale for \$11 a bottle this night only. Special Library Wine Sale for Sip and Shop customers. www.rubyhillwinery.net, 400 Vineyard Ave, Pleasanton, (925) 931-9463.

McGrail Vineyards and Winery events: Nov. 15, 5 to 8 p.m. introducing Picazo Wines, new partnership with the premiere Merlot Vineyard in the Livermore Valley. Wine Club Members are complimentary and guests tickets are \$25/person. Taste 6 brand new wines including a vertical of Picazo Merlot: 2005, 2006, 2007, heavy appetizers paired with the wines. Nov. 23, noon to 4:30 p.m. Black Friday at McGrail, a few "black Friday" sales going on for case purchases. www.mcgrailvineyards.com, 5600 Greenville Road Livermore, (925) 215-0717.

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.

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.

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.

The Robert Cray Band, Fri., Nov. 9, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Sycamore Strings Academy Fall Con-

cert on Saturday, November 10, 2012. The concert will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Admission is free and children are welcome. The concert presents performances by students playing solo and group pieces as well as our SSA chamber orchestra. The children will perform works by composers such as Grieg, Kreisler, and Mozart.

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.

Male Chorale from California Baptist University's Collinsworth School of Music will perform Sunday, November 11 at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Trinity Baptist Church, 557 Olivina Avenue, Livermore. Following the concert, Dr. Pickett will audition, vocal or instrumental, any interested students for scholarship opportunities at CBU. For information regarding the concerts

Art Happens Has a Harvest Season Theme

Harvest Season Art Happens will take place in downtown Livermore on Thurs., Nov. 8 from 6 - 8pm

Visitors will find drop in on exhibitions, demonstrations, "make it and take it" sessions, seasonal art and more. There will be live music, wine tasting, coffee or microbrews and art in galleries, tasting bars, studios, shops and restaurants.

Included will be portraiture demonstrations at the Downtown Art Studios;

making fused glass jewelry and the Disabled Vet's Painting Program Exhibition at Panama Red. The work is by patients at the Livermore VA Hospital, some of whom paint even despite debilitating injuries. Director Bud Donaldson was awarded a Yellow Ribbon Award for his efforts by KCBS earlier this year.

A show, "The Legacy of Ansel Adams and Minor White," will be at the Figurehead Gallery and Jennie McGregor's nature & macrophotography at Winemaker's Pour House, as well as a new show of Parisian photography by Casey McKenzie at Sanctuary Ultra Lounge and Holiday Sparkle Art and fun offerings at Blacksmith Square.

Download a map at www.bothwellartscenter.org or pick up a copy @ the Downtown Art Studios, 62 South L Street. The Downtown Art Studios are a project of the Bothwell Arts Center and Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, a not-for-profit corporation.



Portrait of George by Jacob Hankinson

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please call Trinity Church at 447-1848, ext 117 or the School of Music at 800-782-3382, ext 4949.

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.

Livermore-Pleasanton Youth Outreach Symphony, Benefit Concert for Oakland Children Hospital, November 24, 2012, 7 PM, at First Presbyterian Church Livermore, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. Selections featuring Dmitri Shostakovich's Waltz No. 2, Nicholas Rimsky-Korsakov's Procession of the Nobles, Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Phantom of the Opera, and Robert Schumann's Piano Concerto. The admission is free. www.lpyos.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. Appearing are Chanticleer veteran actors C. Conrad Cady, Lindi Press, Svetlana Coutre, Kai Brothers and John Sellen. Runs Friday and Saturday through November 10th at 8:00 pm. 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.

Fools, A Comic Fable by Neil Simon, Nov. 10 and 11, 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Las Positas College Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts., 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Advance tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com or call 1-800-838-3006. Further information at 424-1100 or 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. 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.

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. 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

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. 973-3343.

Creations 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

COMEDY

Comedy@ Firehouse Arts, Kat Simons, headliner, Dave Menecarelli, 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

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Friday Evening Group Dance! Learn

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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. 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 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. Winner will perform with the orchestra on Sunday January 27, 2013, will receive a \$200 award and a professional recording of the performance. Applications due November 19, 2012. Visit the Prometheus Symphony's website at www.PrometheusSymphony.org for application form and further information. Or email 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

MOVIES

Genetic Roulette, movie 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.

