

Art, Community, & Education



Liszt Festival to Celebrate Bicentennial Year of Composer



Al Stewart Brings His Storytelling Style to Livermore

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



Photo - Doug Jorgensen
A young member of the Pleasanton Military Families waves those watching the parade in downtown last Sunday.

Honors for Two On Veterans Day

On Friday, November 11, 2011 Livermore Veteran's Foundation and Livermore Military Families will honor two young men for their service and sacrifice in the War on Terror. A bench overlooking the playground where these two young men played as children will be dedicated to them in a ceremony at 4:00 p.m. Family, Friends and Community are invited to come and participate. Refreshments will be served immediately following.

PFC Ethan James Hockman and Sgt Ryan Jeffrey Hopkins were neighbors and childhood friends as they were growing up in Livermore. They played together in Maitland R. Henry Park located in their neighborhood. Ethan was a graduate of Livermore High School, 2003. His interest in public service began in his high school years when he joined Livermore's Youth Advisory Commission. He was also very involved with California's Youth and Government and served as president of that local organization. Ethan received an Army ROTC scholarship to the University of California at Davis. Anxious to serve his country, he withdrew from UC Davis after one year and joined the army. Ethan died on June 19, 2006. Ryan had a love for life and was sure to be found in a crowd. He was known for his outgoing personality. He loved golfing, skate-boarding, wake-boarding, and snow-boarding. Ryan died on Jan 8, 2010 at BAMC.

With this memorial their families and others who visit this park can sit and remember these young men and know that their lives were lived and given in service to all of us.

Tami Jenkins, Livermore Military Families co-founder, notes, "Your county and community thank you, Ethan and Ryan, for your service and your selfless Courage and Sacrifice. We will never forget."



Photo - Doug Jorgensen
Leaves take on brilliant colors during the fall season.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen
Marching down Main Street in Pleasanton during the annual Veteran's Day parade are members of the Ambrose D. Regalia VFW Post of Pleasanton. The event took place on Sunday.

Isabel/580 Interchange Opening Six Months Early

The newly constructed Isabel Avenue Interchange will be fully open to traffic in time for the morning commute on Wednesday, November 16, six months ahead of the originally scheduled spring 2012 opening. In conjunction with this opening, the west-bound Portola Avenue on-ramp will be permanently closed to traffic beginning Tuesday night, November 15.

Transportation improvements have been a strategic goal of

the City for years. Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena stated, "The new interchange opening will not only improve the connection between Route 84 and I-580 thereby relieving traffic congestion at the I-580/I-680 interchange, but also will create a new second access route to Las Positas College and the local businesses and residences on the north side of I-580 while reducing traffic congestion at the

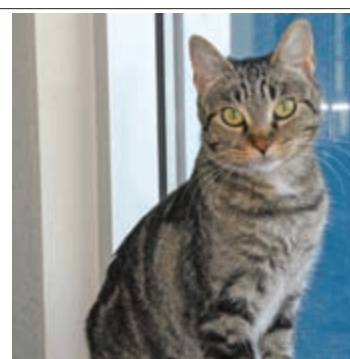
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Photo - Doug Jorgensen
The Isabel/580 interchange is ready to open to the public next Wednesday, six months ahead of schedule.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Momma cats are always so kind and always willing to give affection and attention to those around them. Cera is a perfect example of a young momma cat just looking for love! You can hear her purring from far distances and her sweet personality will melt your heart. To learn more, call 925-426-8656 or visit the website www.valleyhumane.org. Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Hours are Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Photo courtesy of Ken Jacoby

SHORT NOTES

Community Milling Day

Sunday, Nov. 13 is Community Milling Day for local olive tree farmers and community members at Olivina Mill in Livermore.

From just a bucket of olives to a one-ton truckload, anyone can participate. Drop off times are 7 am - 12 noon. Milling takes place noon-4 pm. Olive Oil pick-up is between 5-6:30 pm. This is an opportunity for small olive tree growers to reap the benefit of Extra Virgin Olive Oil (EVOO). The high-end Olivina Olive Mill requires 1,000 pounds of olives to run efficiently. "If we did not have Community Milling Day here in Livermore, our family and olives would never have known the magic of being processed into EVOO," says Audrey Horning, who participated in the 2010 Community Milling Day. Typically it takes 50 - 200 pounds of olives to yield a gallon of olive oil, a bucket might yield a few ounces of oil.

Upon delivery, olives will be weighed and the owner issued a receipt. Owners must leave oil containers with clearly marked labels at Olivina at drop-off and depart while the olives are milled, due to safety concerns. At 5 pm owners can return to pay for their olive oil and take it home. To schedule a time for Community Milling Day delivery, please e-mail Olivina at Charles@TheOlivina.com. Details at <http://www.theolivina.com/olive-milling.htm>.

Holiday Cards for Troops

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) announced the start of the fifth annual "Holiday Cards for Our Troops" program. Last year, the office collected more than 7,000 cards from the community with personal messages of gratitude to our men and women in uniform. Congressman McNerney again invites people to submit cards at either of his offices to be distributed to troops at home and overseas.

"I have heard how much it means to our troops when they receive notes and cards from home. Let's take this time of year to make a difference for the men and women who fight so bravely to protect us and our country," said Rep. McNerney.

The cards will be sent to troops stationed overseas in packages organized by East Bay Blue Star Moms, Pleasanton Military Families, Packed with Pride, and Summer Veterans Club. Cards will also be sent to veterans at Bay Area VA Hospitals, Camp Parks, Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD.

To participate in the program, make or purchase a holiday card and write a message of thanks inside to a service member, and deliver the card to Rep. McNerney's office in Stockton or Pleasanton by Thursday, Dec. 15th. Cards should remain un-addressed and envelopes unsealed.

Card Guidelines: Make sure to sign the card. Use salutations such as "Dear Service Member." Cards addressed to specific individuals cannot be delivered through this program. Do not include inserts such as photographs.

Cards can be dropped off in Pleasanton at 5776 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Suite 175, Pleasanton, CA 94588; (925) 737-0727

Parenting Programs

Continuing the Fall guest line-up of speakers on a variety of parenting topics, Livermore Public Library will host the following presentations in November and December:

- Tuesday, November 15, at 11 a.m. (after the Babies-Only Storytime): Deborah Rogers, a licensed marriage and family therapist with offices in San Ramon, will speak

with parents about developmental landmarks to watch for as your child grows from infancy to two years old; she will also touch on attachment issues and active listening. The session will last approximately 30 minutes, with time for questions and answers.

- Monday, December 12, at 11 a.m. (after the Toddlers Storytime): Cynthia Hamblin, a Livermore licensed optometrist with ten years' experience in private practice and in a hospital setting, will speak with parents about vision issues to watch for as your child grows from two years to six years old. The session will last approximately 30 minutes, with time for questions and answers.

These free programs will be held in the Storytime Room of the Civic Center Library, at 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The programs are recommended for parents of children from birth to age 6. Contact Youth Services at (925) 373-5504 for more information, or visit the website at: www.livermorelibrary.net.

Silent Night Hike

A Silent Night Hike will be presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sat., Nov. 12.

Meet Ranger Jamie Greco at 5:30 p.m. at the nature area entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

Participants are invited to try a night hike in absolute silence, and experience the magic. The shadows of the trees seem to come to life amidst the sounds of hooting owls and howling coyotes. Join this easy walk through the Nature Area of the park to learn about some of the sounds and sights of the night and then head into the park in complete silence. Open to adults and children ages 12 and older. Please call 925-960-2400 to reserve a spot.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at both entrances to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Education Week

The week of November 13-19, 2011, Huntington Learning Center in Pleasanton will recognize American Education Week, a celebration of public education and the people who make a difference in ensuring every child receives a quality education. First observed in 1921, the National Education Association's American Education Week is now in its 90th year.

American Education Week was born when the National Education Association and the American Legion met in 1919 to seek ways to generate public support for education. The first

observance of American Education Week was in December 1921. The week includes the individual celebrations of Parents Day, Education Support Professionals Day and Substitute Educators Day, and an Educator for a Day program.

To learn more about American Education Week contact Dan Chou at the Pleasanton Huntington Learning Center at (925) 463-8800 or Dan.Chou@huntingtonfremont.com, or visit www.nea.org.

Costume Winners

The Livermore Downtown Inc. Halloween Carnival proved to be a success. It was a success because of the businesses with their creative activity booths, the judges taking time to spend the day with us, Faith Alpher as emcee, all the volunteers, and all the wonderful families that came out to participate in the community event.

Costume contest winners are:
 Toddler to 4 years: Chloe Solinsky, most original; Alexa Gherge, funniest/cutest; 5 to 8 years: Erin McColm, most original; Zayn Schultz, scariest; Trina Stouffer, funniest/cutest;
 8 to 12 years: Draven Miller, most original; James Pitsker, scariest; Megan Vigil, most original; Family group: Cuena family, most original; Mills family, funniest/cutest.

Del Arroyo 4-H Meeting

The Del Arroyo 4-H club will be holding a community club meeting on Wed., Nov. 16. There will be international potluck dinner with food from different countries. This event is in honor of our 4-H theme for the year, 4-H Around the World. Club members will bring different main dishes, sides, and desserts to share with everyone else. We will also be having a silent auction to help raise money for this year's activities and expenses.

According to club member, Amber Tang, 4-H is a great opportunity for kids to get out and do something for the world. In 4-H, we do a lot of community service and leadership development activities. 4-H has helped many of my friends and I be more outgoing and has helped us become more confident. 4-H isn't just about developing your personal ego, however. While helping others in 4-H, you get the satisfaction of seeing how you can make a difference in someone else's life by bringing a bit more light into their world. 4-H is a wonderful place for children ages 5-19.

Feel free to drop by at Arroyo Seco School, 5280 Irene Way, Livermore, on any 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm to see what 4-H is really about. For more information, please call Margaret Miller at (925) 447-6980 or e-mail mmiller1435@gmail.com.

McNerney Bill Would Make Outsourcing Less Attractive

A bill written and introduced by Rep. Jerry McNerney is designed to discourage outsourcing of jobs abroad.

The Stop Outsourcing and Create American Jobs Act of 2011 was introduced by McNerney on Nov. 3, assigned Bill No. 3338, and referred to committee.

The bill would require the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a list of "corporate tax haven countries" that enable outsourcing, said a press release from McNerney.

The bill would increase penalties for corporations that are

found guilty of various illegal transactions related to offshore tax havens, such as fraud or false claims.

Federal agencies would be required to request information about corporations' outsourcing practices when they apply for government contracts. The bill would also allow preference to be given to companies that have not outsourced jobs in the past year.

If corporations falsified information concerning outsourcing on an application, there would be a fine up to the value of the contract. A corporation committing this offense would be disqualified

from seeking new government contracts for two years.

McNerney said, "We cannot afford to see good-paying jobs get sent overseas so that big corporations can enjoy windfall profits."

"We are never going to get our economy back on track if corporations keep sending jobs overseas. To do so while honest, hard-working people can't find jobs is a travesty. These big corporations keep getting richer and richer, while real people are struggling to survive in today's economy," said McNerney.

Livermore Police to Focus on Seat Belt Enforcement

Livermore Police Officers will be citing drivers and passengers who neglect to wear their safety belts during the "Click It or Ticket" seat belt enforcement campaign that runs from November 18 through November 27. Officers will also be focusing on passengers in the back seat who are usually children. The other focus will be nighttime drivers.

"Click It or Ticket" debuted in California in 2005, and since then the state's seat belt use rate has increased from 92.5 percent in 2005 to a record high of 96.2 percent in 2010, representing over 1.25 million more vehicle occupants who have started

buckling up.

Properly restrained drivers, passengers and children have a 50 percent better chance of surviving a crash than unbelted occupants. Those ejected from vehicles in crashes or roll-overs are up to 35 times more likely to die than restrained occupants. In 2009 alone, seat belts saved approximately 12,713 lives nationwide. In California, it is estimated that 320 people who were killed in 2009 would be alive today if they had been wearing seat belts.

The minimum ticket cost of

an adult seat belt violation in California is \$142 and higher up, and a minimum of \$445 for not properly restraining a child under 16. If the parent is not in the car, the driver gets the ticket.

Starting January 1, 2012, a new California law states all children under 8 years old must be in the back seat in a child restraint. So when you load up the family for a road trip or just a trip around the corner, remember to buckle up.

For more information on the new law please contact Officer Traci Rebiejo (925) 580-9665

Vote for Valley Humane Society

The Valley Humane Society is competing with other nonprofit organizations for donations ranging from \$25,000 to \$250,000 through the Chase Community Giving program on Facebook.

To vote, Go to the Chase Community Giving Facebook, click on "Get In on the Giving;" click on "Search for Charities," then search for Valley Humane Society.

Valley Humane Society is an animal welfare organization advocating responsible pet ownership. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Valley Humane Society receives no government funds, tax dollars, or money from national humane organizations.

To learn more, call 925-426-8656 or visit the website www.valleyhumane.org.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Pleasanton Teen Found

The Pleasanton Police Department reported that Shelby Harris, a 15 year old missing person, has been located and returned safely to her family. Shelby was uninjured and is cooperating with the investigation. Gavin McFate, a known felon, was with Shelby. He has been arrested on an Alameda County Felony Warrant. McFate was booked at Santa Rita Jail without incident.

McFate is said to be in critical condition following an apparent suicide attempt while in custody.

Harris and McFate were located using information provided by an anonymous tip. The caller told the police he had watched the news and remembered seeing Harris and McFate in the area of Westley, California. Detectives traveled to Westley in the early morning hours of November 6, 2011 and located the two individuals staying at a Motel off of Interstate 5.

Shelby's family is very relieved she has returned safely. The Pleasanton Police Department would like to thank everyone who helped us locate Shelby and bring this situation to a peaceful conclusion.

College District Earns Energy Award

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District has won a 2011 Leadership Award from the State Chancellor's office. The award was announced at the statewide Green Community Colleges Summit held on October 17-18, 2011 in Pasadena.

The district was selected for the award over 112 colleges and 72 districts in California.

In announcing the energy award, the press release states, "Chabot-Las Positas Community College District as a signatory to the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, pledged to work toward making its campuses carbon neutral. A Climate Action Plan developed goals of using renewable energy and increasing energy efficiency. Meeting these goals has led to significant reductions of the district's carbon footprint and operating costs."

An example of programs that have been implemented is the IceBank energy storage systems made possible by voter approval of Measure B, the general obligation facilities bond.

The IceBank energy storage system by CALMAC creates ice at night when energy is less expensive and renewable energy sources are most abundant. The ice is used the next day to cool buildings, leading to significant annual energy cost savings and lower greenhouse gas emissions associated with peak demand avoidance. The district saved more than \$200,000 and 1.1 megawatts per year in energy costs and consumption.

"Our district has made a strong commitment to reducing our carbon footprint and this project shows how dedicated we are to this goal," said District Vice Chancellor Jeff Kingston. "The IceBank storage tanks have allowed us to reduce our peak-demand energy consumption, carbon footprint, and operating costs. It has been a great addition to both Chabot and Las Positas college campuses."

Both colleges in the district affirmed their support of the climate commitment by creating

a historic Climate Action Plan and establishing a Sustainability Committee of volunteers to establish sustainability goals that reflect the colleges' missions and values.

To achieve their goals, the colleges also planned high-performance buildings that meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification or higher. LEED is an internationally recognized "green" building certification system and standard for measuring building sustainability.

Women's Summit Planned

Assemblymember Joan Buchanan has partnered with Assemblymembers Nancy Skinner and Susan Bonilla to host the Contra Costa Women's Summit on Monday, November 14, at the Leshner Center for the Art in Walnut Creek. The summit will feature Contra Costa County women leaders discussing the state budget's impact on health, safety, and educational services for women and children. Former California State Superintendent of Public Instruction and former East Bay Assemblymember Delaine Eastin will be the moderator.

"This year marks the 100th anniversary of Women winning the right to vote in California and for the first time in history, Contra Costa County is represented entirely by women in the State Assembly," Buchanan stated. "We have a unique opportunity to draw attention to the specific needs and challenges that face women today."

"The severe budget cuts enacted this year and over the last 3 years have disproportionately hurt women and children" Buchanan continued. "Our hope is that we can draw attention to the vital, fundamental services the state must provide: health, safety, and education."

The program will begin at 1 p.m. with registration being at 12:30 p.m. The panels will conclude at 4:30 p.m. with a reception to follow. The Leshner Center for the Arts is located in Walnut Creek at 1601 Civic Drive. Please RSVP at www.asmdc.org/kt or call (925) 328-1515 for more information.

Personnel Commission Opening

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

Applications are being accepted through 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, for a volunteer position on the Commission. Personnel Commissioners are appointed by the Board to four-year terms.

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

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



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SPORTS NOTES



Smoke softball team finished up the season on top taking the championship in Hayward Sunday at the H.A.R.D. Girl's Fastpitch Invitational Tournament. After winning 2 out of 3 Saturday and 2 games on Sunday, Livermore Smoke won the title, defeating Cupertino Inferno, 2 to 0. Sam Whalen was the winning pitcher. Savannah Vasquez recorded both of the RBIs including the game winner. All the girls contributed all weekend long with some great hits and amazing defense. Both Savannah Vasquez and Sam Whalen were named MVPs.



Former Pleasanton Seahawks (PLS) swimmer, Catherine Breed, is pictured with PLS Coach Steve Morsilli at the Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico (October 2011). Catherine took the Gold Medal in winning the 200 meter freestyle (2:00.08) and another Gold Medal in the 800 free relay. She is a freshman at the University of California, Berkeley.



The 2nd Annual Cops and Cowboys fundraiser game was a big success. The Livermore Women's Basketball program, alumni and coaches celebrated a close victory over the Livermore Police Department 56-53. It was a fun evening with the LJFL Cheer squad and The Elite Self-Defense Academy putting on an entertaining half time show. Check out the upcoming 2011-2012 Lady Cowboys schedule at <http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=hustlnladycowboys>



Pleasanton Rage U19D3 Orange players celebrated a win over the West Contra Costa Kaos.



West Coast Wicked Under 14 Girls soccer team represented home town Livermore very well with a first place finish in the Placer Tournament this weekend. The girls recorded a two wins, a 2-0 over Nevada Elite and 4-2 over El Dorado on Saturday. A 2-2 tie with Diablo Blue was enough to take them to the final, where they had another 2-0 victory over El Dorado again. The girls played some excellent soccer all the way through the tournament and guest players, Tori Diehl, Sam Farmer and Ashley Aguilera added some required depth to the Wicked's own thirteen lady squad. Goals came from on fire Shasta Grant who scored in all games for a weekend total of five goals. Selina Cardoza two beautiful free kick goals, Shelby Diehl, Claire Soule and Erica Dias. MVP for the weekend was Shasta Grant for leading the line with great effectiveness. Other notable mentions are for Nadia Ranagan and Misha Brewster for midfield, Claire Soule and Tori Diehl for forwards, with Jordyn Brauer and Sam Farmer performing in the defense. Jessie Cahill had a fine tournament in goal. It was a great weekend of soccer for West Coast Soccer Club as Wicked and there big sisters Kryptonite under the coaching of Director Troy Dayak also won their age group first place in the Placer Tournament



Dylan Clinton of the Buc wraps up a Raider in Livermore Junior Football League action.

Quigley played awesome games. Consolation, Vikings 33, Texans 0



Pleasanton Rage Grey U11 forward Emily Tincher shoots off a pass by teammate Emily Esparza to score her second goal of the game. (Photo courtesy of Warren McCarty)



The West Coast U9 Fury girls gave a lot of great kicks and took home the first place treat at the 2011 Diablo Kick or Treat tournament. The girls, dressed as soccer zombies, raged a zombie nightmare on their opponents. The West Coast girls easily swept their flight beating Lamorinda United, East Diablo Impact, and Livermore Fusion. The Fury girls met home team Diablo FC in the championship match. The girls ended the tournament with a 6-1 win over Diablo and the championship title. Pictured are the West Coast U9 Fury (Soccer Zombies) (seated) are Katie Zeck, Haiden Arruda; (middle row) Allison Rickman, Megan McCoy, Alyssa Garza, Gracie Alfonso; (standing) Ally Thompson, Maddie Allum, Trinity Sandridge, Kalena Brongiel, Jamie Conklin, and Laura Gonzalez.