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

OPERA

Metropolitan Opera Schedule, screening at Regal Hacienda Cinema in Dublin: Otello, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m.; The Tempest, Nov. 10, 9:55 a.m.; Nov. 28,

6:30 p.m.; La Clemeza 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.

MISCELLANEOUS

Fall 2012 lecture series. Congregation Beth Emek: Nov. 15 Professor Michael Nacht of UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy, speaking on non-proliferation challenges in the Middle East. Dec. 5 scholar Ken Cohen who will trace the creation of Tel-Aviv in the early 20th century. Admission is

\$10. All lectures will begin at 7:30 p.m. 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.

Lithorama Gem and Mineral Show and Sale, Sat., Nov. 17, 10 to 5 and Sun., Nov. 18, 10 to 4 at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. \$5 adults, children under 12 free with adult. Displays, demonstrations, "glow room" with fluorescent rocks and minerals. Door prizes. Silent auction of minerals and lapidary material. Hosted by the Livermore Lithophiles, information at www.lithophiles.com

Earlier Than the Bird, Nov. 17, 7 a.m. to

noon, downtown Livermore. 8th annual event hosted by Livermore Downtown, Inc., www.livermoredowntown.com

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

Small Business Saturday, Nov. 24, downtown Livermore. www.livermoredowntown.com

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

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

'Re-Using for Art' to Teach Art-Making with Unexpected Materials

'Re-Using for Art' is the title of the next session in the popular Young @ Art Series for youth 5-11 on Thursday, November 15, from 4:30-5:45 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center. The center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton. Cost for the class is \$15 for residents

and \$20 for non-residents.

In this session, kids will visit the 'Confrontations: Artists & the Natural World' exhibit to learn how four artists using different materials approach environmental issues. Discussion will include ways to be good caretakers of what nature has

provided. Then participants will use related materials to create an art project to take home.

Young @ Art is a series of interactive and educational classes for youth at Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center. Kids visit the Harrington Gallery to see and learn about the current exhibit, and then they create their own artwork upstairs in the Reznick Studio. This interactive program for kids is taught by Debbie Ward-roppe and Harrington Gallery Director Julie Finegan, both award-winning artists. Future sessions include 'Young HeARTs!' on February 7, and 'California Watercolors' on March 14, 2013.

Information and registration is available online at www.pleasantonfun.com, barcode 54096; phone registration: 925-931-5340. For more information, call Julie Finegan at 925-931-4849.



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Review

Fools Is a Simple and Sweet Success

by Susan Steinberg

It's simple but not simple-minded, sweet but not saccharine. It's "Fools," the delightful Neil Simon romantic farce now playing at Las Positas College.

Director, Wendy Wisely, has assembled an amazing cast to inhabit this light-hearted fable, blending students, recent graduates, and adults into the perfect incarnation of townfolk in an old Russian village called Kulyenchikov.

Not unlike Teyve's Anat-evka, this is a small place, where everyone knows everyone else's business, from Mishkin the postmaster to Snetsky the shepherd, Slovitsh the butcher, and Yenchna the peddler. But there is something quite strange about them: no one really makes sense and the more one listens to their off-kilter utterances, the more puzzling they seem.

Discovering this local quirk is disconcerting to a new arrival, the enthusiastic young school teacher embarking on his first real job. Appearing on the empty stage with an expression of eager anticipation, he confides to the audience his tremendous excitement at the prospect of imparting knowledge to his new students.

Within moments, he has engaged every hearer with

his boyish smile and bright-eyed optimism. Aby George, playing Leon Tolchinsky, is such a "natural" that he wins the audience's allegiance and belief from the start. Everyone wants to see him succeed, and has every confidence that he will.

It quickly becomes apparent, however, that he is facing an impossible task; everyone in the village has been cursed with stupidity for 200 years. This obviously explains all their nonsensical comments and odd behavior. The shepherdess, for example, has forgotten her given names. A cheerful Charmaine Wilson simply introduces herself as "Something, Something Snetsky." Charlie Anne Urcia, the happy peddler Yenchna, always has a pushcart full of flowers, selling them one day as "fresh fish" and the next day as "umbrellas."

Even Doctor Zubritsky, who has hired the teacher, cannot add or even think, but is perfectly polite and charming in Alex Draa's portrayal of a genial dolt. His wife, a sweetly winning Denise McGrory is a perfect match in dead-pan cluelessness, a rural Russian Lucy. Together they play off each other with the perfect timing of an old-fashioned slapstick vaudeville routine. It may be old shtick, but irresistibly funny it is!

So delighted to be asked a question by the new teacher about "the meaning of life," they gaze adoringly at him, and seem to actually be thinking (an impossibility in Kulyenchikov). Finally the doctor says he believes he knows the answer, and the audience is as hopeful as the teacher until the doctor blurts out, "It's 12."

When their daughter first enters the room, we learn that her greatest recent accomplishment is having learned to sit down. Despite a desperate urge to flee screaming, the teacher is instantly love-struck by his pupil, and decides that it is his mission to educate this lovely young lady. Unfortunately, he also learns that unless he succeeds within 24 hours, he will succumb to the village curse of stupidity.

For a man of intellect, this is a horrifying idea. ("What is an idea, what is it like?" the parents ask.) He cannot even elope with her, as no resident can leave this cursed place. His increasingly frantic efforts to teach her the simplest addition (1 + 1) flounder hopelessly. After all, this is a girl who, when asked her favorite color, responds "Yellow." When asked why she replies, "Because it doesn't make your hands so sticky."

Enter the comic villain of the piece, Count Gregor

Yousekevitch, in an over-the-top performance by the hysterically funny Adam Vergino. His ancestor had initiated the curse because the parents of his beloved Sophia Zubritzky had refused to let her marry him. Although not stupid, the Count is also cursed by being trapped in this village. He longs to lift the spell by marrying the current beauty of that name.

So he punctually appears every morning and every evening to propose, only to be refused each time. He is understandably cranky about this stalemate, although he rather enjoys watching the villagers "tremble, tremble, tremble" at the mere sound of his name. (They also ascribe rain to his angry hurling down water on them from his hilltop castle.)

The ardent teacher makes one final futile effort with his pupil, and then blurts out his last "I love you," (because the villagers have no idea what love is). A moment later, he is struck with stupidity. The audience, expecting a happy ending, is dumbfounded. There stands the teacher, his mobile face suddenly as vacant as that of his beloved Sophia (the adorably blank, wide-eyed Geneva Love.)

But the playwright has some surprises in store, and plays his trump cards with

a shrewd hand. Suddenly, the silly story has become a parable about what is really wisdom, and what is foolishness, and which, in the long run, is preferable.

Neil Simon is at his benevolent best here, providing plum turns for each lovable character: Jeremy La Clair as the jovial butcher, Audrey Brooks as his speech-challenged wife, J. Samuel Leeper as the befuddled postman, and Joshua Ze as the well-meaning magistrate.

All are cheerfully muddling along somehow with no one really miserable about their ignorance. Will they be better off if the curse is ended? The teacher longs to "lift the dark cloud so enlightenment can shine through." But would that make anyone better off or happier? Or does the dyspeptic Count really have the last word?

Theatergoers may or may not head home pondering these questions, but they

will certainly emerge from the finale with happy smiles. What more could an audience want? Well, they're all included in the bargain ticket price, thanks to Costumer Wesley Morgan, Scenic Designers Jeremy Hamm and Mike Renaldi, Sound Designers Wendy Wisely and John Ruzicka, and Choreographer Faith Blevins.

Join the fun with this solid ensemble cast for just on more weekend: Friday and Saturday Nov. 9 and 10 at 8 PM, and Nov. 11 at 2 PM. The Black Box Theater at the Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts is at Las Positas College, 300 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

For tickets contact Brown Paper Tickets at (800) 838-3006, or brownpapertickets.com. Tickets will also be available at the door.

And, PLEASE DON'T FORGET to feed the \$2 parking meters, or face a more expensive ticket from the campus police.

Classical Guitarist at the Library

Peter Fletcher, Classical Guitarist, performs Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. at the Livermore Library.

The performance will begin with three pieces from Michael Praetorius's *Terpsichore*, and then continue with such works as *Cavatina* from the movie 'The Deer Hunter'; Grieg's *Sarabande* from 'Holberg Suite'; works by Spanish composer Enrique Granados and South American composer Antonio Lauro; and audience favorite *Leyenda* by Isaac Albéniz. This program will conclude with Paganini's technically demanding *Caprice No. 24*.