Livermore Jr. Football Champions

Livermore Junior Football League's playoffs began on November 5. All of the games went down to the final minutes (or final second in one game). The Steelers defeated the Saints on the last play of the game for the Senior Division championship. In the Intermediate Division, the Falcons held on and downed the Dolphins. The Raiders overcame a 10-point deficit to defeat the Bucs for the Junior Division championship. Here are the highlights from the championship week:

Senior Division: Championship, Steelers 12, Saints 6: The Steelers scored first and took a 6-0 lead into the second half. Both defenses were dominant throughout the game. However, in the third quarter, the Saints broke a long run to tie the game. The squads exchanged punts often. The Steelers started their last possession on their own 40-yard line with 55 seconds remaining. Three pass completions and a strategic use of time-outs delivered the Steelers down to the Saints' 20-yard line. With the clock expiring, Steelers' quarterback Jason Frost hit receiver Wesley Katz on a 15-yard out pattern. Katz shed the Saints' defensive back and scampered the final 5 yards into the end zone.

Consolation, Giants 36, Packers 34
Intermediate Division: Championship, Falcons 14, Dolphins 12: The Falcons put together their best effort at just the right time, then held off a furious rally by the Dolphins to claim the LJFL league championship by a score of 14-12. True to their form all season, it was the Falcons defensive play early on that set the tone for the game. Led by Ruzzell Yee, Connor Parkerson and Ryan Carlson the Falcon defense stymied the Dolphin running game forcing the Dolphins to rely on the arm of quarterback Nicholas Grant. Grant completed a handful of passes on the day in a determined effort to keep his team in the game. However, an opportunistic Falcon defense was able to hold on late in the game to secure the victory. Mathew Waller had a tremendous afternoon picking off a pair of passes for the Falcons and added four tackles on the day. Ryan Brandt also intercepted a big pass in the second half as the Dolphins looked to be on the verge of taking control of the game.

The Falcons were able to put together a series of drive for their best effort on offense for the season. Quarterback Troy Wentworth scored the Falcons first touchdown on a short keeper following the lead blocking of Aaron Epstein, Brian Torres and Nick Volponi for the score. Alex Schicke provided a second touchdown on a spectacular 42 yard burst over the right side and into the end zone. Wentworth punched in the extra point giving the Falcons a 14-0 lead. Other contributors to the Falcon offensive effort included Ryan Wright who made the transition from lineman to running back and picked up several first downs with tough inside running. Ramon Montes and Dominic Giuliano played key roles in the Falcon attack.

Grant helped his Dolphin team close the gap when he found Andrew Walker in a sea of Falcon defenders. Walker managed to reel in the long pass and then took off for a 64 yard score to tighten things up. With the clock running down and the Dolphins refusing to surrender, it was left to a strong Falcon defense to hold on and preserve the victory. Riley Van Trease, who had missed the previous 2 games with injury, came back to make several key tackles while Nathan Wilson pounced on a loose ball and added several steps from his defensive post. Congratulations go to the entire Falcon team and coaching staff for closing out an exceptional season with an exciting championship victory.

Consolation, Ravens 26, 49ers 12
Junior Division: Championship, Raiders 26, Bucs 24: This was a well-played game by both teams. The Raiders scored on their first possession on a 1 yard run up the middle by Jaxen McLaren with the front line cleared by Duncan Maloney, Harrison Meadows, and Ethan Payne. Jaxen McLaren followed it up with a bootleg to add the extra point with lead blocking by Tyler Ferrick. After a 25 yard kick-off return by Joe Doughty to start off the 2nd quarter to give the Raiders great field position, Logan Church found the end zone with an 18 yard run up the middle thanks to lead blocking by Brody Miller and Aiden Buenrostro. Jaxen McLaren ran another bootleg for the extra point. Jaxen McLaren tacked on another 6 points with a run late in the first half but the Raiders were unable to convert the extra point. To start the second half, Benjamin Nuddelman ran for a 25 yard kick return to the Bucs 20 yard line which led to a Joe Doughty 3 yard

touchdown run. Once again the Raiders defense came to play with Drew Braudrick making key tackles to save touchdown runs. Caelan Roberts and David Woodridge both contained the outside with tackles behind the line scrimmage, Damian Sandoval and Royal Jones clogging the middle, and Eli Nuddelman with a quarterback sack for loss of yards. The momentum turned to the Raiders when they stopped the Bucs from scoring on their own 5 yard line. The goal line stand anchored by the defensive line made up Baker O'Dwyer, D'Cy Ashford, and Dylan Mesarchik stopped the run attempts up the middle, and Jaxen McLaren with a sack behind the line of scrimmage. The ball was turned over on downs with less than 5 minutes left in the game, the Bucs out of time-outs and Joe Doughty running for consecutive first downs. Logan Church broke a 25 yard run to the outside to the Bucs 5 yard line with a little more than a minute left in the game. The Raiders were able to take a knee on the next couple of snaps and run the game clock down to zero to win the championship.

The Buccaneers played with all of their heart in this championship game just falling short of a win. The Buc's offense scored quick in the first drive. Shane Waechter had a great return leading to Hunter Kronmal putting 6 on the board. This was the first of 4 TD's for Hunter. The Buc's defense played strong with key tackles by Dylan Clinton, Jackson Brown, Cameron Stephenson, Alex Alamillo and Jacob Burk. The Buc's offense: Matthew Anderson, Andrew Hernandez, Christian Lopez, Joseph Orluck, Andrew Waller, Nickolas Lara, Joseph Jonas and the defense: Silas Vankirk, Elijah Hodgers, Kyle Winkler, Nick Hermann, and Julian

West Coast Soccer

West Coast Soccer U11 girls had a good run in the Concord Kick or Treat tournament. The teams' success was the result of excellent defending from Sierra Bettencourt, Lindsey Phillips, Kayli Lawsen and Francesca Hyde. The midfield core is comprised of Tyler Rene Enderlein, Kate Wallace, Kelsi Green, Alyssa George and Abby Andrews. Wrath's attack is led by Haley Thompson, Kylie Karter and Abby Hoobing. The main goal keeper is Anneliese Widdman, with support from Kylie, Allyssa, Fran and Kate.

The team started the tournament with a hard-fought win against East Diablo Impact. Having previously played Impact and lost both games, this win showed how the team

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SPORTS NOTES



Pleasanton Ballistic United U13 Premier captain Garrett Howell netted his 2nd hat trick of the season against Mustang



Rage U16 Orange team includes (front, left to right) Nikki Cerri, Vanessa Villanueva; (middle row) Tori Larsen, Kayla Cerri, Patti Norcross, Laura Morgan, Katie Oross, Lauren Fan; (top row) Malcolm Cerri, Kylie Cardozo, Claire Hickel, Danielle Deike, Ashlyn Harris, Lindsay Curlett, and Joe Santana; not Pictured: Cassie Santana, Hannah Stapp, Evan Murphy, Dani Leedeman, and Molly Grozier.



The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) U16 Select team brought home the first place trophy from the Elk Grove Ghost Games held the weekend of Oct. 29-30. After playing 3 excellent games in the preliminary, they took on the Elk Grove Force in the championship game. BUSC fell behind in the early part of the second half but tied the game with 10 minutes left. Both teams failed to score in the 2 overtimes sending the game to penalty kicks. BUSC scored on 3 of their 4 attempts as Nima Jafarkhani, Brandon Roberts and Michael Liamos connected. BUSC goalkeeper Ryan Cabrera rose to the challenge and brilliantly stopped all 3 of Elk Grove's penalty kicks. Pictured are kneeling (left to right) Wesley Rager, Arthur Kuo, Ryan Cabrera, Brandon Roberts, and Connor Neads; middle (left to right): Alex Codik, Grant Petrie, Nima Jafarkhani, Dustin Lacy, Hunter Qualls, Mikey Babcock, Chris Ford, Michael Liamos and Coach Giovacchini; back row (left to right): Coach Tom Roberts and Kenny Rockwood. Also on the team but not pictured are: Kevin Vigillon and Josh Regal.



Pictured are members of the West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy Level 4 Team (front) Juliette Gosselin; (middle, left to right) McKenzie Meyn, Naomi Evans, Phoenix Cabuay, Rachel Shaw; (back, left to right) Mariah Murphy, Claire Volkman, Amelia Liao, Audrey Ong, and Mia Reeve.

has come together under the WCS umbrella. The girls started slowly and conceded an early goal to go into half-time 1-0 down. Wrath started the second half strongly but good open play by Impact led to their second goal. Wrath continued their pressure and were further brought to life by an outstanding shot from well outside the penalty area by Fran. This started the comeback and after some good open play, Anneliese drew the two teams' level. Kelsi sealed the win after beating the goalie at the near post. The girls went into their second game confident but met some stern opposition from San Ramon. Wrath put their noses in front with a goal from Alyssa. In the second half, Wrath's defense was put under pressure and despite good defending from Sierra, Tyler, Lindsay and Kayli, San Ramon equalized. Wrath picked themselves up and after a run down the wing, Kelsi curled in her second goal of the competition. San Ramon came back again and it was 2-2. The deadlock was broken after a run from Hayley who curled the ball into the net. Kate followed the ball in to make sure that the goal stood. Wrath lost in the semis the next day, but special mention goes to goal scorer Haley.

West Coast Soccer Wild competed this past weekend, October, 29-30 in the Placer United Super Group, U-14 Division. Their toughest competition to date as they faced off against Brentwood Konfusion, Santa Rosa Freeze and Elk Grove Everton.

Wild finished this tournament with a win, loss and a draw. Wild's first game was against Brentwood Konfusion. Wild out-played their opponent Konfusion for a final score of 3-1. Sydney Lunt was an offensive stand out scoring two unbelievable goals and Megan Amick anchored the defense in the absence of Alison Marty who has been sidelined with an injury.

West Coast Wild battled against their toughest opponent thus far. Wild showed great effort, endeavor and fight against a powerhouse, #1 ranked (No. Cal), Santa Rosa Freeze. The players were challenged both defensively and offensively but refused to

roll over. Wild went down to a very talented Santa Rosa team, (2-7).

Sunday's game, Wild defended well against Elk Grove Everton. They continued to dominate in possession and fell just short of scoring a goal. The game was well played with a final score of 0-0.

With a semifinal result from the very prestigious Placer tournament, West Coast Soccer Wild moves up to #7 Rank in Northern California.

Livermore's West Coast Wolves U-10 boys had another successful outing over the weekend, defeating San Ramon boys 4-2. First half score was tied 1-1, with a goal from Eddie Topete in the first minute of the game. Eddie Topete was on fire, scoring again just three minutes into the second half making the score 2-1 in favor of the Wolves. A perfectly executed slide tackle by the Wolves Zach Rittmann resulted in applause from the sideline, but a penalty flag from the assistant referee. The call gave San Ramon an opportunity to equalize the score at 2-2.

With the score now knotted it was time for the Wolves to kick in their afterburners, and get at least two more goals. They did just that, with Matty Crivello breaking a hole in the back of the net with his laser shot with only four minutes left in the game, taking the score to 3-1. Just to put the icing on the cake, James Renouf decided to test his new cleats out, to see if they could withstand the leather pressures he exerted on the ball just one minute later, and blasted a shot that found the back of the net. Final score: West Coast Wolves 4, San Ramon 2.

Great play from all of the Wolves, and great hustle from Michael Buti, Trent Crisp, Logan Hartrum, Nate Miskella, Ricardo Alvarez, Bradley Rittmann, Dougie Wynne, and as usual, great Goalkeeping from Zach Hollingshaus.

The West Coast Soccer U-16 Kryptonite came out strong Sunday night with a 3-1 win over the Mustang Revolution. The Kryptonite's offense started out with a lot of tenacity as Jessica Hopkins, Stephanie Pawek and Aduaire Dayak were pressing as soon

as the game start whistle blew having several shots on goal. The defense played well blocking many shots as the ball bounced around in front of the goal. Regan Smithers and Rachel Leonard took the ball away from the opposing forwards. Midway through the first half, Brooke Rittman received a pass from Mady Souza and had a great shot on frame for the Kryptonites first goal. Mustang pressured the defense five minutes later with a cross from the left and the ball bounced several times in the goal box before the Revolution's mid-fielder tapped the ball in for a goal. Shortly after Gracie Cabri took a set piece shot in the goal box, and Rachel Leonard volleyed the ball for the Kryptonites second goal. The Kryptonite started the second half possessing the ball. Mady Souza and Mireya Magana worked hard in the mid-field building opportunities for the forwards to score. Half way through the second half Brooke Rittman dribbled through the Mustang's defense for her second goal of the match with a brilliant shot in the net. The Kryptonite's defense continued the remaining minutes of the game switching the point of attack with several well placed passes to keep the offense pressing Mustang's goal. The Kryptonite's goalkeeper Taylor Lennier had several saves that helped contribute to The Kryptonite's win.

The Kryptonite came on top with a 3-1 victory over the Mustang Revolution. West Coast Kryptonite plays in the highest level playing league in Northern California, (RAL).

Livermore Fusion

Livermore Youth Recreation soccer league

Girls U-8: Soccer Sisters vs. Hot Shots: Soccer Sisters team played a tough final game of the season on Saturday, November 5 against the Hot Shots. The top players for the Soccer Sisters were Sofia Pulido, Maya Vasudev, and Brianna Yen.

Under-6 Girls: Kicking Unicorns vs. My Little Ponies: Kicking Unicorns offense: Katy Canaan, Sophia Glover, Lilly Menges, Paige Lillak, Olivia Draghi; defense: Kiara Franklin, Paige Lillak, Lilly Menges, Katy Canaan; My Little Ponies offense: Allie Lindsey, Kaylee Smith; defense: Audrey Torrez, Tatiana Hernandez, Emily Alvarado

Pleasanton Rage

Rage Black U10 girls: Newark SC Fusion 1, Pleasanton Rage Black 0 (OT): The Rage U10 Black suffered a heartbreaking ending to their first weekend at the NorCal State Cup in Sacramento, falling 1-0 in overtime to Newark SC Fusion when Yesenia

Guerrero punched a shot into the net one minute into the second overtime period.

Pleasanton controlled the action throughout the round-robin quarterfinal game at Bahnieth Field. The Rage outshot Newark 14-4 and took eight corner kicks to Newark's one. The Rage's dominance appeared to pay off with six minutes left in the first half when

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SPORTS NOTES



Livermore Fusion U11 Girls beat the Lamorinda United Soccer Club United on Sunday by a score of 3 to 1. Fusion's three goals were scored by Lindsay Harnish, Samantha Kwan, and Kate Hottinger. Assisting in the attacks were Josie Berg, Abby DeVries, Caroline Eckel, Grace Groeniger, Cassidy Herberth, and Sophia Mylius. Shoring up the defense were Janessa Sanchez, Aly Silva, and Jen Wise. The photo shows Samantha Kwan going to goal.



Livermore Fusion Champions U-12 girls put together a no goal defense to come away with 1st place in the Halloween Tournament held recently in Livermore. The final game was a 2 to 0 victory. The Champions won all four of their games by shut-outs, allowing no goals. Team members are Claire Anderson, Olivia Armstrong, Isabella Cusimano, Ariana Devries, Laura Di Simone, Amy Malocsay, Julie Mendez, Shaye Mott, Sydney Myers, Sarah Passannante, Melissa Perez, Eva Ramirez, Carly Schindler, Chloe Stanford, and Isabella Vitale. The coaches are Dana Schindler and Andrew Cusimano.



Velocity Fast Pitch put together a perfect 5-0 record this past weekend in Delhi, CA at the DF Softball Tournament. Velocity allowed only 4 runs the entire weekend while scoring 32 runs. The team recorded three 3 shut outs including the Championship game, a 9-0 victory. The team hopes to continue its winning streak in 2 weeks at the Fall Pac Championships in Modesto, CA. Coaches are Troy Crawford, Ron Abreu, Vaughn Spencer; team members are Kendall Moore, Dharini Clare, Erica Serrano, Adriana Segovia, Katie Ludington, Lacie Crawford, Morgan Meyer, Lexii Siegle, Jenna Bennett, Courtinie Fields, Taryn Zumwalt, Vanessa Valenti, and Kyleigh Anderson.



Pictured are seniors from Granada and Livermore High School Varsity water polo teams before the start of their final game of the regular season on October 27. From left to right the Granada seniors are Luke Shaffer, Erik Blaze, Fitz-James Ryan, Matt Norton, and Brandon Middlecamp in the black caps. The Livermore seniors are Christopher Nilsen, Aron Sherman, Kevin Johnston, Jake Volponi, Jake Sherman, Russell Meglio, Robert Nilsen, and Michael Hawkins in the white caps. Livermore defeated Granada, 15-3, and advanced to the NCS Championships where Livermore lost to number one ranked San Ramon Valley 20-7.



Wolfie, Livermore's West Coast Soccer U-10 boys mascot, celebrates another victory with some of the Wolves players. The Wolves defeated San Ramon on their home pitch Sunday 4-2. See sports notes for details.



The West Coast Wrath U11G team win the scariest costume at the Kick or Treat Concord Tournament, and also make the semi-finals after winning their group stage. See sports notes for details

Lacy Becker threaded a perfect pass between two defenders to Andrea Harding, who sped through trouble and blasted a shot into the net. What couldn't be heard in the midst of Pleasanton's wild celebration was a whistle for offside.

Still, the Rage continued attacking in the second half as Kelly Meyrath and Paige Oniki both peppered the Newark goal with shots. The second of Meyrath's shots on goal seemed destined for the corner of the net until it was re-directed by a nifty kick save by Newark's goalie. Sophia Shibliq, Lydia O'Brien and Olivia Murphy caused plenty of trouble for Newark's defenders, while Julia Damiani, Amanda Dilger and Oniki were strong defensively for the Rage.

West Coast SC (Livermore) 7, Pleasanton Rage Black 0: Jessica Carlson and Jessa Lyons each scored two second-half goals as West Coast SC of Livermore continued its dominance over the Rage on Sunday, winning their second game against Pleasanton this season. Monique Reil, Caitlyn Garrison and Lindsay Plant also scored for West Coast, which used the win to advance to the quarterfinals of the NorCal State Cup. Pleasanton didn't score, but it was able to generate some offensive chances on the speedy artificial turf field at Sacramento's Granite Regional Park in Sacramento, particularly with defender Julia Damiani getting some rare time playing up front.

Sacramento United Extreme 01 White 2, Pleasanton Rage Black 0: Andrea Harding turned in a strong performance for the Rage in its NorCal State Cup loss to Sacramento United Extreme 01 White at Granite Regional Park in Sacramento. Harding kept pressure on Sacramento's defense throughout the first half, getting off a pair of strong shots that necessitated nice saves by Sacramento's goalie. Harding also negated a potential Sacramento goal in the second half when she slid over an used a deft kick save to block a shot while near the goal line. Sophia Shibliq, Julia Damiani, Samantha Lipsker, Paige Oniki and Lydia O'Brien took turns keeping Sacramento off balance, while Amanda Dilger, Olivia Murphy, Lacy Becker and Kelly Meyrath also contributed some spirited play.

Central Marin Girls 02 2, Pleasanton Rage Black 0: Julia Damiani's aggressive play helped set the tone for a strong Rage performance against Central Marin Girls 02 in Pleasanton's NorCal State Cup opener on Saturday. Damiani's tenacity seemed to rub off on the Rage as they battled Marin toe-to-toe in a scrappy, scoreless first half. Sophia Shibliq, Paige Oniki, Olivia Murphy and Amanda Dilger helped keep Pleasanton in a 0-0 tie with their strong play. However, Central Marin got a powerful, left-footed shot from Libby Davis that found the net from 18 yards away for a 1-0 lead with eight minutes gone by in the second half. Damiani led a promising rush two minutes later that was turned away by a saving clearing pass by Marin's Nicole Gess.

Top Offensive Players: Andrea Harding, Kelly Meyrath, Lacy Becker, Paige Oniki;

Top Defensive Players: Sophia Shibliq, Julia Damiani, Lydia O'Brien, Olivia Murphy

The Rage U16 Orange captured its consecutive District 3 league championship.

In recent action, the team battled through adversity to capture the Sonoma Halloween Classic Tournament held October 29-30. In pool play, the girls kicked off the tournament with a 4-3 victory over a determined Dixie U16G squad, then battled to a 0-0 standoff against the Petaluma Wolfpack. Despite injuries that decimated the squad to starters and just two subs, the Rage showed their resilience in their final pool match, soundly beating Central Marin United 4-0 to advance to the championship against tournament host Sonoma Riot! The girls took control from the start in the final, scoring four goals by halftime while smothering the Riot! attack with stout defense en route to a decisive 5-0 victory.

The following week, the girls closed out their season with impressive 8-0 and 5-0 victories over DYS Impulse and Walnut Creek Impact—their 26th and 27th consecutive wins in District 3 games dating back to 2008/2009. In capturing the District 3 championship for the second year in a row, the girls recorded a league high 48 goals during their unbeaten season while limiting opponents to just 3.

With additional tournament victories this season at the Santa Clara Rotary Cup and Santa Cruz Classic, and a 2nd place finish at the Soccer City Warmup, the girls continue to impress with a potent combination of offensive firepower, stingy defense and steely resolve.

Playing their last league game in the Orange and White, the **Pleasanton Rage U19D3 Orange** easily controlled the West Contra Costa Kaos 6-nil on a water-logged chilly pitch in Hercules Sunday, and in so doing claimed 2nd place in the final standings. Offensively, the Orange were paced by co-captain Mary Gruen who tallied a hat trick in the first half and added a 4th goal in the final period. Mary's first goal at 17 minutes was a hard-struck PK to the right side past an outstretched goalie, coming after a Kaos hand ball in the area. She then converted crisp passes from Haley Boehmer and Ari Siegel for her second and third goals. Shortly after the intermission, Haley scored the last of her many goals this season with a strong shot from 30 yards out that left the Kaos goalie with little chance. Mary then took a high ball from about 50-yards out, knicked it over the defender, and used her speed to dash to the goal and rifle home her fourth. Olivia Zhu ended the scoring with a nifty left-footer off a pass from an unselfish Dana Syriani. Goalie Carly Boehmer was not really tested due to the hard play of co-captain Sarah Machado and Kelsey Milligan in the defensive half. Top Defensive Players: Sarah Machado, Dana Syriani, Kelsey Milligan; Top Offensive Players: Mary Gruen, Haley Boehmer, Olivia Zhu.

Pleasanton Rage Grey U11 shut out the Livermore Fusion White team in Saturday's



West Coast Wild this past weekend sported pink socks and pink ribbons in their hair to bring a stronger awareness to breast cancer. Sydney Lunt, #18 concentrates, anticipates winning the ball from her opponent. Sydney was recently selected to participate in National Camp held by US Soccer Club.

game, 4-0. The game began as a defensive contest, with early shots on goal by Grey offensive players Mary Tincher and Eknor Kaur unable to find their target. Late in the first half, defensive left back Emily Tincher stole the ball and dribbled up the field to score the first goal of the game. Three minutes later, Grey forward Hannah Gossett powered a shot that hit the side post and traveled out of bounds. Sensing a shift in the game's momentum, Rage Grey coach Brittany Boehm moved E. Tincher forward. In her new position, E. Tincher took advantage of a pass by teammate Emily Esparza to score her second goal of the game.

Rage Grey girls returned from half-time apparently ready to score, as Esparza deftly did within two minutes of kick-off. The game's final goal came from Karin McCarty off an assist by Isabella Huyler. The Grey defensive squad—Julianna Pereira, Devyn Baldus and Zoe Moura—refused to let Fusion Whites near Grey's goal, which was ably defended by goalkeepers McCarty (first half) and Isabella Clark (second half).

The Rage U10 Grey team competed in the NorCal State Cup this weekend, sweeping the preliminary rounds by scores of 6-1, 5-0 and 3-0. The victories were led by strong all-around play from Julia Balesteri, offensive sparks from Drew Paqtakhan and defensive work by Goalkeeper Bella Mayo. The three victories earned the Grey the top seed in the elimination bracket, and they won their first elimination game 2-0 over the Alameda Islanders on Sunday afternoon, earning a trip to the semi-finals in Manteca in two weeks.

Pleasanton Rage Division 4 Under-8: On a dark and stormy afternoon, the Mystics hosted the Mountain Lions in an action packed thriller. The game proved to be a showcase for the players skills. It was a back and forth struggle the full length of the field. Top Offensive Players: Livy Soble, Olivia Martin, Sophia Minnite

- Mountain Lions; Top Defensive Players: Macy Hekl, Sammie Manos, Jewels Smith - Mountain Lions
Under-9: The Pumas and The Patriots clashed on the battle field Saturday, and the Pumas were able to pull out a hard-fought win. Rachel Hogarty put on a clinic on defense and in the net, while Sophie Keegan continued her winning ways with two key goals late in the contest. Natshelly Campos was again the team leader for the Pumas, and marched the cats back into victory formation. Top Offensive Player: Rachel Hogarty - Pumas; Top Defensive Player: (continued on page 10)

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Livermore Wants More Info on StopWaste Proposals

At its most recent meeting, the Livermore City Council held off on making a recommendation on whether or not to support two proposed StopWaste.org ordinances.

A vote had been scheduled by StopWaste in November.

One ordinance would require mandatory recycling; the other a reduction in single-bag use.

Livermore city staff suggested the council advocate for a delay in voting on the mandatory recycling to allow time to consider the draft language, which had not been released.

Councilmember Jeff Williams, who represents Livermore on StopWaste.org, had asked the matter to be on the agenda so other councilmembers could provide input on how the representative to StopWaste should vote. Williams agreed that there should be a delay in consideration of ordinances by the agency to allow for additional input from the jurisdictions impacted. "It is important to have multiple discussions. We do need to look long term at how we will handle waste and recycling. The reality is that the market isn't there to pay for the hauling of recyclables." He added that the proposed changes would have an impact on households and businesses.

Doug Horner said since a draft of the mandatory recycling ordinance isn't due until Dec.

2, he saw no reason to guess how Livermore should vote. "We need to slow this down."

Mayor Marshall Kamena and Vice Mayor John Marchand also favored waiting until all of the information is available before making a determination on how Livermore would vote on the ordinances proposed by StopWaste.org. They pointed out that a big concern is the potential increase in trash collection rates and the possibility that the contract with the hauler would have to be renegotiated.

Gary Wolff, executive director of StopWaste.org, said that a vote on the ordinances, scheduled for Nov. 16, will likely be delayed until December. Some jurisdictions are asking for a delay until January.

Wolfe added, "I don't know whether mandatory recycling makes sense for Livermore. That is your decision."

In the report to the city council, staff noted that StopWaste.org believes the mandatory recycling ordinance is necessary to achieve diversion goals for StopWaste.org and to help jurisdictions to meet their own diversion goals.

Livermore staff said that it is likely that the ordinance would result in an increase in trash collection rates. The reasoning is that increased diversion could result in a revenue shortfall for the hauler.

In addition, a change in law of

the magnitude suggested could trigger a franchise agreement provision requiring the City to renegotiate the current collection contract with Livermore Sanitation to restructure rates and modify other provisions.

The proposed mandatory recycling ordinance would require all Alameda County multi-family properties and businesses that generate four cubic yards or more of garbage per week to segregate recyclable materials by July 1, 2012 (Phase 1) and would require all Alameda County multi-family properties and businesses to segregate organic materials by July 1, 2014 (Phase 2) for recovery.

The mandatory recycling ordinance draft language contains an "opt-out" provision enabling a jurisdiction to exclude its service area from Phase 1, Phase 2, or all of the requirements of the mandatory recycling ordinance.

Shred Documents in Livermore This Saturday

The City of Livermore is celebrating "National Recycling Week," November 7-14, with a free Community Shred Event for Livermore residents on Saturday, November 12, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the front parking lot of Livermore's City Hall at 1052 South Livermore Avenue.

Livermore residents may have up to three (3) "banker boxes" of

material securely shredded onsite by certified document destruction company, Shred-it. Materials accepted include the following: white and colored paper (paper clips and staples okay); file folders; window envelopes; personal information; and old tax documents

While at the drop off location, residents can pick up recycling

The single-use bags provision would have the goal of mitigating the negative impacts to the environment caused by bag litter. One part of the ordinance proposes banning the single-use carry-rout bag and imposing a minimum 10 cent per bag fee for the recycled content paper bags and reusable bags. It is estimated that 2 million bags are used daily in Alameda County, with over 100,000 in Livermore alone.

The ban would apply only to grocery stores. Single-use bags would still be allowed for meat and produce.

Livermore staff notes that the ordinance could reduce litter and water pollution in Livermore and aid in compliance with the city's municipal regional stormwater permit.

The proposed Single-Use Bag Reduction Ordinance would take effect on January 1, 2013.

Paramedics Plus to Provide Ambulance Service

Elected officials and other members of the community joined employees and representatives of Paramedics Plus at a grand opening event and ribbon cutting ceremony, to introduce the organization to Alameda County.

Recently Alameda County awarded a five-year contract to a seasoned paramedic company, Paramedics Plus. Starting November 1, 2011, the organization will be the County's ambulance and paramedic providers, working with all local fire departments and first responder crews. While new to the County, the organization has been providing innovative and rapid response times throughout the United States for over 10 years.

In order to ensure a smooth transition, the majority of the 375 full-time and part-time employees will transition over from

American Medical Response, the current ambulance provider for Alameda County.

Paramedics Plus will be dispatched by the Alameda County Regional Emergency Communications Center (ACRECC), operated by the Alameda County Fire Department.

"For the first time, Paramedics Plus and all emergency medical services crews in the County will be dispatched on the same radio system which will enhance response times and inevitably save lives," explained Fire Chief Sheldon Gilbert, Alameda County Fire Department.

The organization is also supplying new technology and life-saving devices to the fire departments in Alameda County, at no cost.

Paramedics Plus has pledged to cap its profits and use a new rate structure to increase costs saved.

"In addition to providing state-of-the-art technology and medical supplies, Paramedics Plus will cap its profits and reinvest in the community with a new rate structure, saving County residents more than \$20 million over the next five years," said Alameda County Supervisory Scott Haggerty. "We look forward to the positive improvements Paramedics Plus will contribute to our emergency medical services system and to Alameda County."

OBITUARIES

Anita M. Heydeck

Resident of Livermore
April 3, 1930 - Oct. 23, 2011

Anita passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 23, 2011 at the age of 81.

Anita was born in Waibstadt, Germany and migrated to Kitimat British Columbia in 1954, then to Fremont, California, Niles District in 1965.

Anita is survived by her brother in Germany, her son Ralph Heydeck, two grandchildren, Kevin and Elizabeth and a great granddaughter, Tiffany.

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Dorothy Alice Bishop VanBuskirk

June 9, 1928 - November 3, 2011

Dorothy was 83 years old when she went home to be with her heavenly father. She was a resident of Hayward and Livermore, CA.

She was born in Roberts, Wisconsin to her parents, Clare Gertrude Mc Ginley Bishop and Arthur Joseph Bishop. She later moved to California in 1944, met and married Roy Vernon VanBuskirk in August of 1946, and moved to Hayward, California to begin their own family.

Dorothy was a bold Christian who put feet to her faith. When she saw an opportunity to exhibit Christ's heart she didn't hesitate. "Faith without works is dead" and that was never the case with Dorothy. When she saw a need she took care of it. More than a good Samaritan, a representative of Christ.

Dorothy loved and enjoyed taking care of her roses. She found great happiness in gardening, cooking, church, knitting, crocheting, music, and being with family and friends. She was loved immensely and will truly be missed.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her loving husband, Roy VanBuskirk, and many siblings.

She is survived by her daughter, Debora Snyder of Modesto, her son, Daniel VanBuskirk and wife Debbie VanBuskirk of Livermore, her son, Thomas VanBuskirk and wife Bobbi VanBuskirk of Tracy, her son, Michael VanBuskirk and wife Laurel VanBuskirk of Hayward, her son, Rich VanBuskirk and wife Linda VanBuskirk of Livermore, her 11 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service was held on Nov. 9, 2011 at Callaghan

Mortuary, final resting place at Lone Tree Cemetery in Hayward, CA.

Chuck Mitchell

1922 - 2011

Charles William Mitchell, AKA Chuck, was born in Omaha, Nebraska March 2, 1922 to Harry Elmer and Laura May Mitchell. He was the second son and his siblings included Genevieve, the oldest, Harry, the next in line and Chuck's twin sister Charlotte. He attended St. Patrick's Grade School and Omaha South High School.

He entered the service in World War II and served in the Army Air Corp as a supply Staff Sergeant with the 531st Squadron of the 380th Bomb Group which flew B-24's known as Liberator Bombers. He was inducted into the service at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and attended Operations and Clerical School in Los Angeles, California, and operational training at Lowery Field in Denver, Colorado and Briggs Field in El Paso, Texas. The Heavy Bomb Group was put into overseas operation at Manbaloo, Northern Territory, Australia and eventually moved to Darwin, also in the Northern Territory. As the war progressed the group moved on to the Island of Mindoro in the Philippines and eventually to Okinawa for the end of the war. While in Australia, Chuck met and married Thelma Alice McConnachy of Adelaide, South Australia.

Upon leaving military service Chuck relocated back to Omaha and went to work as a civil servant for the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Administration Regional Office which later became the Farmers Home Administration, an agency of the Department of Agriculture. Thelma joined him in 1946, after the war, and they started their family with the birth of their son, Thomas Wayne in 1948. Chuck later transferred to the Department of the Army where he worked until retirement. He became a Management Analyst, conducting efficiency surveys at his various postings. His postings with the Department of Agriculture included Omaha, Trenton, North Platte, and Lincoln. Nebraska and his postings with the Department of the Army included Sioux Ordnance Depot, Sidney, Nebraska, the Inner-American Geodetic Survey and Army Southern Command Headquarters in the Panama Canal Zone and finally Defense Depot Tracy in Tracy, California,

where he retired after 36 years and 1 day.

At retirement he was living in Livermore, California with Wife Thelma. They lived there for 39 years until moving to the senior resort community The Villages, Florida to join his recently retired son Tom and wife Judy in June 2007. Chuck's wife Thelma passed away in January 2008 after 63 years of marriage. Chuck enjoyed golfing, billiards, bridge, rides in his golf cart, watching baseball and outings with his son and daughter-in-law. He was a life member in the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), an active member of Sons in Retirement (SIRS) in the San Francisco Bay Area and a volunteer for the Bay Area Lupus Foundation.

He is survived by his twin Sister Charlotte Moore in Santa Clarita, California and his Son Tom and Daughter-in-law Judy Mitchell in the Villages, Florida. He passed away on November 4, 2011 at 89 years young.

Mayme L. Harp

Mayme L. Harp passed away peacefully on October 24, 2011. Mayme was born on August

19, 1924. She was a resident of Livermore for the past 35 years. Mayme was a wonderful, witty storyteller and would captivate everyone

with her attention to detail and her Texas drawl. She was extremely proud of her children and grandchildren. Mayme lived a long and full life and will always be remembered for living without regrets. She will be dearly missed by all her family and friends who are truly blessed to have shared so many wonderful and unforgettable years and memories with her.

Mayme was preceded in death by her husband, J.T. in 1991. She is survived by her children, Wiley Harp and wife Becky, Susan Peterson and husband Kirk, Steven Harp and wife Jennifer, and Karen Walker and husband Rob. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Casey Romero and husband Jason, Jason Harp and wife Melissa, Matthew Harp, Erica Harp, Kimberly Walker, Haley Harp, Alison Walker, and great-grandson, Tiger Romero,

her brothers, sister, and their families.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, November 14 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials in Mayme's name be made to the First Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore, CA 94550, Tri-Valley Haven, Open Heart Kitchen, or to a local food bank.

Kenneth (Duffy) Aloysius Holsen

Nov. 2, 1927 - Nov. 1, 2011
Livermore resident Kenneth Holsen passed away on Nov. 1, 2011, one day shy of his 84th birthday.

He was also known as Duffy, Poppy and Sarge by those who loved him. He is survived by his wife Ruth, brother, Jerry Holsen of Florida, his four children: Susan and her husband Richard, Chad and Christine, Lisa and Kenny and Tom and his wife Timi. Duffy is also survived by his grandchildren; Heather, Rebecca, Courtney, Daniel, Justin,

Will, Sheylyne, and Jady, and great grandchildren; Jacob, and numerous nieces and nephews. Duffy served his country in the U.S. Army and was a proud veteran. So fittingly, he will be memorialized on Veteran's Day.

A Memorial Service is Nov. 11, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Callaghan's Chapel, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, CA.



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SPORTS NOTES

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Sophie Keegan - Pumas
Peace Girls gave up a win against the Polar Bears with a score of 5-3. In a fiercely fought game, Peace Dog forwards Katrina Terptras scored two goals, and Emma Chandler scored a third. Offensively, the Peace Dogs were rewarded for spirited efforts by Haley Brathwaite, Sadie Brown, and Hannah Loeffler. Tireless defenders Phoebe Liu, Lucy Sigman and Jessica Simonson kept the Peace Dogs in the game.
Under-10: Jitterbugs 4, Jazz 2: The Jitterbugs played a terrific game with 2 goals scored by Kaela Lee, one by Maddie Bolt and one by Shauna Chen. In the goal, Stefani Deines played some mighty defense. Top Offensive Players: Kaela Lee, Maddie Bolt, Shauna Chen and Kaylee Dillon - Jitterbugs; Top Defensive Players: Stefani Deines, Isabella Montiel and Kaylee Dillon - Jitterbugs
Under-12: Bay Cats 1, Blasters 0: The Bay Cats battled the Blasters through a scoreless first half on the cool wet Sports Park field. An early score in the second half by the Bay Cats proved to be the difference in the game. The teams were evenly matched and the action went back and forth throughout the whole game. Top Offensive Players: Izzy Henriquez, Slayner, Ems Matedi - Bay Cats; Top Defensive Players: Lulu Castaneda, Panda Panaga, Andrea Zavala - Bay Cats

Pleasanton Jr. Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League (PJFL) wrapped-up its 42nd contact football season on Saturday with the PJFL Post-Season Tournament championship and consolation games. The competitive season culminated without any major upsets.
PJFL would like to thank all of the players, cheerleaders, parents, referees and volunteers that helped make 2011 the most successful season yet.
In the Senior Division, the high-flying Chargers capped off their undefeated season and moved to an overall record of 9-0 with a hard-fought victory over the Cowboys, 41-20. The victory earned the Chargers the overall league and post-season tournament championship. The Cowboys lost moved them to 3-6 on the season and third place overall in the standings. On Field #2, the Steelers shocked the 49ers 21-12 for their first victory of the season. The win gave the Steelers an overall record of 1-8 while the 49ers finished the season 5-4 - good enough for second place in the division.
In the Advanced Division, the Texans finished their perfect season with a 28-8 win over the Packers. In what may have been one of the hardest-hitting games of the day, the Texans and Pack played even for one half. The Texans firepower proved too much for the Packers in the end as they rolled in the second half en route to the victory. The win improved the Texans to 9-0 while the Packers finished the season with an impressive 6-3 record and second place in the division. Across the way, the Cardinals weathered a second half surge by the much-improved Saints to earn a 19-15 victory.
In Junior Varsity play, the Bills and Jaguars squared off for the Post-Season Tournament Championship with the Bills earning the victory, 20-12. Both teams played exceptionally well. The win improved the Bills to 6-3 overall and the Jaguars finished the season at 5-4. In the other JV game, the Vikings moved to 6-3 overall with a shutout victory over the Falcons who ended the season at 1-8.
The Intermediate Division showcased one of the most entertaining games of the day when the Patriots hosted the Colts in a game that would determine both the post-season tournament and overall season championships. The teams entered the game with identical records of 7-1. The game was scoreless until midway through the 4th quarter when the Colts offense finally took control and scored 2 late touchdowns to earn the victory. Across the way, the Broncos finished the season in winning fashion by defeating the Panthers 20-6. The Broncos finished the season at 2-7 while the Panthers ended at 1-8.
The Junior Division Raiders completed their perfect season with a convincing 28-14 win over the Eagles. The innovative Dolphins edged the defensive-minded Ravens 6-0. In Bantam Division play, the Lions finished the season with a perfect record in a 20-13 victory over the Chiefs and the Jets finished their season with a win over the Bears.
For more details and photos, visit www.pjfl.com.