Fletcher's three recordings, *The Art of Classical Guitar*, *A Peter Fletcher Recital*, and *Federico Mompou: Guitar Works*, have received critical acclaim. In September 2005 he released *Peter Fletcher Plays Erik Satie*, and his current release, *Peter Fletcher Plays Baroque Music for Guitar* was released in October 2008 on the Tower Hill Records label. His future recording project involves an all-Grieg album, for which he himself is writing the guitar transcriptions, and is scheduled for release in Fall 2013.

There is no admission charge. The library is located at 1188 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. For information, go to www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/lib.

Music of Life On-Line Auction Ends Sunday

Need a great gift, such as theater tickets, antique clock, silver flute, Ashland getaway, artwork, or something really out there, like a tour of the Bay Area in a private plane? Check out the "Music of Life Auction" benefitting Pacific Chamber Symphony (PCS).

The auction launched last week and closes Sunday, November 11 at 8 pm (PST). Reach the auction by going to www.kakadu-design.com, click on auction. Organizers hope to exceed last year's auction total of \$4,000.

PCS, a resident company of the Livermore Valley

Performing Arts Center, is comprised of professional musicians from throughout the Bay Area. Founded over 20 years ago by conductor and musical director, Lawrence Kohl, the orchestra offers the precision of an ensemble with range and dynamic power. Their

next performance will be Handel's *Messiah*, Friday, November 30, 8 pm.

Ticket sales cover only a fraction of PCS's costs. Each dollar raised is used to produce concerts and underwrite student tickets. For information, info@pacificchambersymphony.org.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

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.

Lithorama Gem & Mineral Show, Saturday, Nov. 17, 10-5:00; Sunday, Nov. 18, 10-4:00 The Barn, 3131 Pacific Avenue, Livermore. Sponsored by the Livermore Valley Lithophiles. The show and sale features gem and mineral displays from California collectors. Dealers will offer crystals, jade, turquoise, fossil specimens, beads, mineral specimens, lapidary equipment, rough rock, and finished jewelry. The glow room displays fluorescent minerals. Demonstrators will show carving, faceting, wire-wrap and lampwork bead techniques. The special kids corner has activities for children. \$5 for adults, children 12 years and under free with adult.

Livermore-Amador Genealogy Society meeting Tuesday, Nov.13 at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. The speaker is Traci Parent, Supervising Naturalist at the Black Diamond Mines in Contra Costa Co. She has researched the history of the Pioneer Cemetery there for over three decades. Her topic is "Life and Death on the Mount Diablo Coal Field." No charge. For more information contact Cheryl Palmer at program@L-AGS.org

Widowed Men and Women of Northern

CA., 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

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.

Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind, meets on Saturday, November 10, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Cafeteria Room 2 at Valley Memorial Hospital in Livermore, 1111 East Stanley Blvd. The Christmas dinner party will be discussed during this meeting. Any visually impaired or interested person is urged to attend. Call, Carl, 449-9362 for more information.

PBS Chef Christy Rost, host of the national annual PBS special, A Home for Christy Rost: Thanksgiving, will present an class and her newest cooking and lifestyle book, Celebrating Home: A Handbook for Gracious Living (Bright Sky Press, 2012). The class will begin at 6pm on November 12, and the cost is \$60. Pans On Fire is located at 3059 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588. To make plans to attend Chef Rost's class, call 925-600-7267 or visit www.pansonfire.com

Tri-Valley Democratic Club meeting Mon., Nov. 19, 7 p.m. Campaigners will be decompressing & discussing plans for 2013. Campaigners from OFA, MoveOn, 99%ers, progressives and Democrats are invited to join the discussion. Refreshments served. IBEW Hall 595, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin.

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

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Nov. 10, 55 miles from Dublin east to Livermore, meet 9:30 a.m. at Shan-

non Center, Alberto Lanzas, 510-825-9581. Sun., Nov. 11, 30 miles Dublin to Sunol and Niles Canyon, meet 9 a.m. at Shannon Center, Peter Rathmann, 336-0973. Wed., Nov. 14, 35-55 miles from Heather Farm, meet 9 a.m. Richard Skow, 939-6964. Wed., Nov. 14, 30 miles Benicia and State Park on Solano bike path, meet 10 a.m. at parking lot on 2nd St., Barbara Wood, 707-745-6353. Anyone planning on going on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet on Thursday, November 8, 7 p.m. in the Alisal School 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.