Pleasanton Ballistic
Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club Premier 99 under 13 team once again got off to a slow first but dominated the second half to defeat Mustang United 6-0. The team came out strong from the opening whistle putting Mustang's keeper under pressure but were unable to find an early goal. In the 14th minute Winger Bryce Taylor used his head to intercept a Mustang pass on the right flank sending the ball to the feet of midfielder Garrett Howell. Howell made a long penetrating run to the near post sending a cross at the last second to wide open striker Blake Tucker who easily finished his team leading 16th goal of the season.
Ballistic continued to control the ball and tempo in the first half but were unable to get a second goal despite taking 11 shots. Outside backs Nick Carreon and Jacob Guzman had strong first halves supporting the Ballistic attack while combining with central defenders Kyle McClanahan and Jacob Dremalas to hold Mustang to 2 shots.
In the second half Ballistic immediately went to work scoring a goal in the 2nd minute. Bryce Taylor took a short pass from midfielder Youki Chiba and crossed to the near post for Howell. Howell made an aggressive move beating the Mustang keeper with his dribble tucking the ball in from 3 yards out. Pleasanton kept the pressure on earning a corner kick in the 44th minute. Ryan Murray sent a perfect ball to Howell who headed the ball in at the near post as Ballistic pulled away to a 3-0 lead. Just 3 minutes later following a mad scramble in the Mustang box Jacob Guzman chipped a ball to Youki Chiba that the midfielder - knowing a collision was imminent - headed past the charging goal keeper. Ballistic Captain Garrett Howell earned a hat trick scoring the teams 5th goal of the day. Howell took a well-played corner from Kyle McClanahan finishing far post. Jacob Dremalas scored the 6th and final goal of the game driving a 40 yard free kick into the goal that the Mustang

keeper mishandled.
Goalkeeper Blake Staniford earned his 5th shutout of the year. With the victory Ballistic improves to 5 wins, 1 loss, and 1 tie in league play. The team returns to action next weekend against Union City. Top Offensive Players: Garrett Howell, Ryan Murray, Youki Chiba, Blake Tucker; Top Defensive Players: Nick Carreon, Jacob Dremalas, Kyle McClanahan
BUSC Division 4 - League Game
The Pleasanton BUSC U-12 Rampage defeated the Rebels with a score of 4-2. In a fiercely fought game, the BUSC Rampage came from behind to beat the Rebels 4-2. With two goals credited to Danny Lopez, the Rampage cemented their lead with additional goals by Anthony Campa and Josh Ose. Offensively, the Rampage were rewarded for spirited efforts by Arnav Bhalla, Brandon Brown and Brady Scanlon. Aggressive play from Ian Rondoni, Akash Patel and Luke Carter bolstered the mid-field and resulted in many passes being fed to the forward line. The defense led by Robin Sequiera, Jake Bell and Luke Bell limited the Rebels shots on goal. Keeping the Rebels at bay with many leaping saves were fabulous Rampage goalies, Josh Ose and Mark Vera.

CYO Basketball

A much needed win was brought home for the 7th grade St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) STOMP! team as they squeaked by St. Joan 18-16. It took every team member to step up and play a tougher defense and a superb offense in order to seal the victory. An excellent performance by Center, Taylor Peterson, was too much for St. Joan to manage as she put on an unprecedented 29 attempts, scored 10 points, grabbed 7 rebounds, blocked 5 shots and had a steal. Working the ball up top for the team was Point Guard, Lexie Shefiz, with 10 attempts and 4 points, but also had a strong performance on defense with 5 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 assists and caused 3 turnovers. An intense effort was provided by Guard, Shannon Meyer, with 4 attempts of her own, causing chaos for St. Joan and playing heads up defense keeping the opponent from scoring outside the 3 point line. Not to be outdone, Forward, Jessica Stahl, stepped up big time on defense and brought her best performance yet with 3 rebounds, 2 steals, grabbed 2 jump balls and also scored for her team shooting 33% from the field. Finally, coming off the injured list was Robyn Kammeier with an exciting defensive effort snagging 4 rebounds, a blocked shot, a steal and caused a turnover for St. Joan as well.

The 6th grade SM/SC Flyers start off their season with a commanding 22-9 victory over Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP). The scoreboard doesn't reflect how tough the game actually was as they faced a tough first opponent. Tied at 8 at the half, the Flyers needed to step up the ball movement during the second half. They did just that with the Barone sisters, Aliyah and Vanessa, both shooting 100% for the team. The highlight of the game was seeing nearly every player scoring at least one basket with Katherine Gomez scoring 6 points alone. Great defensive efforts by Emily March, Kate Marcel and Jessica Bennett proved too tough for the CCOP team to handle. Rounding out the scoring with a basket each were Big Maddy, Katie Fournier, Jessica, Kate, including a 3 point buzzer beater from Emily March.

SM/SC CYO 5th grade boys, the Gladiators, were defeated by St. Joan of Arc, 24-17. Offensive recognition for St. Joan of Arc goes to Brandon Dowagan with six points, and Jason Tran and Cory Ng with four each. Cory Ng and Jason Tran also led the team in steals, while David Wong led in rebounds. For the Gladiators, Connor Livingston scored eight points and Ian Partridge scored six points. Defensive kudos go to Colton Morlan, Bradley Archer and Ben Leggat, who all demonstrated outstanding rebounding efforts.

In 3rd grade SM/SC CYO basketball action Sunday, the final score was Cobras 12, Warriors 10. For the Cobras, Jaxson Mosby led the team in scoring, Donovan Holmes had his first bucket of the season, Dale Spence played outstanding defense. R.J. Little demonstrated hustle at both ends of the floor. Outstanding players for the Warriors included Andrew Bates and Drew McDonald for steals and defensive coverage, and Alex Alamillo and Brayden Nunes for fine play execution on offense.

The 3rd grade Thunder girls made a thunderous come back during the 4th quarter of a great game against the SM/SC 3 team. Running out of time and leaving the scoreboard with a 6-8 loss, the Thunder never stopped rolling down the court scoring all 3 baskets in the final minutes. Never giving up and running hard was Erin Schrader playing multiple positions trying to move the ball around a tall defender and getting in for a score. She had 8 attempts, 2 points, 7 steals and 6 rebounds in addition to an exhausting performance. Point Guard and Center, Brooke Allen, also sank a basket and added 4 rebounds and caused 3 turnovers. It's always a highlight when a player makes her "major league debut" and that's just what Kelly Linewebber did scoring her first basket of the season after weeks of hard work and hustle. Adding to her effort on offense was a standout performance on defense with 7 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 blocked shots and causing 6 turnovers for the other team.

Water Polo
The LAZERS hosted two water polo tournaments, with teams from all around the bay participating, and raving about the RLCC pool.
On Oct. 29, the team put together a strong showing, winning 3 out of 6 games. The Level 1 players came roaring from behind and scored 4 goals in about three minutes during the last game of the day. The following players led to be recognized this week for their efforts are: Scott Ragatz for his many saves in goal and for scoring 2 goals; James O'Brien, scored 2 goals in the game against Alameda; Sierra Longman, scored at least 3 goals, and Sean Croghan, who played great defense and scored several goals in that last exciting game.
On Nov. 5, both Level I and II teams demonstrated their desire to win, with all athletes playing their best games so far this season. Maddie Davids scored numerous goals in their first game of the day, and Nathan

Fish shot the winning goal of a very narrow 7-6 win over the 680 boys team. Courtenay Offitt played strong offense, and scored goals in each of the games in which she played. Claire Piazza scored 2 goals in her last game of the day.

Edge Gymnastics

The Level 6 Edge Gymnastics Team took eighth place November 5-6 at the 2011 NorCal State Gymnastics Competition in Oroville, CA. Top individual results were:
Amy Noda placed first on floor, tied for first on beam, fifth on bars and eighth on vault. She placed third all around. Samantha Fredrickson placed second on vault and bars, tied for second on beam and tied for fifth on floor. She placed second all around. Madison Shasky tied for second on floor, tied for eighth on vault, tied for fifth on beam and tied for seventh all around.
Stephanie Lowe tied for second on vault, placed eighth on floor and she placed tenth all around. Amanda Fingert placed fifth on floor and seventh on beam. She placed eighth all around. Jessica Pulver tied for sixth on beam and tied for seventh on bars. Gabriella Rego tied for third on beam.
Skylar Relova placed first on beam, and seventh on floor and vault. She took sixth place all around. Isabella Baldacci placed fourth on bars and tied for eighth on vault. Hannah Skepner placed second on bars, tied for fourth on vault and tied for eighth on floor. She took fifth place all around.
Sophia Kalliaras placed fourth on bars, tied for fourth on beam and placed seventh on vault. She placed fourth all around. Sarah Fletcher placed fourth on bars, seventh on beam and vault, and tied for seventh on floor. She placed sixth all around. Alexis Lovin placed eighth on beam and tenth on bars. She placed tenth all around.

WCOGA Gymnastics

The West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy compulsory gymnasts competed in the Zone 6 Championships at Diablo Gymnastics in Fremont on October 30, 2011.
The level 4 team won 3rd place. Standout performances: Audrey Ong - 1st place bars, 3rd place vault and 1st place all-around. Amelia Liao - 1st place vault. Claire Volkman - 2nd place beam. McKenzie Meyn - 3rd place beam and 4th place all-around. Juliette Gosselin - 1st place bars, 2nd place beam and 2nd place all-around. McKenzie Meyn - 1st place vault and 3rd place all-around. Naomi Evans - 1st place beam.
Level 5 standout performances: Corrine Jackson - 1st place bars and floor, 3rd place vault and 2nd place all-around. Lauren Swenson-Lemox - 2nd place floor, 3rd place vault and 4th place all-around.

California Gymnastics

All Level 6 girls from California Gymnastics Academy won championship titles this past weekend at the NorCal Level 6 Championships held in Oroville, CA November 5 and 6. California Gymnastics Academy's Level 6 team placed 2nd out of 38 teams in NorCal.
Fatima Ijaz is the 2011 NorCal Level 6 Sr. B All-Around Champion. She is ranked 3rd in NorCal regardless of age group and is now a member of the NorCal Level 6 "State Team." Fatima is also the state champion on bars-9.450 and beam 9.750 and placed 4th on vault-9.525 and 2nd on floor-9.350.
Emily Balicanta is the 2011 NorCal Level 6 Jr. A All-Around Champion. Emily is also the state champion on vault-9.5, bars-9.6, beam-9.575 and 5th on floor-9.2. Emily placed 7th out of 275 Level 6s, regardless of age group.
Naomi Chin is the 2011 NorCal Level 6 Child C State All-Around Champion. Naomi is also the state champion on vault-9.5 and on bars-9.625. She was 2nd on beam-9.3 and 2nd on floor-9.4. Naomi placed 8th of 275 Level 6 gymnasts, regardless of age.
Allison Tietz is the 2011 NorCal Level 6 Jr C vault State Champion, scoring 9.475.

Allison also placed 5th on bar-8.95, 8th on beam-8.95, and 3rd on floor-9.3 winning 3rd Place All-Around.

California Gymnastics

The Level 4 and Level 5 teams from California Gymnastics Academy (CGA) competed at the Zone 4 Championships on October 30.
At Level 4, in the 6-7 division, Carly Oniki was Zone 4 All-Around Champion with first place finishes in Vault, 9.55 and Bars, 9.3. In the 8-year division Sydney Sullivan was Zone 4 All-Around Champion with first place finishes in Bars, 9.4 and Floor 9.55. Calli Renner came in 4th All-Around in the same division. In the 9-10 division, Karinna Stevenson placed third All-Around and Julia Humphrey was Beam Champion with a score of 9.75, placing fourth All-Around. In the 11+ division, Delaney Watkins was Beam Champion, 9.6, placing fifth All-Around. CGA's Level 4 team took home the third place Team Award.
At Level 5, in the 9A Division, Alexandra McMillin was the Zone 4 All-Around Champion, winning Bars, 9.55 and Beam 9.7 with Julieta Mendiola placing second All-Around with a second place finish on Beam of 9.575. Lily Cuyler was Floor Champion with a score of 9.1, placing fourth All-Around. In the 9A Division, Alexandra Kim was All-Around Champion with first place finishes in Vault, 9.050 and Beam, 9.6. In the Jr.10 division Sabrina Kheirloomoom was Beam Champion with a score of 9.525. In the Jr.11 Division, Jasmyn Cheng was All-Around Champion winning Vault, 9.125, Bars, 9.8, Beam, 9.75 and Floor, 9.7. Daniela Mendiola was second on Bars with a 9.325 and Yasmine Diyab was third on Bars with a score of 9.3. CGA's Level 5 team took home the first place Team Award. Congratulations to all Level 5 girls for qualifying for the NorCal State Meet.

CGA's Level 4 Girls: Sydney Sullivan, Cali Renner, Delaney Watkins, Carly Oniki, Karinna Stevenson and Julia Humphrey
CGA's Level 5 Girls: Julieta Mendiola, Daniela Mendiola, Alexandra McMillin, Alexandra Kim, Lily Cuyler, Jasmyn Cheng, Sabrina Kheirloomoom and Yasmine Diyab

Race to the Flagpole

The Livermore-Granada Boosters will host the 2nd annual "Race to the Flagpole" on Veteran's Day weekend, Saturday, November 12, 2011. The one mile race will go through downtown Livermore, starting on Third Street and finishing at Livermore's original flag pole in Carnegie Park. This event is open to all ages and abilities and will encourage awareness and appreciation for fitness and community pride.
All proceeds will support the Livermore-Granada scholarship program. Since 1958, the Boosters have awarded more than \$199,000 in scholarships. This year \$26,000 needs to be raised in order to continue this tradition.
Race-day registration will begin at 7 a.m. at Carnegie Park in downtown Livermore. The race will be divided into age groups. The first age group will start at 8:30 a.m. Advance registration fees are \$10 for kids ages 10 and under and \$15 for ages 11 and up. On race day, all registration fees will be \$5 higher.
For more information, visit www.livermoregranadaboosters.org. Application forms can be downloaded or registration can be made online. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please contact Mike Nagel, Race Director, at 925-667-6535 or email flagpoleace@yahoo.com.

Bowling for Baseball

Livermore High School baseball is hosting a Bowling Tournament to raise money for the season. The cost is \$15 per person or \$90 for a team of six. The tournament will be on December 3 from 6-8pm at the Granada

Bowl. Those interested in participating, please contact David Perotti at dperotti@lvjssd.k12.ca.us or 925-586-2811 or go to www.eteamz.com/LHSscowboysbaseball for more info.

PGSL Registration

2012 Registration is now open for all divisions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League. All girls living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol are eligible to play. Two ways to register: 1) Online at www.pleasantonsoftball.org; 2) Mail-in: PGSL, P.O. Box 911, Pleasanton, CA 94566 (download a registration form from our website). For more information or questions, email Christine Tanis at christine.t@pleasantonsoftball.org.

PGSL Player Evaluations and Tryouts:
Evaluations for grades 3-8 are scheduled for January 14-15, 2012. The times and locations are to be determined and will be published on the PGSL website (www.pleasantonsoftball.org). Remember to register by December 1, 2011 to avoid the late fee.

High School Football

On Friday, October 28th at the Granada High School vs Cal High School football game three Tri-Valley mayors made appearances on the Tri-Valley Community TV (TVCTV) broadcast currently airing on Channel 30 and available video on demand at www.trivalleytv.org. Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti was color announcer alongside TV30's Ian Bartholomew who provided play by play and Anna Kagarakis reported from the field. During the game Sbranti interviewed San Ramon Mayor Abram Wilson and Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena as well as Cal Principal Mark Corti and others. It was homecoming for Cal.
The fourth out of five football games to be broadcast on TV30 takes place on Friday, November 4th with the Cal Grizzlies facing off against the Amador Valley Dons. The game will not air live. Tri-Valley TV30 will begin broadcasting the game on Comcast TV channel 30 and AT&T U-verse via channel 99 on Saturday, November 5th at 7:00 p.m.
Cal at Amador Valley TV30 broadcast schedule: Saturday at 7 p.m. and 1 a.m., Sunday at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., Tuesday at 10 p.m. and Thursday at 6 p.m.

In addition, the game is scheduled to stream live and be available via Video on Demand at our website at www.trivalleytv.org the following Wednesday, November 9th. DVDs of the games may also be purchased

'Scouting for Food' Drive Gets Underway This Weekend

"Scouting for Food" - the Scouts annual food collection drive, ahead of the holiday season, that benefits the local food banks, begins on Saturday, Nov. 12 with the distribution of informational door hangers to homes in our area. The number of families needing food assistance has been growing rapidly and the Scouts would like to ask for donations of non-perishable foods to help feed these families. These should be left curbside outside your home, in plain view, before 9:00am on Saturday morning, Nov. 19, when Scouts will return to collect donations.
Also new this year, the Scouts are assisting the Lions Club International in their campaign to improve sight. Donations of prescription and reading glasses that are no longer needed are requested. These will be collected at the same time as food donations. For more information on this program, go to <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-work/sight-programs/eyeglass-recycling/>
Those who do not receive a door hanger, can drop off donations. In Livermore, they may be left at Lucky's, 2000 Portola Ave., in Pleasanton at Walmart, 4501 Rosewood Drive.

Tickets on sale now and available through the Bombers web site via Pay Pal, Brown Paper Tickets and Goldstar!
BOMBERS' GM, Jim Fitzpatrick stated, "Starting the Monday prior to our game we'll be holding a training camp, looking for new skaters. The camp will run until early February. We've also started filing our games for syndication!"
For more information on the Bombers schedule, becoming a Roller Derby skater and upcoming TV games visit www.arsd-bombers.com



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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. 366390-392
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: (1) Livermore Lincoln Mercury (2) Livermore Chrysler Jeep (3) Livermore Ford, 2266 Kitty Hawk Rd, Livermore, CA 94551. The Fictitious business Name Statement for the Partnership was filed on July 13, 2005 in the County of Alameda. The full name of Registrant: Livermore Auto Group Inc, 2266 Kitty Hawk Rd, Livermore, CA 94551 This business was conducted by: Livermore Auto Group

Inc Signature of Registrant: /s/: Margaret Fulton, Secretary This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 12, 2011. Expires October 12, 2016. The Independent Legal No. 3095. Published October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 2011.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 457154
The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Lincoln, 2232 Kitty Hawk Rd, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Livermore Auto Group Inc, 2266 Kitty Hawk Rd, Livermore, CA 94551 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/: Jay Gill, President This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 12, 2011. Expires October 12, 2016. The Independent Legal No. 3095. Published October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 2011.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 457155
The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Ford Lincoln, 2266 Kitty Hawk Rd, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Livermore Auto Group Inc, 2266 Kitty Hawk Rd, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7/13/2005. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Jay Gill, President This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda

on October 12, 2011. Expires October 12, 2016. The Independent Legal No. 3096. Published October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 2011.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 457064
The following person(s) doing business as: Altamont Beer Works LLC, 2402 Research Dr, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Altamont Beer Works LLC, 2402 Research Dr, Livermore, CA 94550 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/: Stephen Sartori, Owner/ President This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 10, 2011. Expires October 10, 2016. The Independent Legal No.

3097. Published October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 2011.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 456790
The following person(s) doing business as: ServiceMaster-CleanCare, 1001 Shannon Ct., Ste. C, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kneizeh Ventures, Inc., 1001 Shannon Ct., Ste. C, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 5/15/2005. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Lynn Kneizeh, Secretary of Corporation (Officer) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 3, 2011. Expires October 3, 2016. The Independent Legal No. 3098. Published October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 2011.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 456836
The following person(s) doing business as: SerdaFid Mechanics, 630 N. Livermore Ave., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Brian Serda, 630 N. Livermore Ave., 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 N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Brian Serda, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 4, 2011. Expires October 4, 2016. The Independent Legal No. 3099. Published October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 2011.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 457083
The following person(s) doing

business as: Neera Natural, 2468 Armstrong St., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Supreme Joy Distributors, Inc, 2468 Armstrong St., Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/1/2001. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Anita Thompson, President This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 10, 2011. Expires October 10, 2016. The Independent Legal No. 3100. Published October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 2011.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 456456
The following person(s) doing business as: Cover Pro, 1312 Pagan Cmn, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by

the following owner(s): Robert J. Miller, 1312 Pagan Cmn, 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 12/29/1998. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Leslie Braga, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 4, 2011. Expires October 4, 2016. The Independent Legal No. 3102. Published October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 2011.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 456867
The following person(s) doing business as: Leslie Marie body and skin care, 280 Division Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Leslie Braga, 1602 Calle Santa Anna, Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the ficti-

an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/29/1998. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Leslie Braga, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 4, 2011. Expires October 4, 2016. The Independent Legal No. 3102. Published October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 2011.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 456868-869
The following person(s) doing business as: (1) Positive Things (2) Just Breathe Day Spa, 280 Division Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Leslie Braga, 1602 Calle Santa Anna, Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the ficti-

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tious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Leslie Braga
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 4, 2011. Expires October 4, 2016.
The Independent Legal No. 3103. Published October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 2011.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Date of Filing Application: **October 27, 2011**
To Whom It May Concern: The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: **SPANKYS DOG HOUSE, LLC**
The Applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at **174 SOUTH K ST LIVERMORE, CA 94550-4511**
Type of license(s) Applied for: **40 - ON-SALE BEER**
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
1515 Clay St. Ste 2208 Oakland, Ca 94612 (510) 622-4970
The Independent Legal No. 3105. Publish November 3, 10, 17, 2011.

NOTICE OF INVITING BIDS
Notice is hereby given that sealed competitive bids will be accepted in the office of the GSA-Purchasing Department, County of Alameda, 1401 Lakeside Drive, Suite 907, Oakland, CA 94612 **NON-MANDATORY NETWORKING/ BIDDERS CONFERENCE, North County RFP #900907, Employee Commuter Benefit Administrator, Monday, November 21, 2011 at 2:00 P.M.** - County of Alameda Human Resource Services, 1405 Lakeside Drive, Room #2, Oakland, CA **NON-MANDATORY NETWORKING/ BIDDERS CONFERENCE, South County RFP #900907, Employee Commuter Benefit Administrator, Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.** - County of Alameda Social Services Agency, 24100 Amador Street, Room 638, 6th Floor, Hayward, CA **Responses Due by 2:00 pm on January 5, 2012 County Contact: Stefanie Taylor at (510) 208-9610 or via email: stefanie.taylor@acgov.org**
Attendance at Networking Conference is Non-mandatory. Specifications and bid copies regarding the above may be obtained at the Alameda County GSA-Purchasing Department or the Current Contracting Opportunities Internet website at www.acgov.org.

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THE INDEPENDENT Legal No. 3107
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 457434
The following person(s) doing business as: Aahmes Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Temple Corporation, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore, CA 94551
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 8/1/11.
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Wayne Green, Gen. Partner/Secretary
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 19, 2011. Expires October 19, 2016.
The Independent Legal No. 3108. Published November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 2011.

NOTICE OF INVITING BIDS
Notice is hereby given that sealed competitive bids will be accepted in the office of the GSA-Purchasing Department, County of Alameda, 1401 Lakeside Drive, 9th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612 **MANDATORY PRE-BID SITE VISIT and MEETING - S. County Project #CPP99C515500000** East County Hall of Justice Hazardous Materials Abatement and Demolition, Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., 4825 Gleason Drive, Rm. 405, Dublin, CA **VOLUNTARY PRE-BID NETWORKING MEETING - N. County Project #CPP99C515500000** East County Hall of Justice Hazardous Materials Abatement and Demolition, Friday, November 18, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., 1401 Lakeside Drive, Room 1105, Oakland, CA **Attendance at the Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is required Responses Due by 2:00 pm on December 14, 2011 County Contact: Rod Freitag at (510) 208-9522 or via email: rod.freitag@acgov.org**
Information regarding the above may be obtained at the Current Contracting Opportunities Internet website at www.acgov.org.

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THE INDEPENDENT Legal No. 3109
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 458024
The following person(s) doing business as: (1)Prie Winery (2)Prie Cellars (3)Prie Vineyards, 3022 Verdala Dr, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): One Varia LLC, 3022 Verdala Dr, 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/: Lisa Gash, Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 4, 2011. Expires November 4, 2016.
The Independent Legal No. 3110. Published November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 2011.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

State of California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Department of Transportation
Sealed bids for the following project will be received by the Department of Transportation, 1727 30th St. MS #43, Sacramento, CA 95816 until 2:00pm on 01/18/2012 at which time they will be publicly opened and read in Room 0100. Bids are required for the entire contract. Bid documents may be ordered by calling (916) 654-4490 or by fax (916) 654-7028. For information visit http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly_ads/index.php

Contract No. 04-0120M4:
This project has a mandatory pre-bid meeting. In Alameda County In Oakland From 1.6 Km West Of The Toll Plaza To 0.3 Km West Of The Toll Plaza. Construct Bridges And Roadway, And Electrical System. The Contractor must have either a Class A license or a combination of Class C licenses which constitutes a majority of the work. 04-Ala-80-1.6/2.7 * 1450 Working Days * DVBE participation incentive up to \$250,000 * Estimate: \$45,100,000
The Independent Legal No. 3111. Published November 10, 17, 2011.

ANIMALS

2) CATS/ DOGS
ADOPT A DOG OR CAT, for adoption information contact Valley Humane Society at 925 426-8656.

Adopt a new best friend: TVAR, the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, offers animals for adoption every Saturday and Sunday, excluding most holidays. Saturdays from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, dogs and cats are available at the Pleasanton Farmers Market at W. Angela and First Streets. Two locations will showcase cats only: Petsmart in Dublin noon to 4 and the Pet Food Express in Livermore 1 to 4. Sundays, cats are at Petsmart in Dublin 1 to 4, and PetCo in San Ramon 11 to 3. TVAR at (925) 803-7043 website at www.tvar.org

EMPLOYMENT
65) HELP WANTED
We are seeking part-time workers for the post of **BOOKKEEPER, PAYROLL/PAY RECEIVER.** Applicants must be computer literate with access to the Internet. Contact korey001@gmail.com

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Changes to HARP Program: What Does it All Mean? Additional Help on the Way for Underwater Homeowners

By Kelly DeYoreo

Over the past few years, the federal government has created a number of programs to try to ease the burden of unmanageable home mortgages. There are several programs aimed at helping homeowners in distress, and each one is different in terms of what it does, and who might benefit from it. Recently, the administration announced significant changes to the HARP program.

Home Affordable Refinance Program
In late October 2011, the Federal Housing Finance Agency announced that it is expanding a program to help homeowners who don't have any equity in their homes refinance their mortgage at a lower interest rate. This isn't a new program, but instead a remodel of an existing initiative called the Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP).

HARP, which the Obama administration rolled out in 2009, aims to provide relief to homeowners who have no equity in their homes and are "underwater"- in other words, they owe more on their mortgage than their home is worth.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the goal of this program was simple. It would allow borrowers with no equity in their homes, but who were continuing to make their mortgage payments on time, to refinance at a lower interest rate without paying down the loan balance or taking out mortgage insurance. Previously, these borrowers couldn't refinance to a better interest rate, because they had no home equity, due to declining home values.

Loans backed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac prior to June 2009 were included in this program. To qualify, the borrower could owe up to 125% of their home's value. For example, if your home's current value is \$400,000, you could qualify if you had up to a \$500,000 mortgage.

Due to the 125% loan to value limit and some of the other restrictions on this program, only about 900,000 borrowers have so far been able to refinance and take advantage of lower market interest rates through HARP, far fewer than initially hoped.

With that in mind, important changes are taking place which should allow expansion of the program:

- Homeowners will be able to refinance no matter how far underwater they are. The 125% limit will no longer apply. This should have a big impact in parts of California, Nevada, Arizona, and Florida, where many borrowers owe more than 125% of the value of their homes.
- One of the most important changes addresses the risk that banks will have to "buy back" defaulted mortgages from Fannie and Freddie if the loans are discovered to not meet Fannie and Freddie's underwriting rules. This has prompted banks to scrutinize appraisals and require extensive documentation of borrowers' finances. As a result, some borrowers can only qualify for HARP by going to their current mortgage servicer, rather than shopping around for the best rate. Some lenders have been just "cherry picking the easiest loans," says Keane Ng, a mortgage broker in Kirkland, Washington.
- Under the new guidelines, banks will be largely shielded from the "buy back" risk on HARP mortgages, and they'll only have to verify that borrowers meet a more limited set of eligibility rules: that they've made their last six payments, have no more than one missed payment in the last year, and that they have a job or another source of regular income.
- For borrowers who have mortgage insurance (PMI), mortgage insurers have also agreed to make it much easier to transfer existing mortgage insurance coverage, which has blocked many borrowers from refinancing.
- Borrowers with a second mortgage, such as a home-equity loan, need the mortgage owner to agree to "re-subordinate" the loan before refinancing the first mortgage. Federal officials say the largest lenders have agreed to automatically re-subordinate all second mortgages under HARP.
- Another change involves fees that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charge banks for riskier borrowers. The firms, and their regulator, the Federal Housing Finance Agency, have agreed to waive those fees for borrowers who refinance into loans with a shorter term, such as a 15-year mortgage. They'll also reduce the fees (but not eliminate them entirely) for everyone else.

According to the Wall Street Journal and the Federal Housing Finance Agency, these changes should streamline the refinance process, eliminating the need in many cases for borrowers to obtain appraisals or to provide extensive income documentation. Instead, borrowers will have to show that they're current on their mortgage, that they have a job or another source of regular income, and that they meet the other eligibility criteria for HARP.

HARP will remain in effect until December 31, 2013, for loans originally sold to (or guaranteed by) Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac on or before May 31, 2009. The guidelines and exact details of the new HARP program will be released to lenders by November 15, 2011, and lenders may be able to begin taking applications for the program as early as December 1.

Homeowners can determine if they have a Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac loan by going to: www.FannieMae.com/loan-lookup, or calling 800-7FANNIE (5 am to 5 pm PST) for Fannie Mae, and www.FreddieMac.com/corporate or 800-FREDDIE (5 am to 5 pm PST) for Freddie Mac.

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac hold over 22 million mortgages with interest rates over 5 percent. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan said, "There is a real opportunity to improve and increase refinancing more broadly, given where interest rates are. Our hope would be that these practices could become adopted industry-wide so that it could help streamline the refinancing process."

More information on HARP and other homeowner assistance programs currently in effect can be found at www.makinghomeaffordable.gov, or through your local real estate or lending professional.

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Retired Firefighter Lynn Owens Dies

Lynn Owens, a retired division chief with the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, is dead at 67.

The cause of death was leukemia. He died early Friday morning at Kaiser Hospital in Walnut Creek, said Linda Owens, his wife of 34 years.

Owens leaves three adult children — son Tony Owens and daughters Michele Delgado and Annette James — and five grandchildren.

Owens came to Livermore in the 1960s and later joined the department while it was still run by the city of Livermore.

He was known for his energetic and supportive role as a firefighter until his retirement in 1997, said retired Fire Chief Stewart Gary.

"This community does not know how much he contributed. He was one of those silent, unsung, backstage heroes who just gets things done," said Gary.

"Owens was the 'can do' firefighter's firefighter. All through his career, he was always involved, first and foremost, in making the Livermore Fire Department a better place, with better customer service," said Gary.

Owens was instrumental, along with Gary, in convincing the Livermore City Council to bring paramedics into the fire department. "Lynn and I worked on that, and whenever

I got distracted, he would leave me a Post-it on my computer to 'Do this,' or 'Call that person ASAP,'" recalled Gary.

In the merger of the two cities' fire departments, support from middle management was key. Owens, as a division chief, was very cooperative and supportive, Gary said.

Owens was also chairman of the committee that promotes the 110-year-old Livermore Fire department light bulb, the one cited in the Guinness Book of World Records as the longest-burning.

Livermore's light bulb has been covered by media around the world. It even gave Owens his 15 minutes of fame, with other Livermore residents, in an independent documentary called "Livermore: The Movie," which is still publicized on a PBS web site.

The Centennial bulb has its own web page at <http://www.centennialbulb.org/>. Shortly after Owens' death, a special tribute page was placed on the site, showing many photos of him in his costume of an early century firefighter. It's the same that he used to dress up in to tell visitors about the bulb's history and its transfer from the city's original station to the current Station No. 6 on East Avenue.

An active member of the Livermore Heritage Guild, Owens served since the 1970s as auctioneer for the guild's annual

fund raiser, said member Anna Siig.

Siig said, "Owens donated his auctioneer talents to other non-profits, too. Lynn has touched people in so many ways. He loved to teach children. Whether it was children visiting the light bulb, or a fire truck, he always included a safety lesson in it for the children."

Owens also belonged to the Civil War Sons of Union Veterans. His great-grandfather served in the 10th Iowa Division. In his younger days he took part in outdoor re-enactments of Civil War battles. He even went to South Dakota one year to take part as a Union soldier in Gen. Custer's defeat by Indians in the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

Owens also dressed up in his Civil War uniform on Memorial Day and read a poem accompanied to music at ceremonies at a Hayward cemetery. It was appreciated so much, he was invited back for many years to perform it as the closing ceremony.

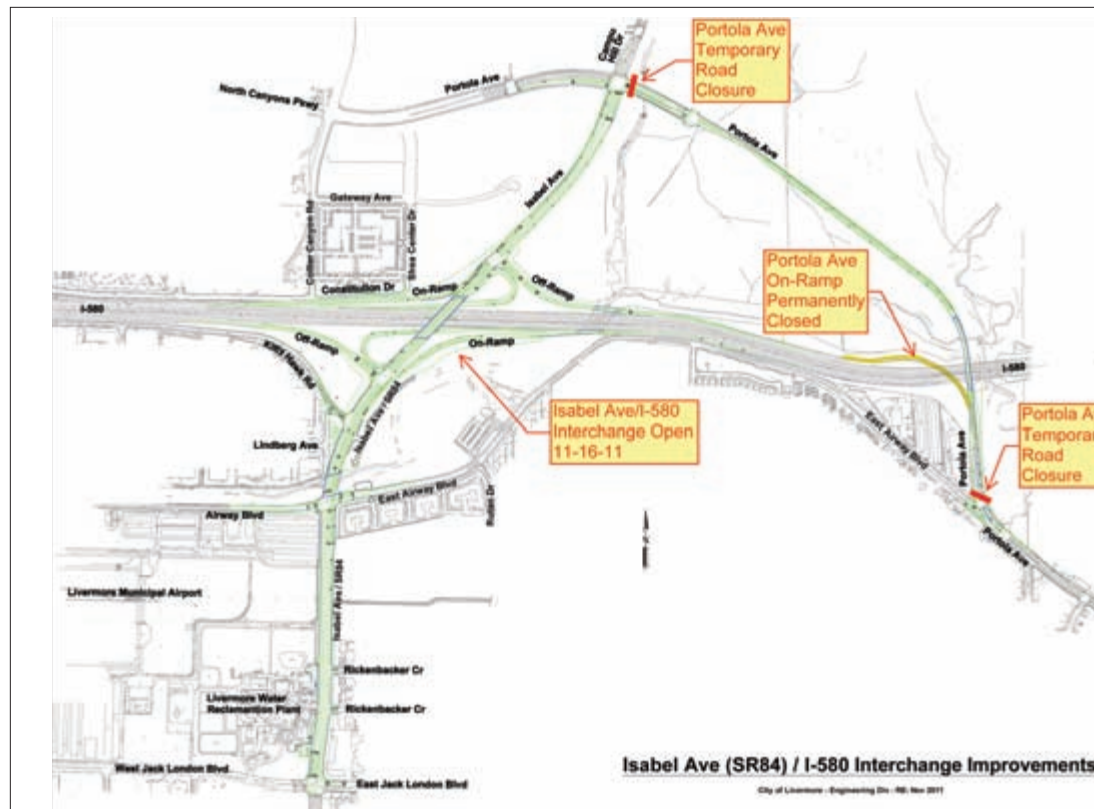
Owens was recognized by the city for writing his own cowboy poetry and reciting the cowboy poems of others.

"He loved people. He loved his family, loved his relationships. He was all about relationships," said Linda Owens.

"In this day of high tech paying bills, he would go around to the power company, the phone company and the bank, just to enjoy visiting and talking to people. He joked that it was job security, because high tech was making everything automated. There wouldn't be any people left for personal contact," said Linda.

Owens was also active in the Livermore Pregnancy Center, and was a deacon and sang in the choir at Trinity Baptist Church in Livermore.

Funeral arrangements are pending.



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Airway Blvd./I580 interchange. We could not be more pleased that this important milestone has been reached on this project."

Completion of the new Portola Avenue overpass, which will provide the final access route to the new interchange, is still scheduled for Spring of 2012.

Electronic message boards will be placed along Portola, North Livermore Avenue and Route 84 early next week to inform the public of the planned traffic changes. Appropriate detour signs will be placed on other local streets. In addition, the Caltrans public information office will be advising the public next week of the planned opening of the Isabel Interchange and closure of the westbound Portola on-ramp.

For information on the Isabel Avenue Interchange project, call

Roberto Escobar at (925) 960-4500 or visit the City of Livermore web site at <http://www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/cd-eng/roadwork/isabel580/default.asp>

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Truffles to Remember Troops Back

"Truffles to Remember Our Troops" returns to Main Street Pleasanton on Saturday, November 19.

The public is invited to stop by the fundraising table at the corner of Main and Angela Streets from 10am-2 pm to learn about making a donation to Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund, which provides college scholarships to the children of fallen and disabled members of the Armed Forces and The Gary Sinise Foundation, which is raising money to build "smart homes" for veterans with multiple amputations.

Visitors to the booth can make a donation pledge, enjoy homemade truffles and take home a copy of the Gettysburg Address, commemorating the November 19th anniversary of President Lincoln's most famous speech "honoring those who gave their lives that our nation might live."

Those who cannot stop by in person may still make a donation online at www.freedomalliance.org and www.garysinisefoundation.org. Contact event organizer Candyce Roberts for more info at 925-600-0664.

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Liszt Festival to Celebrate Bicentennial Year of Composer

Four Concerts Scheduled Throughout Afternoon and Evening

The Firehouse Arts Center will host the Liszt Festival, four musical events in celebration of composer Franz Liszt's bicentennial year. The festival will be held on November 20 from 2 to 9 p.m.

Four concerts will commemorate Liszt (1811-1886), considered the "central figure of the Romantic Era:" a Young Artists Recital, a lecture and recital by William Wellborn, an Ensemble Concert by distinguished area musicians and an evening solo recital by award-winning Hungarian pianist, Peter Toth.

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

"During his time, new concepts

that are still part of our modern art vocabulary came to the fore -- the artist-poet or the artist-prophet, the world-genius, inexorable progress in art," says event coordinator and harpist Dominique Piana. Thus, a movement extolling the music of the future was countered by traditionalism and, more subtly, by a cult of beauty insisting on 'art for art's sake'. From that time on, each piece of music could be approached as simply "music" or as a statement of values.

"At the Festival, we will set out to explore in every way possible how Liszt's music is still meaningful to us today, as performed by young musicians and seasoned professionals alike. Of course, the

piano will serve as both magnet and magical instrument. Yet, during the festival, a wide range of styles and forms will be represented, including some of Liszt's symphonic poems."

The day and evening's four events include:

2:00 p.m. Young Artist Recital, organized in conjunction with MTAC, presenting the audition winners in works by Liszt.

3:30 p.m. William Wellborn in a lecture-recital, sharing insights on the fascinating evolution of Liszt's compositional style, with musical examples from the keyboard

5:00 p.m. Ensemble concert featuring:

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Al Stewart Brings His Storytelling Style to Livermore

Best known for his hit singles "Year of the Cat" and "Time Passages," British singer-songwriter Al Stewart brings his style of musical storytelling to Livermore for a concert at the Bankhead Theater. Stewart ties popular mythology, history, astrology and romance together in songs that express a wistfulness for the past, merged with a contemporary folk-rock sound.

He will bring a fresh perspective on popular songs from his decades-long career to the Bankhead stage in a single performance on Friday evening, November 18 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets range from \$18 to \$40 for adults and \$14 for students.

Originally from Glasgow, Scotland, Stewart was an integral part of the legendary British folk music revival of the 1960s and 1970s, where he influenced, and was influenced by, the up and coming musicians of the day, including Paul Simon with whom he shared a London apartment. His personal fascination with historical events and characters found its way into his engaging songs and he established what became a unique and

very individual musical style. With evocative lyrical imagery and a graceful and sophisticated take on American and European popular folk rock, Stewart is a modern troubadour and master storyteller.

Over his long career, Stewart has released more than 20 albums. His 1975 album, *Modern Times* soared into the Top 40 charts in the United States and resulted in his full-length tour across the country. It was followed by Stewart's two most commercially successful albums, 1976's *Year of the Cat*, and *Time Passages*, which was released in 1978 and eventually went platinum. Stewart moved to California and, over the next two decades, continued to tour as well as record, releasing close to a dozen albums that explored different themes and concepts. Over the past decade, Stewart has made a return to his inimitable style of historical storytelling. His 2005 album, *A Beach Full of Shells*, featured songs set in the exotic locales of the First World War, as well as some influenced by the 1950s rock and roll scene. Stewart followed that album with *Sparks of Ancient Light* in 2008,

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Al Stewart

Studio Celebrates One Year Anniversary

In November of 2010, the Bothwell Arts Center's Downtown Art Studios first opened its doors to the public, after renovating an abandoned liquor store and turning it into working space for artists. On Saturday, November 12, 2011, twelve members of the Downtown Studios invite the public in to meet the artists, ask questions about their processes, and share some cider and refreshments.

The event will be from 11am to 4pm at 62 So. L Street.

The work created at the studios is as varied as the artists themselves, from animal-shaped textile work in colorful fabric, to collage, multimedia and wildly colorful abstracted landscapes, as well as figurative abstraction – some with a psychedelic flair, graffiti-inspired works, animal portraiture, and works by some artists new to the scene, bringing a delightful sense of freshness of voice to the mix. Downtown Studio artists include Arthur Barinque, Joanna Crawshaw, Emilee Dunlop, Margo Gonzalez, Julie Hayward, Kathy Hill, Leigh Masi, Linda Ryan, Nova Starling and Lela Witherspoon.