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 video 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 cpclan1962@pacbell.net or 925-462-4931.

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

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

Healing Touch for Tri-Valley Veterans, November 10, and December 8. Available time slots: 9:00am, 10:15am, or 11:30am. Free Healing Touch sessions for active, inactive, combat or retired Veterans from any military branch. Healing Touch Program is endorsed by the American Holistic Nurses Association. Advance reservation required as space is limited. Sessions held at Las Positas College, Veterans First Center, Building 1000, Livermore. Student status is not

required. For more information or to schedule a session, please call 925-352-8917.

Free computer training classes will be offered at the Livermore Library during November. 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.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the second floor conference room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore All are welcome. Contacts are: Sandra Grafrath 443-6655 or Lee Parlett 292-9280.

Operation: S.A.M. "Supporting All Military" is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued support of deployed troops. Preparation of comfort packages takes place every other week - all year long. Providing morale support for those deployed. All information provided is confidential and is not shared for security purposes. To submit a name and address, inquire about donations or helping, please visit www.operationsam.org, email operationsam@comcast.net or call 925 443-7620 for more information and the calendar of events.

RELIGION

First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel, 10:30 Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program. For more information www.fpcl.us or 925-447-2078.

Tri-Valley Bible Church, 2346 Walnut St., Livermore, holds Sunday worship at 10 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9 a.m. Children's classes during adult worship service. AWANA children's program Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 449-4403 or www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com.

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

Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (csjso.org). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 485-1049 or EastBaySecularJews.org.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore, services 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at Third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 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 Mocha 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.calvalrylivermore.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 Concanon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school - 9:45 a.m.; worship service - 11 a.m. All are welcome. 1-888-805-7151.

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

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School for all ages 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Intercessory prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. 846-8650.

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. Child care during all events. 447-1848, www.trinitylivermore.org.

St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Meditation groups following the John Main tradition, every Monday 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For details, contact Claire LaScala 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 925-846-4436

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

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

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, Sunday services with Rev. Joyce Parry Moore - Rector. 8:00 am Contemplative Eucharist with Taize music, 9:15 am Godly Play and Adult Bible Study, 10:30 am Sung Eucharist with choir; child-care available. Youth Group every Sunday from 4:00pm to 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall and youth room; youth oriented programs "Rite 13" and "Journey to Adulthood." www.saintbartslivermore.com/ for more information.

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

Tri-Valley Church of Christ at 4481 East Avenue, Livermore, worship service 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Sundays, all are welcome.

925-447-4333 (a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

Little Brown Church, United Church of Christ 141 Kilkare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org 925-862-2580

Pathway Community Church, 6533 Sierra Lane, Dublin. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday 10:30 a.m. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org (925) 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 pmjrmlueler@gmail.com for more info.

Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Avenue, Livermore; 447-4333 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.lynnewood.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.

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.

Clothing Drive - sponsored by Unity of Tri-Valley Church. Donations to go to Operation Dignity (veterans) and Wardrobe for Opportunity (job seekers). Collection dates Nov. 18 and 25 at the church, 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley, before or after 10:00 a.m. service. Call for additional drop-off places and times: Michele or Ray Day, 925-829-1239, raymickday@comcast.net.

Mothers Circle Mini-Course provides free education and support for women of other religious backgrounds who are raising Jewish children. Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Taught by Rabbi David Katz, The Mother's Circle will cover how to create a Jewish home, life cycle events for Jewish children, and an overview of the Jewish holidays. Mothers in all family constellations are welcome. Participants do not have to be affiliated with a Jewish institution or have any prior knowledge. The Mother's Circle sessions take place at 10 a.m. on Wednesday mornings, November 14, and 28. The Mothers Circle is a program of the Jewish Outreach Institute and is made possible locally by Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund. Contact Lisa Kama at 925-461-3591, www.bethemek.org or www.TheMothersCircle.org

Milestones

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Military

Air Force Airman Caitlin J. Doherty graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Doherty earned distinction as an honor graduate. She is the daughter of Susan Doherty of Livermore. The airman is a 2010 graduate of Granada High School, Livermore.

Army Pvt. James P. Ferrario has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., which included basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT).