Joining the Downtown group for the Celebration are 3 studio artists from the main Bothwell Arts



Wall paintings at Downtown Art Studios

Center on 8th Street, including Steve Calderon, Sherri Kelcourse, and Heidi Mann.

The Bothwell Arts Center's Downtown Art Studios are a project of Livermore Valley Perform-

ing Arts Center, a not-for-profit corporation. Working spaces start at \$75 monthly.

Concert Band Performs a Musical Weather Report

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band, under the direction of Bob Williams, will perform its annual Family Concert, Sunday, November 13, 2011, 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

The concert will look at What happens from the time "The World Is Waiting For The Sunrise" until "Moonlight Serenade," with some "Storm And Sunshine" in between? Four-time Emmy award-winning Roberta Gonzales, the Weather Anchor for CBS 5 Eyewitness News, will help explain as the guest narrator.

The concert is free, although donations are appreciated. The Firehouse Arts Center doors will open at 1:40 PM. For more information call 925-846-5897 or go to the Pleasanton Community Concert Band web-site: pleasantonband.org

Classical Guitarist Performs at Livermore Library

Award-winning New York classical guitarist Peter Fletcher will perform a diverse program of music at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 20, 2011.

There is no charge for this event.

Peter's program will include the *Chaconne in D minor* by J. S. Bach; Francisco Tarrega's ever popular *Recuerdos de la Alhambra*; two exciting crowd pleasers by Spanish composer Joaquin Turina; Grieg's *Chanson de Solveig* from *Peer Gynt*; and music of Praetorius, Ponce and Reusner. This afternoon will culminate with Niccolo Paganini's flashy *Caprice No. 24*.

Peter Fletcher began guitar study at the age of seven under classical guitar instructor, John Sutherland. In December 1983, he made his formal debut at the age of fifteen under the auspices of The Brasstown Concert Association in North Carolina. Fletcher furthered his studies in Master Classes with David Leisner, David Russell, Oscar Ghiglia and Pepe Romero.

Peter Fletcher's three early

recordings, *The Art of Classical Guitar*, *A Peter Fletcher Recital*, and *Federico Mompou: Guitar Works*, have received critical acclaim. During a recent trip to Spain, Fletcher had the privilege of meeting Mompou's widow, Carmen Bravo, at her home on the Paseo de Gracia in Barcelona, where Fletcher performed from his recording and discussed interpretation. On their meeting, Carmen Bravo states, "On that occasion, I heard him play the music of Federico Mompou and was able to observe in him a refined sensibility, much affinity for this music, plus a high technical level that justifies his excellent artistic trajectory." His current release, *Peter Fletcher Plays Baroque Music for Guitar* was released in October 2008 on the Tower Hill Records label.

The season of 2011-12 will be the most auspicious ever in an already distinguished career, appearing in over 100 cities at such prestigious venues as St. Xavier University in Chicago, IL, his fifth appearance at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York City, where Peter will be premiering a major work by Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco entitled "Divan of Moses- ibn-Ezra" with acclaimed

tenor David Michael Schuster. In addition, Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Schuster will give the world premier of a work they have commissioned from New York based composer Clarice Assad.

Peter Fletcher believes in car-

rying on the Segovia tradition of expanding the comparatively small classical guitar repertoire. He plans to do this by transcribing from other instruments (mainly the piano) and also by commissioning new music.

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



Peter Fletcher

Toys for Tots Collection Part of Goodguys Get-Together

The Goodguys Rod & Custom Association has teamed with the Livermore/Pleasanton Fire Department to conduct a "Toys for Tots" toy drop on Saturday, November 12th at the upcoming Goodguys 22nd Autumn Get-Together which runs November 12 & 13 at the Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Attendees who bring a new, unwrapped toy will receive a coupon for \$2.00 off general admission. All toys collected will be distributed as holiday gifts to needy children in the local community.

The 22nd Autumn Get-Together features over 2,500 souped up American cars of all years, makes and models sprawled throughout the fairgrounds. Highlighting the

event will be a display featuring two generations of the Batmobile, an indoor truck exhibit featuring "The Patriot" Monster Truck and more specialty vehicles. On Sunday, Goodguys, J Rockcliff Realtors and CBS channel 5 will give away a 1969 Chevelle muscle car. Attendees can stop by the "Live 105" booth Saturday or Sunday to register to win the Chevelle. Other event attractions include a Goodguys AutoCross (electronically timed vehicle agility course), a swap meet and car corral, vendor exhibits, a pin striper's "brush bash" featuring pin stripe artists and other activities of automotive interest.

The 22nd Autumn Get-Together is the final Goodguys event of the 2011 season and event organizers wanted to reach out to the Tri-Valley community with the Toys for Tots toy drop. "We felt our Autumn Get-Together would be a great opportunity to help some needy children and kick off the holiday season," said company president Marc Meadors. "With the help of our friends at the fire dept, we look to have a successful event and bring some smiles to the little ones. I urge all attendees to bring a toy and make someone's holiday a little brighter."

For more visit www.autumnget-together.com

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- Pas de Duo -- Stephen Varney and Naomi Sanchez (playing one piano, four hands) in Les Préludes and Grand galop chromatique

- Cecilia Huang, violin; Paul Rhodes, cello; and Dominique Piana, harp from the Pleasanton Chamber Players in Orpheus, Symphonic Poem, as arranged by Saint-Saëns

- Soprano Marta Johansen, accompanied by pianist Robert Schwartz, performing art songs by Liszt: Angiolin dal biondo crin; Am Rhein, im schönen Strome; Oh, quand je dors; Die Loreley; I vidi in terra angelici costume

8:00 p.m. Solo Recital by award-winning Hungarian pianist Peter Toth, performing Funérailles, Widmung, Transcendental Etude

No. 4 Mazeppa, Fantasy and Fugue on the Theme B-A-C-H, Legend No. 2 St. Francis de Paola Walking on the Water, Variations on the motive Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen from Bach's Mass in B minor and Reminiscences of Norma.

Tickets for the entire schedule of events are adult \$30, \$35 and \$40; child and student: \$20; senior: \$35. Tickets to individual concerts are \$10 each. Tickets may be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office. 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 each performance. The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.

Volunteers Are Needed for Holiday Programs

Tri-Valley Haven is in need of volunteers to help with programs during the holiday season. Last year over 900 local families signed up with Tri-Valley Haven to receive a holiday food basket and gifts. On the second day of registration for this year's distribution, more than 250 families registered. Volunteers are needed on Dec. 6, 7, and 9 to help sort gifts and food to prepare for distribution to the families in need.

In addition, the Haven needs volunteers on Dec. 1 and 2 in Dublin to help make, bake and decorate gingerbread cookies for its annual cookie fund-raiser. Cookies are sold in advance. The funds raised support the Haven's shelter, food pantry, counseling, rape crisis center, and education programs.

All volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. Corporate and community groups are welcome. Shifts for both programs fill quickly. Interested persons are encouraged to contact Fay at 449-8445 to secure a space.

For more information about the Haven visit www.trivalleyhaven.org.

YEAR OF THE CAT

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which deftly spins the complex tales of William McKinley, Lord Salisbury, and Hanno the Navigator. On his most recent album, Uncorked, which was recorded live in a series of concerts in 2009, Stewart collaborated with multi-instrumentalist Dave Nachmanoff to add a new spin to favorite songs from across his extensive musical catalogue.

"LVPAC Presents" at the Bankhead Theater has brought a wide range of acclaimed performers to Tri-Valley audiences, from the timeless classics of artists such as Al Stewart, to rising stars such as jazz singer Lizz Wright scheduled to appear in March 2012. In addition to Al Stewart, plans for this

season's LVPAC Presents series include the classic sounds of Grammy Award-winning pianist George Winston, who brings his distinct and deeply interpretive playing style to the Bankhead Theater for a single intimate concert on Friday evening, January 13, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. The ticket office is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. On performance days the ticket office remains open through intermission. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800 or visit www.bankheadtheater.org

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Ceremony Planned to Dedicate 'Firehouse Crystal Bell'

The City of Pleasanton will unveil its latest public art piece donated through the Harrington Art Partnership at a special private ceremony at the Firehouse Arts Center.

Gary and Nancy Harrington commissioned a 400-pound optic crystal bell, known as the "Firehouse Crystal Bell," which was created by glass artist Jack Storms to represent the historical fire bell used to notify the community of a fire underway. Situated in the lobby of the one-year-old Firehouse Arts Center, the piece honors all firefighters in a building that once served as the city's first Fire Station Number One. Current and retired fire personnel will be in attendance at the center, which showcases the original fire pole used by firefighters for decades after the building was first constructed in 1929. A plaque with a poetic inscription penned by past Pleasanton Poet Laureate Deborah Grossman is situated at the base of the bell.

The optic bell, which has more than 8000 pieces in it, is composed of four types of glass: optic leaded crystal, optic unleaded glass, starphire, and dichoroic glass. A specially designed lathe was made to shape the bell, while the bell's granite base was made by Bob Mattos. The metal stand for the bell was created by Tim Orr of Torr Industries.

The bell has some distinction within the portfolio of its artist, Jack Storms of Red Bluff, CA. Storms, whose internationally sought-after smaller works typically take six to ten weeks apiece to complete, spent approximately two years working on the optic bell for the Harrington Art Partnership. Among his other works was an emissarial gift to the president of Nigeria to observe the opening of the first blood bank on the continent of Africa, and the awards for the Los Angeles Music Awards.

Pleasanton High Schools Present Performance for 'Friends and Family'

Amador Friends of Music and the Foothill Band Boosters invite music lovers to "Friends & Family" at the Amador Valley High School Stadium on Nov. 17. This annual event is an opportunity for the community to see the award winning performances by both the Amador Valley High School and the Foothill High School Marching Bands.

For the first time, the event also includes a dinner option. Food mafia gourmet trucks will be available from 5:30pm-7:15 pm to serve a selection of American and Asian entrees and gourmet cupcakes. A percentage of the

proceeds will benefit the Amador band. The live music performance will begin at 7:30.

Also new this year is a raffle where attendees can purchase a chance to march with the Amador Valley High Band and carry the banner at the Holiday parade on Main Street on December 3. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10; with the winner to be announced at the Friends and Family Dinner & Show.

"Friends and Family brings together the music communities at both Foothill High School and Amador Valley High School, explains Jon Grantham, Amador Band Director, "It's the perfect event to invite past, current and future band families from both high schools to come out and support two of the finest high school band programs in the state."



The California Baptist University's Male Chorale will perform on Sun., Nov. 13 at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Trinity Baptist Church, 557 Olivina Avenue, Livermore. Male Chorale is one of four choirs offered at CBU. It consists of 95 young men and is directed by Judd Bonner. The ensemble, which includes a 9-piece brass section and a percussion section, performs music in a variety of styles. Auditions will be held for CBU scholarship opportunities following the service. High school juniors and seniors and junior college students interested in pursuing music at a four year university are invited to audition. For information regarding the concerts, please call the Trinity Baptist Church office at 447-1848 ext. 117 or the School of Music at 800-782-3382 ext. 4949.

Christmas Tree Lane Festivities Raise Funds for ValleyCare Foundation



tickets are \$15 each, \$10 for children.

The Tinsel and Christmas Teas are Friday, November 18 at 10 am and 2pm. This is a chance to preview the sparkling Christmas trees, bid on unique silent auction gift baskets, get a jump start on your Christmas shopping and purchase your chance-drawing tickets for the trees and spectacular china table setting. Tea tickets are \$35 per person. Friday evening, November 18, 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 \$75. The three-day fundraiser is capped off with the Silver Bells Luncheon on Saturday, November 19 with tickets at \$85. 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 holiday fare and entertainment with friends, visit the holiday boutique and place bids on silent auction gift baskets.

Chance drawing tickets for the trees and the Christmas china table setting will be sold at all events and will be drawn at the Silver Bells Luncheon on Saturday. You need not be present to win. Trees are delivered within the Tri-Valley the week following Thanksgiving.

Proceeds will benefit The Breast Cancer Patient Navigator Program. Through the ValleyCare Health Library and Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center, ValleyCare offers a Certified Breast Cancer Patient Navigator to assist newly diagnosed patients through the screening, diagnosis and treatment process. Proceeds from Christmas Tree Lane 2011 will also benefit the ValleyCare Emergency Room Expansion, which includes expanding the waiting room and building a covered ambulance entrance.

Corporate and individual sponsorships are available. Gift-in-kind donations are also needed. To participate or to purchase tickets, please call the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation at 925-373-4560, or visit www.valleycare.com/fundraisingevents.

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Brew Crawl a Success

The Halloween-themed Brew Crawl, the first event of its kind in downtown Pleasanton, was a major success. The beer-centric party was hosted by the Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) and sponsored by three downtown restaurants: the Pleasanton Main Street Brewery, Redcoats Restaurant & Pub and Handles on Main.

The PDA originally released 500 tickets, which sold out days before the event. Then, an additional 50 were released and also sold out by Friday morning. PDA Event Coordinator Kelley Foulk said, "The community support of this event exceeded my expectations! With such a high demand for tickets, we knew it was going to be a great event."

On Saturday evening, hundreds of costumed guests arrived at Chase Bank to check in and receive their program and commemorative glass – a half-pint

beer cup with the logos of the host and sponsors. From there, guests were free to visit the 16 pouring locations and sample dozens of beers.

Executive Director Laura Olson said, "We are thrilled with the results of Brew Crawl! The feedback from participants, breweries and businesses has been phenomenal and our wheels are already turning with ways we can grow and improve this event in the future."

Posts on the PDA Facebook page raved, "Thank you PDA for hosting this great event, looking forward to next year," "Loved seeing all the costumes," and "It was so much fun!" Participating business-owners reported packed stores and a great vibe. One merchant emailed, "Well, I think we all concur that the 1st annual Brew Crawl was a smashing success!" Another retail location owner said, "It was crowded most of the night. We saw a lot of customers, but also



Photo by Kelley Foulk

new people." The brewery representatives also had great things to say. When asked what the PDA

can improve on for future Brew Crawl events, one rep said, "I really don't know what could have made this better. I do hope that you keep it around Halloween...the

costumes were awesome!"

With such a high demand for tickets and positive feedback, the Brew Crawl will certainly be repeated.

Livermore Native to Dance with Lakota Sioux

A young Livermore Native American woman, Tina Puthoff, will perform with the Lakota Sioux at the Bankhead Theater.

Lakota Sioux Dance Theatre will be presented on Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. For ticket information go to www.bankhead-theater.org or call 373-6800.

Tina Puthoff, of Lakota/Dakota heritage, has done American Indian Pow Wow dancing since she could walk. The three styles of dancing that she has accomplished are Traditional, Fancy Shawl, and Jingle. Traditional dancing is a subdued type of dance rhythmic to the beat of the drum. It demonstrates the beauty and strength of the Native woman. In Fancy Shawl dancing, there is a fast beat and a constant whirl of footwork, beauty, and grace. This dance originates on the Northern Plains and is done by young women. It emphasizes agility, endurance, and showmanship. The Jingle dance was given to the

Ojibwa people as a gift from the Creator as a means of healing. The cones on the dress were originally made of medal lids of Copenhagen snuff cans. Intricate controlled footwork is demonstrated in this dance as is the poise, demeanor, and endurance of the dancer.

Tina received her Lakota name in the Hunka Ceremony in which she was adopted as a Lakota. Her Lakota name is "Leaf Woman" in English. She is named after her adopted Great-Great-Grandmother, a collector of leaves for healing people, who was at the Battle of the Little Big Horn with Sitting Bull's people.

Tina is enrolled at Spirit Lake/Fort Totten, North Dakota. She is of Dakota heritage through her birth mother, Debbie Puthoff, adopted daughter of David and Mary Puthoff.

Tina is the Pow Wow Princess of U.C. Berkeley during the 2011-12 school year. During this time she travels to as many pow wows

as she can in order to represent U.C. Berkeley. This is the second time she has been the pow wow princess.

The Livermore Title VII Indian Education Program has been in existence since 1974. It provides for the cultural and academic needs of the students of American Indian heritage in the Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Sunol, and Castro Valley School Districts. Currently there are over 400 students enrolled in the program. Free services such as cultural class, tutoring, field trips to pow wows, and colleges are provided. The cultural class consists of Indian dancing and singing, crafts, and beadwork.

The Program Specialist, Mary Puthoff, provides cultural demonstrations and storytelling to over 50 classes per year. In addition, the Indian Center's drum, Turtle Nation, participates in local pow wows and Native events, as well as presentations for local schools and businesses.



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My title is the same as a column published in the *Livermore Herald* during World War II. Maitland Henry, who took over the editor's job after the death of his father in 1921, made sure that the citizens of Livermore could follow the tracks of its 600 young men and women in the armed forces. The newspaper was a weekly. The column appeared in every issue. Sometimes it was short; at other times it took up almost a page of the paper. Information for the column came from parents, the war department, military newspapers, and the soldiers themselves.

The newspaper was mailed abroad to those in the military effort. Often they wrote back from places around the world. At this time the Livermore population was about 2,884; just a little country town. One of the effects of the war was to introduce the town's young people to a much wider world view. The *Herald* went to England, France, Australia, New Guinea, North Africa, South America, Ireland, Sicily, China, the South Pacific, Hawaii, Germany, and 36 of the then 48 states.

Many of the men and women were homesick and described their excitement at mail call when receiving their copy of the newspaper. Marine Pfc. Don Scullion often sent cartoons; one showed him reading the *Herald* on a beach, leaning against a palm tree

somewhere in the South Pacific. He is so deep into the paper that he ignores the women natives walking by.

From his battleship, Hospital Apprentice Louis Gardella Jr. wrote: "After reading copies of the *Herald* and letters from home, I find myself walking down First Street and out Livermore Avenue to my own home. Yes, a hometown newspaper and letters mean much out here; in fact they keep you going."

Pvt. Raymond Rehder wrote from Australia, "Did you ever get something you wanted, really wanted? Well, that's how it is when the *Herald* arrives. I read everything in every issue and hang on to it until the next arrives so I can keep reading it over and over again. It's just like a long letter from home."

Stationed in England, Pfc. Galen Canfield said: "Received three *Heralds* yesterday, and al-

ready I have read them over and over, and should anyone point out any article in any of them, I could quote it in full." Pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber in Italy, Lt. Eldred Chance said, "I have at last received my first copy of the *Herald*. It was the June 2nd issue, and it arrived last week. I can say that for two days after receiving it, I could quote the price of eggs, lunch meat, secondhand cars, and stoves. I didn't miss a single line, even the legal notices. Since I can't be home to enjoy civilization in person, the paper gives me a chance to enjoy it mentally."

Occasionally, service men and women could take some time to describe their new surroundings. Army nurse Florence Cardosa sailed on a hospital ship to Guam and other islands in the Mariana chain in the Western Pacific—"We went into Saipan during the bombing and spent about eight

months there. ... It was no dream island, bad climate, all kinds of bugs, coconuts falling on your head. The only good things were the papayas and bananas." Raymond Rehder wrote again from Australia, "The birds here are the prettiest I have ever seen. It is surprising to see a big white bird fly by and land in a tree and on getting a closer view of it to see it is a beautiful red and blue underneath." In Italy Eldred Chance visited several old churches. "The interiors are very beautiful and the stone work and masonry very artistic." He commented on life there: "The natives think that all Americans are rich. In comparison we are. Just being able to live in a country like America is wealth enough for anyone. ... Everyone rides a bicycle here. Small donkeys about three feet high pull big two-wheeled carts about six feet high. Whole families get into one cart and one

small donkey pulls it about as fast as a baby can walk."

Of course, these young men and women took their own culture with them. Although no familiar names were in the list of contestants, American servicemen held a rodeo in Norwich, England; more than 10,000 spectators enjoyed the events. Max and Buddy Baer boxed on exhibition tours all over the country for the marines. Vernon "Bud" Christensen, Chief Gunner's Mate for the Seabees, competed in a rodeo for service men at the Honolulu Stadium in May 1944. Mule riding was an event new to him. The *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* showed a photo of Bud just leaving a Hawaiian mule after a rough ride. Keith Anderson, Seaman 2nd Class, was a spectator at the show. Mrs. Jean Dutro shared with the *Herald* a photo she received from her husband, Danny. It shows him smiling near a sign on a building at a New Guinea port. The sign says, "Danny's Barber Shop."

Thank you, Betty Beudet, for sharing the clippings of the column with me. Her husband was in one column: Thomas E. Beudet, Seaman First class, served in the South Pacific. Don't forget to write to young people you know in the armed services—they really look forward to words from home.

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

Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



"Livermore Men and Women in the Armed Forces"

Innovative "Ariadne" Enchants Audience

By Susan Steinberg

Score another success for West Edge (formerly Berkeley) Opera with its sumptuously sung and brilliantly acted "Ariadne auf Naxos."

Composer Richard Strauss loved creating thought-provoking controversy, from the gender-bending in "Der Rosenkavalier" to the old "words vs. music" debate in "Capriccio." In "Ariadne" he proposed the seeming impossible melding of high and low cultures into one cohesive whole.

In the prologue (Act I), a nouveau-riche boor plans an impressive entertainment for his dinner guests: a new "opera seria," then an earthy cabaret act, followed by a grand fireworks display. After a lengthy meal, he suddenly orders both groups to combine their performances to finish before the fireworks begin.

The commedia troupe, accustomed to improvisation, has no problem, as they can insert their act into any plot. In fact, they brag they will make the deadly dull classical opera brighter and more entertaining.

This lively group is led by Michael Mendelsohn, popular character tenor (LVO's Don Basilio) in top vocal and comic form as the Dancing Master. Their star performer is saucy soubrette Zerbinetta, played by Emma McNairy. This unbelievably slim and sexy soprano can flirt, posture, and flash dazzling smiles while tossing off seemingly effortless coloratura runs, trills, and thrilling high notes.

The "serious soprano" is Marie Plette, famous for opera roles from Mozart to Wagner, including the Met. (LVO will showcase her dramatic "Tosca" this spring.) As Ariadne, she not only displays her impressive vocal power and beautiful tone, but also shows off her great comedic talents.

Mezzo Buffy Baggot, last season's memorable Carmen, plays the Composer of a new classical opera. Distracted at the prospect of combining her "high art" with vulgar low comedy, and cutting her perfect masterpiece, she threatens suicide. Her torrent of melodramatic "operatic rage" music is gorgeous, and gorgeously sung.

Trying to placate the highstrung diva and tantrum-prone divo (the stalwart Benjamin Bongers), their mentor, the Music Master, commandingly played and sung by SFO bass-baritone Philip Skinner, assures each one that only the other's parts will be cut.

He also reminds the Composer that all famous musicians had to make painful compromises to get their first works performed, and to pay their rent. After all, those rich idiots with no understanding of great art are the only ones who can sponsor new performances. (Strauss must have enjoyed writing those lines!)

Finally Zerbinetta uses her wiles to engage the composer's sympathy and desire, co-opting her into accepting the new arrangement. In a brazen and amazingly convincing ploy, she uses her seductive voice and body, and above all her claim to be a misunderstood unworldly creature seeking a true soulmate, like the Composer, who naively succumbs to her charms.

Suddenly the Patron demands his show, and Act II begins. Ariadne, abandoned by her lover

Theseus on a "desert island" sings a beautiful classical scene of sorrowful lament, supported by an exquisitely blended trio of female spirits in subtle parody of Wagner's Rhine-Maidens.

Her lugubrious longing for death is suddenly interrupted by the quartet of pop-up zanies, trying to amuse her with antics that set the whole audience laughing. Even Ariadne, who is supposed to retreat to her cave in a disdainful huff, starts giggling in spite of herself at a klutzy "Macarena" routine.

Perhaps it's the influence of the highball in her seaside cabana, or Zerbinetta's chummy advice that, like most other women losing a lover, she has discovered an antidote for the pain by consoling herself with a parade of new males. Men may be "faithless monsters," but women can also enjoy the delights of serial partners, an idea that must have shocked the proper Viennese.

Instead of recoiling in disgust, Ariadne gets the message, and begins to enjoy the attentions of the commedia males and their catchy pop rhythms. When the studly

young god Bacchus sails in on his magical ship, she slips back into proper classical mode, mistakenly greeting him as Hermes, messenger of Death. Powerful-voiced tenor Bongers confuses her with Circe, the enchantress of his previous island stop. (It's a not-too-subtle parody of the final scene of "Siegfried.")

Eventually, like Wagner's heroic couple, they sing an ecstatic duet and fall into a passionate embrace. Zerbinetta and the others sing approvingly of this inevitable resolution as the fireworks begin right on schedule.

An enthusiastic Friday audience applauded the entire cast, with an ovation for the three amazing female leads. Jeremy Knight was cheered for his imaginative lighting and projections, which made the show so playfully entertaining. Kudos to Director Mark Streshinsky for his innovative concepts and to veteran conductor Jonathan Khuner, leading a pared-down on-stage orchestra that faithfully reproduced Strauss's lush chromaticism in an intimate and unforgettable performance.

Elliston Vineyards Property in Sunol Sold

by Harry Stoll

The Elliston Vineyards property on Kilkare Road in Sunol has been sold for \$1.75 million, about one third of the original 2008 asking price. The new owners say they are dedicated to improving the property and operating an event center and functioning winery.

“Donna is a good person,” said Kenny Zhao—one of the new owners—speaking of Donna Flavetta, CEO of Elliston Vineyards, Inc, which operates an event venue, and a wine tasting room on the 9-acre site where she was raised. The site includes a small vineyard, and several buildings, including a massive neo-Romanesque blue stone mansion completed in 1890.

After graduating from college in 1984, Flavetta was a banking officer with the Bank of America—until 1992. She is a past president of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association.

She bought the property from her parents in 1992. She leased it to Elliston Vineyard, Inc, her company. She was her own tenant. Her emphasis was on weddings and other events. Layers of mortgages followed, topping \$4 million. Early in 2008 she put the property on the market for \$5 million, an appraisal-based price, according to Mark Triska, her broker at the time. He said she declined offers of

over \$4 million, “... for whatever reasons.”

Flavetta said there were inquiries, but no firm offers.

The dark deep windows of the foreboding stone mansion saw a once regal estate decaying, a come-back, multiple mortgages, property again fading, foreclosure, bankruptcy, deal-cutting—and an ensuing low-ball buy that could result in a resurgence, with badly-needed renovations and the restoring of a functioning winery.

The property went on the market before the real estate bust, but what followed wasn't isn't a good time to be selling real estate.

In August 2010, the primary lender, California Mortgage Resources (CMR) foreclosed on the property. Triska said there were several mortgage holders but that CMR was first in line. According to Triska, Flavetta filed for bankruptcy the day after the foreclosure but was denied the requested restructuring.

Flavetta said she filed for personal bankruptcy a year prior to the foreclosure. She withdrew the filing when the bank wouldn't lower the interest rate—something she says was needed to make sure her debts were paid.

She cut a deal to continue the event and tasting room business as a tenant of the new owner, 463

Kilkare Road LLC, a CMR holding company. Flavetta lost the land and the structures, but not the business, with good will, fixtures, furnishings, and a considerable cache of wine.

The new owners dropped the price to \$3.25 million—close to the assessed value of \$3.125 million. After failed attempts to sell it at auction, they sold it for much less.

The \$1.75 million was a cash deal with Dublin resident Zhao, who recorded the deed—and Ming Hua Zhu and Kong Zhu. The money was wired from China, according to Triska, who was now the seller's broker.

Zhao is president of Centromax Group, Inc. of Hayward, an electronics recovery and recycling company that also manufactures and sells solar panels. Over the past 10 years his name appears on many real estate filings with the County.

According to Zhao, a master plan has to be laid out for improving the property, including re-establishing a winery. He said a timeline is not yet possible because funding has to be obtained. Vineyard plantings are to be increased, said Zhao.

The mansion is listed on the State Registry of Historic Sites. Toward the end of the 19th Century,

Henry Hiram Ellis—a member of the San Francisco vigilante committees, a policeman and later San Francisco's chief of police—had the mansion built, planted vineyards, and started a winery. The business may have died with him in 1909. The record is sketchy for another 60 years.

In a recent address at the Firehouse Arts Center, Flavetta recalled how her parents bought the property in 1969, as one in a line of buying and fixing up rundown properties then moving on. It was a wreck. “I assure you Ellis estate had not seen any love for many years,” said Ellis. Its latest use was as a sanitarium and her parents brought the property back to health, using photographs and interviews for guidance. They planted vineyards in the original layout and started a winery in the 1980s, the sixth in the area.

According to the Elliston Vineyards web site, the original carriage house was converted into a winery and Burgundy-trained Don Blackburn, was the first winemaker—lasting from 1985 to 1990. Elliston has not produced wine on site for several years, instead, supplying grapes from various vineyards and making “custom crush” arrangements with local wineries to make the wine to their specifications. This is not an

unusual arrangement in the wine industry. If the back label reads “cellared by ...” or “vinted by ...” savvy tasters ask who made it.

“It needs work,” said Triska about the property. That's so, although it is not as sick as when Flavetta's parents bought it.

In an October 17 e-mail, Flavetta wrote, “Since we last talked, I have come to a mutually beneficial agreement with the new owners. They are making long term plans for the property that include Elliston Vineyards.” Zhao said plans include the re-establishment of a winery at Elliston Vineyards.

Triska said he is happy for her because of her long involvement with the property. Triska is the immediate past president of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association and owner of Triska Crane Ridge Vineyards, grower of merlot grapes.

Broker Simone Wang represented the buyers. She said Ming Hua Zhu and Kong Zhu are business partners in China. They are not related. She declined to state the percentage of the price paid by each partner. The property “... needs many things.” They are developing a 5-year plan and are in it for the long term, said Wang. Her company, GD Commercial, specializes in foreign investors. “We act as a bridge,” said Wang, who said the transactions are in cash.

Winemakers Host an Evening of “Bottle Shock:” Wine At the Vine

by Laura Ness

Come to The Vine in downtown Livermore on Wednesday, November 16, taste some great local wine and be delighted by the film “Bottle Shock.” The screening will be followed by a panel discussion. Tickets are \$10 per person and include wine tasting of offerings from Nottingham, Occasio, McGrail and Rodrigue Molyneaux plus the Bottle Shock screening. Enjoy a lively discussion of the movie afterward and some fun wine insider stories with Lindsey Roffey (GM at RM), John Kinney (proprietor at Occasio), Collin Cranor (winemaker at Nottingham Cellars) and Mark Clarin (winemaker at McGrail and Picazo). Wines will also be available by the glass for purchase. Wine and a movie – what a great mid-week idea!

Occasio Society Members Library Tasting & Wine Dinner

Society Members are invited to preview two of the upcoming wine releases, 2010 Chardonnay and 09 Thatcher Bay Merlot, presented with assorted cheeses, in the Library Room, from 12:30 til 4:30 on Nov. 12.

A special six-course winemaker

dinner featuring the cuisine of Chef Scott Spencer will be presented that evening from 7pm til 9pm in the Library Room. Wines include the upcoming Chardonnay and Merlot, plus a sneak peak at the 2009 Zinfandel. The evening begins with a winery tour and a sampling of just fermented wines. Lots of harvest tales to be shared! What a year it has been. John thinks he has some of the best wines he's ever made safely tucked into barrel. Tickets are \$100 per person, and may be reserved by calling 925-371-1987. Very limited seating!

Valley Wines That Ring My Chimes

Wines you don't want to miss! A recent visit to Retzlaff introduced me to the 2009 Chardonnay, easily the best Chardonnay Bob has ever made. It's graciously loaded with white peaches, yellow nectarines and Fuji apples, has some zippy tangerine-laced acidity and goes down mighty easily. This should be on your Thanksgiving table, along with the 2004 two-year aged Cabernet, which they just discovered a case of hiding in the cellar. Does wine have the sense to hide?

Richard and Candice Dixon in-

vite you to try their Deux Rouges, a very appealing and sexy blend of Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon. It's smoky, rich and filled with alluring flavors of damson plums, roasted meats and dark chocolate. This is killer with a lamb tagine or a cassoulet, now that the weather has become decidedly autumnal!

La Rochelle Pairs Rare Pinot with Exotic Shrooms

Enjoy a rare vertical of Sleepy Hollow Vineyard Pinot Noirs paired with exotic mushroom dishes on November 16, featuring Chef Jimmy Connors and “the King of Mushrooms,” Todd Spanier. The evening “sit-down” sampling in the Reserve Room runs from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$75 plus tax, per person.

Steven Kent Mirassou will present four vintages of La Rochelle's famed “Sleepy Hollow Vineyard” Pinot Noir, matched with four small plates, including “Porcini-Crusted Scallops,” “Black Mushroom Chicken,” and “Beef Bourguignon with Golden Chanterelles and Truffle-Smashed Potatoes.” Featured fungi incorporated in the dishes include Oyster, Clamshell, Abalone, Shiitake, Gambone and Wood Ear mush-

rooms. The lively interplay and discussion between the winemaker, chef, and mushroom expert should be the worth the price of admission alone.

La Rochelle Winery is located at 5443 Tesla Road in Livermore. Space is very limited and reservations are required. This is a “21 and over” event. Please call 925.243.6442.

Bordeaux by the Bay at Concannon

Concannon invites the public to the 37th annual Bordeaux by the Bay, Saturday and Sunday, Nov 19 and 20, 11am til 4:30pm, featuring the top tier of their reserve wines, the famed Concannon 2008 Mother Vine Cabernet Sauvignon and the highly anticipated release of the 2007 Heritage Cabernet Sauvignon.

Savor a vertical tasting for \$10 of four celebrated vintages of Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon: 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003. Library vintages are available for purchase with 25% discount off full case purchases for Gatekeeper's Guild members and 15% off for non-members. Stock up on some true treasures that will continue to cel-

lar nicely for years to come.

Component Tasting & Blending Seminar

Saturday, November 19th 11AM - 1PM *Reservations Required*

Discover Bordeaux blending secrets with winemaker Julian Halasz and learn how the individual components in wine - sugar, alcohol, acid and tannin - are integrated to create balance and depth while enjoying gourmet small bites. \$15 per person for Gatekeeper members, \$25 for non-members.

Did you miss the 1st Annual Lipstick Ladies Wine Tour? Held at the Artisan Livermore Wineries, Les Chenes, McGrail, Nottingham, Occasio, Retzlaff and Rodrigue Molyneaux, the wildly popular Lipstick wine tour was filled with girlie treats galore. The winner of the Up Town Girls gift basket will be announced next week, so stay tuned! The Lipstick Ladies are so pleased with the event they are already planning the next one, and guys, don't worry, we haven't forgotten you, and will be putting something special together just for men!

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ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

Art Show, On Tuesday and Wednesday, November 15 and 16 from 5 to 8 PM, Thomasville of Dublin (7460 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin; 925-479-9630) will host the "Art Is The HeART of the Home" exhibition. Artists from several nonprofit organizations -- EkowArt/Say Thanks, the Livermore Art Association (LAA), the Mexican Heritage Center and Gallery of Stockton, and the Pleasanton Art League (PAL) -- will exhibit their artworks throughout the Thomasville showroom. Most artworks are for sale. The event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served. For more information call Jaclyn Zoccoli at 209-839-0889.

Firehouse Arts Center's Harrington Gallery, 2010 traveling exhibit of the National Watercolor Society October 26-December 10, 2011. 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. Admission is \$5. A companion exhibit, "Five Palettes," features works by five California Watercolor Association artists. Harrington Gallery hours are Wednesday-Friday 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., for one hour prior to each Firehouse Arts Center performance. Call (925) 931-4849 for more information or visit the Firehouse Arts Center website, www.firehousearts.org.

Charlotte Severin, watercolors painted from life en plein air and still life displayed the Wente Vineyards Estate Winery Nov. 1 to 30. 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. The public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge.

Pleasanton artist Gina Kaiper, oil paintings on the theme "Work, Study, Play" displayed in the art gallery of the Barbara Frascio Mertes Center for the Arts, Las Positas College, November 1-13. The gallery is open to the public whenever the college is in session and during performances at the arts center, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore. Admission to the gallery is free. However, there is a \$2.00 charge for parking on campus.

Livermore Art Association (LAA) Gallery exhibiting Angela Johal's colorful collages during the month of November. Johal's latest work draws from pop culture, consumerism and the sea of images and choices that tend to leave one void. The LAA Gallery, is open 11:30-4:00 Wed-Sun, and is located in the historic Carnegie Building at 2155 3rd St. Livermore. For more info call the Gallery 925-449-9927.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Livermore Art Association and Pleasanton Art League, dessert and social, Mon., Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m. Cultural Arts Building, 4455 Black Ave., Livermore. Bring art to share.

'Tis the Season to SING!, ages 7 to 11 invited to join ABC Music Store & Academy's Holiday Choir. Wednesdays, November 30th - December 21st 7pm (45 minutes). Caroling performance on December 21st at 7:45 in front of ABC Music. Fee of \$60 (includes all materials). For more information and to sign up, please contact the instructor Kim Lutylutytunes@gmail.com, or call ABC Music Store at 925-443-1244.

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. At the 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.

Art in Public Places, join a local group of artists and paint on selected Friday mornings around town. ACC/Art Critique & Coffee invites artists to express themselves in watercolor, acrylic, oil. For more details check out the website for Poetry On Canvas Pleasanton or contact Claudette at PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com ~ ACC Meets each Friday at various locations.

Tuesday Afternoon Art Classes for Grades K - 5 in Livermore, includes introduction to history of art. Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30/5 p.m. Some materials included in fee. Ongoing. thomasin_d@hotmail.com ; (925) 216-7231; http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com

Art Classes for teens and adults, Livermore Saturdays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Mondays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Some materials included. Please email instructor a materials list to purchase supplies. Watercolor, oil paints, charcoal, pastel, colored pencil, collage, printmaking. Classes also introduce the History of Art to students. thomasin_d@hotmail.com ; (925) 216-7231; http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com.

LARPD Friday morning Art Classes for Homeschoolers 4-10 years, Livermore, Fridays 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Some materials included. Please email instructor for a materials list to purchase supplies. thomasin_d@hotmail.com ; (925) 216-7231; http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/.

Girls Night Out Classes, Make family memories by attending a class together. Painting, jewelry making & paper art are now available to experience locally. Classes led by artist Claudette McDermott. For more information e-mail or call to sign up for classes 510 543-4776 PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com ~ Individual and group classes available.

Holiday Themed Classes, choice of Pumpkin-Santa-Trees-Snowman-Angel, choose from Stained Glass, Mosaic Tiles or Fused Glass methods. Class is 3 hours. \$60-75. Thurs 11-2p, Fri 5-8p, Sat 2-5p, Sun 12-3p. Art Glass Studio, 174 South L St., Livermore. For more information contact Roberta Jones at: 925-447-1962 www.artglassstudio.weebly.com

Beginning Stained Glass, start and finish a small stained glass window (14" x 14") using cutting and manufacturing skills. Learn how to use basic glass tools. Limited to 8 students. Additional studio hours are available at a daily, weekly or monthly rate. Tools and supplies are \$174. Does not include glass. 5 week class, 2.5 hours each. Weds 10-7p, Thurs-Sat 10-9p, Sun 10-4p. Classes are ongoing. Art Glass Studio, 174 South L St., Livermore. For more information contact Roberta Jones at: 925-447-1962 www.artglassstudio.weebly.com

WINERY EVENTS

Charles R Vineyards, Pumpkin Soup and Wine, Saturday, November 12, noon to 4:30 p.m. Fun and low-key event featuring Bonnie's homemade pumpkin soup. 2-bottle gift packs available at a terrific price. 8195 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore; (925) 454-3040.

End of Harvest Celebration at Rodrigue Molyneux, Nov. 12, Mark Clarin from the Bacchus Brothers will be playing and entertaining the crowds. Small and large equipment demos, sensory evaluations, slide shows, vineyards tours, barrel tasting, and much more! Rre-orders for lunch that day. Each lunch includes salad, dessert, homemade chicken salad sandwich on a fresh focaccia bun, chips, and water all put together by Chef Tracy. Tables will be set-up for anyone who orders a lunch. Lunches are \$15 per person. To order a lunch email info@rmwinery.com. 3053 Marina Ave., Livermore

Wine at the Vine, Nov. 16. Vine Cinema for a showing of Bottlehook and panel discussion. Prior to the movie, taste wine from McGrail, Rodrigue Molyneux, Occasio, & Nottingham. After the movie enjoy a panel discussion with winemaker's Mark Clarin, Colin Cranor, John Kinney, and General Manager Lindsey Roffey. Wine by the glass will also be sold from the participating wineries. \$10 per person gets you a ticket to the movie and wine tasting before the movie. Event starts at 6:30 PM.