During AIT, the soldier completed the military police specialist course to acquire skills to provide combat area support, conduct battlefield circulation control, area security, prisoner of war operations, civilian internee operations, and law and order operations. The trainee performed as a team member in support of battlefield operations, installation law and order operations and security of Army resources and installations. Additional training included providing peacetime support to the military community through security of resources, crime prevention programs, and preservation of law and order.

Ferrario is the son of Sharon Ferrario of Livermore. He is a 2011 graduate of Phoenix High School, Livermore.

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Competition for Young Musicians Winners Announced

Winners of the 40th annual Competition for Young Musicians, sponsored by the Livermore-Amador Symphony Association, have been announced.

The are Vivian Sung and Young Sun (Angel) Kim.

Vivian, piano, is a junior at Dublin High School. For the competition, she performed the first movement of Schumann's Piano Concerto, Op. 54.

Angel plays the violin. For the competition, the Foothill High School senior played Zigeuner Weisen Op. 20, No. 1, by Sarasate.

Judging were Dr. Arthur Barnes, conductor of the Symphony, and Kristina Anderson, concertmaster of

several Bay Area orchestras, including the LAS.

The winners will perform their contest entries as soloists with the Symphony at its February concert.

Robert Shi was accepted on October 31, 2012 as a clarinet finalist in the Honor Band for the 2013 American High School Honors Performance at Carnegie Hall. The selection board reviewed Robert's application and selected him to play with some of the finest high school performers in North America in a performance at

Tiffany's Dance Academy's Allie Gomes has been accepted to the prestigious University of Arizona School of Dance. She was one of a handful of competitive dancers selected and awarded a scholarship to attend the program.

Allie has received and accepted a scholarship offer to attend the U of A and will be following in the footsteps of Tiffany's Dance Academy owner and U of A school of Dance graduate, Tiffany Henderson. Henderson affirms, "I am beyond proud of Allie Gomes for this amazing accomplishment. Her hours of hard work, focus and dedication to all forms of dance have made this dream a reality."

The University of Arizona School of Dance is known as one of the top dance departments in the nation and was recently noted as one of the top 20 dance programs according to The Performing Arts Major's College Guide. The school has an enrollment of 125 BFA students selected from an audition process of over 750 applicants, as stated by



Allie Gomes (Photo courtesy of Tiffany's Dance Academy, Inc.)

Jory Hancock; Dean, College of Fine Arts, Director, School of Dance. At the auditions, 101 auditioned with 2 women and 4 men

accepted. Of the two California auditioners, TDA's Allie Gomes was selected.

Steffon Long, Tiffany's Ballet Director states, "Al-

lie Gomes is the kind of dancer who always makes difficult choreography look easy; she's exactly the kind of dancer that all choreographers and directors of ballet programs and ballet companies are searching for: her's is a rare and beautiful talent, and it's a joy and a privilege to have her as a student at TDA."

According to current TDA instructor, choreographer, and U of A alum, LoRee Kenagy, "Allie will certainly flourish in the U of A program. She's got the perfect work ethic to thrive there. I can't wait to see the dancer she becomes. Her acceptance is a testament to the possibilities, when a student dedicates themselves wholly to the TDA program." Tiffany's Dance Academy offers professional, training for dancers ages two through adult in Classical Ballet, Tap, Jazz, and Hip Hop.

To learn more about Tiffany's Dance Academy visit their website at <http://www.tiffanydance.com>. Please contact info@TiffanyDance.com for more information.

Robert Shi Selected for 2013 American High School Honors Performance

Carnegie Hall.

The American High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall was established to showcase some of the most talented high school musicians. The students are brought together in New York City after a stringent selection process to form the music ensembles. Four days of

rehearsal under the direction of renowned music conductors will end in a concert at Carnegie Hall. Carnegie Hall represents excellence in musical performance as it has served as a venue for prestigious music groups around the world.

Robert Shi is currently an eleventh grader in Livermore High School. Since

2010, Robert has studied under Joe Bonfiglio, one of the most accomplished clarinet instructors in the Bay Area. Robert's acceptance to the aforementioned honor band is a combined result of his personal talents and outstanding mentors.

In the national honor performance group, Robert Shi will have the opportunity

to rehearse under conductor Sharon Lavery and H. Robert Reynolds. He will also work with other finalists from around the country, play for collegiate and professional music programs invited to the performance, and perform on the stage of the world-famous Carnegie Hall in New York City.