TAMÁS Cafe Tuesday, Nov. 15, 5 to 8 p.m. live music by The Jeff Bordes Trio, food prepared by Scotty's Catering with the theme southern BBQ. \$10 plus tax for each Salute! wine club member. \$15 plus tax for all other guests. Wines 2010 Pinot Grigio, 2009 Barbera, 2009 Viaggio, 2009 Barbera Riserva, and our 2009 Barbera Port. Reservations are required as space is limited, 456-2380.

Winemaker's Dinner, Murrieta's Well, Sat., Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m. Gourmet four-course dinner featuring estate blends from Murrieta's Well. Meet co-founders Philip Wente and Sergio Traverso. Cost for Silver Spur members is \$95. All guests are \$105. 3005 Mines Road, Livermore. Space is limited, reservations call 925-456-2395.

Holiday Preview, Murrieta's Well, 3005 Mines Rd., Livermore. Friday through Sunday, November 25-27, 2011, 11 am to 4:30 pm. New holiday merchandise, holiday favorites, and gifts for friends and family.

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

Tri-Valley Medieval & Renaissance Collegium playing session for amateur musicians, Peter Maund, director. Mondays 7:30-9:30 p.m. 7600 Dublin Blvd., suite 370, Dublin. \$25. Information collegium2011@gmail.com or 925-424-1209 or 925-984-4395

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, 30's, 40's.

Dublin Heritage Center Music Jam, Every Tuesday night there is an open music jam for either Bluegrass or Irish Fiddle. All are welcome to come and listen or join in and play. 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. Information: 925-452-2100.

Jazz at the Library, Tony Corman Quintet; Friday, November 11; 8 p.m. the San Ramon Library, 100 Montgomery Street, San Ramon. \$20 each (Seniors 62+ and Students \$15) www.sanramonjazz.org/wp/wp-admin/edit.php

Triple Forte (Trio including David Jalbert on piano), Nov. 12, 8 p.m. Del Valle Fine Arts Concert, Bankhead Theater, 2400

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

April Verch, Folk Acoustic Fiddle Performer, Sat., Nov. 12, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Pleasanton Community Concert Band, family concert Sun., Nov. 13, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. No admission charge.

Montrose, presented by Guitar Player Magazine, Thurs., Nov. 17 and Fri., Nov. 18, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton.

Al Stewart, Nov. 18, 8 p.m. LVPAC Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Men of Worth, Sat., Nov. 19, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Robert Cray Band, blues, 5th anniversary Bankhead gala, Nov. 19, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Simon & Garfunkel Tribute, Nov. 18, 8 p.m. Livermore High School Theater, 600 Maple St., Livermore. ABC Music Store and Academy benefit Livermore school music programs. Advanced Ticket Sales ABC Music, 2156 First St., Downtown Livermore or call 925-443-1244

Liszt Festival - All Day Event Celebrating the Bicentennial of Franz Liszt, 2, 3:30, 5 and 8 p.m. Sun., Nov. 20. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Music Department Recital, Las Positas College, Wed., Nov. 30, 12:30 p.m. Mertes Center for the Performing Arts, on the Las Positas Campus, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Ticket prices are \$12 general admission and \$8 for students & seniors. www.brownpapertickets.com with the venue of Las Positas College, or call 1-800-838-3006.

A Charlie Brown Christmas with David Benoit, jazz, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m. LVPAC Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

ON THE STAGE

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead by Tom Stoppard, October 28 - November 19, Role Players Ensemble, 8 p.m. Th., Fri., Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Village Theatre, 233 Front St. Danville, www.ci.danville.ca.us

Servant of Two Masters, classic Italian Comedy with a modern twist by Carlo Goldoni, adapted by Oded Gross and Tracy Young. Ohlone College Fall Theatre Production November 10-12, 17-19, 8 p.m. Fast-paced comedy and preposterous situations as Truffaldino, the deceptively zany servant serves two masters, four lovers and a psychotic cook, outwitting them all. Smith Center at Ohlone College, 43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont. Tickets \$10-\$15, 510.659.6031 or http://www.smithcenter.com/

All My Sons, by Arthur Miller, Las Positas College fall production. Performance are November 11, 12, 18, 19, 8:30 p.m. and Nov. 13, 20 at 2 p.m. in the Mertes Center for the Performing Arts, on the Las Positas Campus, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Ticket prices are \$12 general admission and \$8 for students & seniors. Advance purchase tickets will be available online at www.brownpapertickets.com with the venue of Las Positas College, or call 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door.

COMEDY

MacHomer, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. LVPAC Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First

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

Night at the Improv, November 18 - 19, 8 p.m. Tickets \$10. Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. www.sanramon.ca.gov

DANCE

Lakota Sioux Dance Theatre, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m. LVPAC Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Momix Botanica, dance, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m. LVPAC Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Friday Night Dance Parties, themed parties each Friday night from Salsa to Swing, includes a group dance lesson at 8:15. \$15 cover charge, 8:15 dance lesson, 9:00-10:30 for dance parties. It's All About Dancing, 171 So. J Street, Livermore. 925-449-9292, or studio@itsallaboutdancing.com.

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

Auditions for the 31st annual Sunol Repertory Theatre Melodrama. Auditions will be held in the Sunol Glen Cafeteria, 11601 Main St., Sunol. Singing tryout date is Tues., Dec. 6 at 7pm. Please bring a music selection. Acting tryout date is Thurs., Dec. 8th at 7pm. If selected rehearsal dates are Tues. & Thurs. 7-9pm January through March. Performance dates are Fri. & Sat. 8pm March 9-March 24. Information, contact Barbara Egbert, 862-0729.

MOVIES

Wine at the Vine, November 17, Come to the Vine for a showing of Bottlehook starring Alan Rickman, Chris Pine, and Bill Puman. At 6:30 PM Rodrigue Molyneux, Occasio, Nottingham, and McGrail will be pouring wine tasting in the lobby. Wine by the glass will also be available as well as a full dinner menu. At 7:00 the movie starts. Immediately preceding the movie will be a question and answer session. The panel will consist of Livermore marketers and winemakers such as Mark Clarin, Laura Ness, Lindsey Roffey, Collin Cranor, and John Kinney. \$10 per person includes wine tasting and ticket. Vine Cinema is located in downtown Livermore.

Classic films at the Pleasanton Library, Las Positas College and the Pleasanton Public Library present the series. Theme this year is "Three Great Directors." Admission is free. The series is hosted by Candace Klaschus, Professor of Media Studies at Las Positas College. Klaschus offers a brief entertaining talk about each film prior to the screening. Film directors featured in this year's series are Howard Hawkes, John Ford and Alfred Hitchcock. Refreshments are served. A complete list of the "Three Great Directors" films is available at the Pleasanton Public Library. Movies will be shown the first Thursday of each month through June 7, 2012. No registration required. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

CHORAL

Broadway Chorus, presents Broadway A-Z, Nov. 11-13, Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, tickets www.trivalleyrep.org.

Cantabella Children's Chorus Annual Winter Concerts, A Ceremony of Carols, Saturday, December 10, 2011, at 2:00 P.M. featuring the performing choirs, and at 4:15 P.M. featuring the training choirs and the performing choirs. First

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Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. Children aged kindergarten through high school will perform choral music accompanied by chamber musicians. The title of the concerts refers to Benjamin Britten's choral work, which will be performed in its entirety at the 2:00 concert, and in part at the 4:15 concert. Repertoire also includes pieces sung in French, Latin and Hebrew, and melodies from other international traditions. Audience participation. Tickets at the door: adults \$15, children 10 and under \$10; in advance online: adults \$12, children 10 and under \$8, at Cantabella.org.

OPERA

Broadcast from the Met, Dublin Regal Hacienda Cinema. Don Giovanni; replay Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 16. Satagraha, Nov. 19, Dec. 7; Rodelinda, Dec. 3, Jan. 4; Faust, Dec. 10 and Jan. 11; Enchanted Island, Jan. 21; Gotterdammerung, Feb. 11; Ernani, Feb. 25 and March 14; Manon, April 7 and 25; Turandot, April 14, May 2. First date is a morning showing, second date afternoon. Check for exact curtain time. 560-0900.

Opera San José, double-bill, Leoncavallo's emotional tour de force Pagliacci paired with Poulenc's French monodrama La voix humaine. Eight performances are scheduled from November 12 through 27 at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street in downtown San José. Tickets are on sale at the Opera San José Box Office, by phone at (408) 437-4450 or online at www.operasj.org. Pagliacci and La voix humaine are made possible, in part, by a Cultural Affairs Grant from the City of San José.

MISCELLANEOUS

Correction: The California Writers Club Tri-Valley branch seminar registration price for nonmembers was incorrectly listed as \$95 on November 3. The correct price is \$99.

M.o.M.'s Reading Time, ages 2 to 5 and families, Museum on Main monthly reading program, 10 to 11 a.m. with theme related crafts immediately following. Admission is free. Donations are always appreciated. No Reservations required. Large groups or playgroups please call in advance: 925.462.2766 or email: education@museumonmain.org. November 9: *Giving Thanks*- What are you thankful for? Enjoy books and make a craft to share at the Thanksgiving table. December 14: *Snow Day*- You never know where you'll find snow! Join us for a cool morning of books and fun all about snow. 603 Main Street.

Political Issues Book Club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs in both the national and international arenas. Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history, sociology, science, the climate, and religion. Contact Rich at 872-7923, for further questions

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

Lithorama, annual rock and gem show, hosted by Livermore Valley Lithophiles. Nov. 19 and 20 at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Something for all kids, young and old. Doors open at 10 a.m. \$5 adults, children under 12 free w/adult. www.lithophiles.com.

Earlier Than the Bird; Magical Holiday Evening Planned

Livermore Downtown Inc. is hosting the 7th Annual "Earlier Than the Bird Shopping Celebration" On November 19, 2011.

For the second year, the Pleasanton Downtown Association will host a "Earlier Than the Bird" event on the same day.

Earlier Than the Bird is designed to launch the Holiday Shopping Season in a unique and entertaining fashion, capturing the Holiday Shopping dollars before the Corporate Retail launch on Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving.

On Nov. 19, Livermore's and Pleasanton's downtown retail shops will be open at 7 a.m., offering refreshments to their patrons to keep them fueled. There will be special offers, added value campaigns and shoppers, in Livermore, will receive a free messenger bag as a gift, if they are wearing their pajamas.

Shoppers who arrive wearing their pajamas will receive a free Downtown Pleasanton winter scarf as a gift. Also, KKIQ will have their promotions team, van, prize wheel and more in downtown from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Pleasanton and will make live remote announcements about the event.

"The Holiday Season is the most important revenue generating quarter for our small businesses in downtowns," said Livermore Downtown Executive Director, Rachael Snedecor. "It is imperative that independent business owners find unique ways to attract consumers to discover the specialty products and services to be found in Main Street Commercial districts."

The California Main Street Alliance is working closely with Downtown Districts across the State of California to create awareness and gain commitment to the "Shop Local" movement. Rachael Snedecor, as past President of the California Main Street Alli-

Faces of Livermore Project

Back in March of 2011 Dawn Schubert Photography launched an ongoing charity project called Faces of Livermore.

She photographs a person close-up for a donation, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to charity. The plan is to eventually print a book of the Faces of Livermore and place a copy in a time capsule.

ance, invites all downtowns to join in hosting the "Earlier Than The Bird" event in their districts. "This year we are thrilled to have our neighboring, sister downtown of Pleasanton joining the party," declared Snedecor. "Tri-Valley residents now have the opportunity to enjoy two historic downtown districts for this fun "Slumber Party" style shopping event."

Laura Olson, Executive Director of the Pleasanton Downtown Association, added, "Our Downtown Pleasanton businesses are excited to partner with Livermore on this unique and exciting event. Events like these are what our local Downtowns are all about – an inviting, fun and festive environment for everyone to enjoy while shopping and dining."

In addition to Earlier Than the Bird on Saturday, November 19 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Downtown Pleasanton will host its annual holiday kick-off – "Magical Holiday Evening." Downtown shops, restaurants and businesses will usher in the holidays with festive decorations, twinkling lights, beautiful window displays, holiday treats and, of course, sales! Santa and his helpers will be available at the Museum on Main for photos while elves will roam the street distributing candy canes. Live entertainment and children's activities will add to the festive holiday atmosphere.

The Saturday activities will launch the Holiday Season that will generate income for more than just the business owners. Much needed sale tax revenue will be generated for Alameda County and for the local communities of Livermore and Pleasanton.

For more information, go to www.livermoredowntown.com and www.pleasantondowntown.net, or call Rachael Snedecor at (925) 373-1795 for Livermore Downtown Inc. or Laura Olson at (925) 484-2199 for the Pleasanton

A new charity is selected each month.

A slide show of the Faces of Livermore will play in the new store front window at 56 S Livermore across the street from Uncle Yu's.

For information about upcoming sessions of Faces of Livermore, call 925-321-2499.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Family enjoys shopping in their pajamas in Livermore.

Downtown Association.

Participating Merchants in Livermore: Art Glass Studio, Artistic Edge at Blacksmith Square Blowout Bar Salon, Cafe Art, Cal Coast Financial, Cooleykatz Toys, Curio, Dana's Boutique, Dawn Schubert Photography, Dom's Outdoor Outfitters, First Street Wine Co., LaLaLa Salon, Livermore

Art Association Gallery Shop, Maggio's Italian Deli & Bakery, Main Street Designs, Main Street Designs Christmas Shop, Milano Joe's & El Charro Restaurants, Outside In etc., Proctor's, Shakabuku Designs, Street Science, Swirl on the Aquare, Uptown Girls, Victorine Olive Oil, Winemaker's Pour House.

Broadway Chorus Plans Three Performances at Amador Theater

Broadway Chorus will perform Nov. 11, 12 and 13 at the Amador Theater in Pleasanton.

Theme for the program is "Broadway A to Z." The chorus performs a variety of songs ranging from traditional to modern Broadway, as well as classic choral repertoire.

Curtain goes up at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

Jenny Matteucci directs; Dan-

iel Lockert is the accompanist. The show is produced by JoAnn Loitz.

Tickets are \$20 adult, \$17 over age 60 and \$10 under age 18. Tickets may be purchased by calling 462-2121 or visit www.broadwaychorus.org.

Broadway Chorus is part of the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre.

The Amador Theater is located at 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton.

Romance

Couple Exchanges Vows at San Joan Capistrano

Carrie Marie Damschroder and Daniel Adam Chambers, both of Aliso Viejo, CA, were married on September 5, 2011, at Franciscan Gardens in San Juan Capistrano, CA. Deacon Eddie Salgado of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Laguna Beach, CA, officiated.

The bride, who was escorted by her father, is the daughter of Paul and Diane Damschroder, of Helena, OH. The groom is the son of Frank and Diane Chambers, of Livermore. Anna Damschroder, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Stanley Alachniewicz, friend of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were David Dunwoodie and Ryan Marshall, both friends of the groom.

The bride wore an ivory gown with satin asymmetrical ruches and a v-shaped back. The one-shouldered neckline was adorned with a Swarovski crystal accent; a sweep

train and bubble hem completed the style. She wore her maternal grandmother's wedding rings and carried a bouquet of magenta coxcomb, green trick dianthus, cream hypericum berry, moonvista carnations, red roses, big chief green cymbidium orchids, and mini green Peruvian hydrangeas.

The maid of honor wore a sleeveless eggplant charmeuse dress with origami detail and carried a bouquet of super green roses, mini green hydrangeas, and green hypericum berries.

A reception was held at Franciscan Gardens immediately following the wedding. A six-piece band entertained guests after the plated dinner of roasted garlic and herb-marinated beef tri-tip and grilled portobello mushroom stacks. A traditional red velvet cake filled with cream cheese butter cream and frosted with vanilla French butter

cream was served for dessert.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Gibsonburg High School, a 2001 graduate of Bowling Green State University, and a 2003 graduate of Miami University of Ohio. She is employed as the Director of Documentation at Eyefinity in Irvine, and teaches part-time as a lecturer in the English Department at California State University, Long Beach.

The groom is a 2001 graduate of Granada High School and a 2006 graduate of California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. He is currently working towards his MBA at the University of California in Irvine, and will graduate in June 2012. He is employed as a program manager at the Walt Disney Studios in Burbank.

After honeymooning in French Polynesia, the couple settled into their home in Aliso Viejo, CA.



Carrie Marie Damschroder and Daniel Adam Chambers

Education

Emma C. Smith and Sunset Elementary Schools Recognized by California Business for Education Excellence

After reviewing student achievement data in every public school in California, California Business for Education Excellence (CBEE) has named Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's Emma C. Smith and Sunset Elementary Schools a *2010 California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll School*.

The 2010 Honor Roll includes 1,315 California public elementary, middle and high schools that have been recognized by California's business community for having demonstrated consistent high student academic achievement and making significant progress toward closing achievement gaps among all their students. The annual award is supported by numerous businesses and organizations including State Farm, Macy's, Edison International, Wells Fargo, Southern California Auto Club, the California Business Roundtable,

and United Way of the Bay Area.

Using data from EdResults.org, a free and accurate source of longitudinal student academic performance data (www.edresults.org), CBEE has identified and will honor the highest performing public schools in California. Schools making up the Honor Roll are consistently raising academic achievement and making significant progress toward closing achievement gaps for all students. These schools are being recognized not only for their achievements, but so that other schools can learn the successful strategies or "best practices" of these Honor Roll schools. Since its beginning in 2006, the Honor Roll list has grown from 304 schools in 2006 to 569 schools in 2007 to 911 schools in 2008 to 1,304 in 2009. This is a testament to the hard work and relentless focus on results for students that these schools have shown over the years. It is also a

strong statement about how success is occurring and spreading in public schools across the state.

The Honor Roll uses hard data, individual school and student subgroup performance data based on the California Standards Tests and the California High School Exit Exam, to evaluate school academic performance over time. Schools that reach the Honor Roll have met a rigorous standard of increasing and sustaining grade level proficiency over four years and closing achievement gaps when they exist.

The Honor Roll is comprised of two different awards, the "Star Schools" Award (478 schools) and "Scholar Schools" Award (837 schools). CBEE Star Schools are those with significant populations of socio-economically disadvantaged students that have shown a significant increase in grade-level proficiency over four years and

are outperforming expectations for every subgroup of students. CBEE Scholar Schools are schools that are showing significant levels of academic achievement, but do not have a significant socio-economically disadvantaged student population. "These schools are the bright spots of excellence in efforts to raise student academic achievement and close persistent achievement gaps," said Kirk Clark, president of CBEE. "By highlighting them, recognizing their achievement and giving them a voice we hope other schools can learn from these proven practices and we can begin to duplicate their success to scale throughout the state."

The mission of California Business for Education Excellence (www.cbef.org) is to raise student academic achievement and close achievement gaps in California public schools by ensuring every

student reaches a minimum of grade level proficiency. This is accomplished by providing a voice to high performing public schools so that all schools can replicate their best practices. Since 1998, CBEE has worked to focus businesses around a common agenda for high performing public schools leading to increased baccalaureate degrees and economic productivity. CBEE serves as the business community's leading voice in education in California.

"We know from the success of these schools that all schools and all students in California can reach high levels of academic achievement and we can close achievement gaps," said Kirk Clark, president of CBEE.

For additional program information please visit: <http://www.cbef.org> where you can find a complete list of 2010 Honor Roll winners along with their achievement data.

Milestones

Community



Pictured is Sandra Wing receiving the check from Kurt Grossheider, Attorney at Law. The gift is in memory of Thomas J. Faria. Tom died of thyroid cancer in 2009.

Healing Therapies Foundation Receives \$10,000 Donation

Local cancer patients seeking pain relief during chemotherapy and/or radiation treatment will be the beneficiaries of a \$10,000 donation made to the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, in memory of Thomas J. Faria, who passed away in September of 2009.

This donation allows the Foundation to provide immediate relief to at least 10 cancer patients in the Tri Valley by helping them pay for complementary therapies – such as therapeutic massage, acupressure, acupuncture, deep breathing techniques, guided meditation and/or visual imagery sessions – during their cancer treatments. These therapies are typically not covered by insurance. The therapies help alleviate the side effects caused by radiation and chemotherapy treatments.

"We are so appreciative of this donation," said founder Sandra J. Wing, a dual cancer survivor. "In our first two years, we have been able to support OVER 75 cancer patients in the Tri-Valley. This grant gives us a great start toward our goal of helping even more cancer patients experience pain relief in coming years."

Thomas J. Faria was afflicted with thyroid cancer and toward the end of his life, he directed donations to support organizations that

engaged in cancer research and treatment of cancer patients.

To be eligible for a Foundation grant, applicants must be diagnosed with cancer; under the care of a physician; undergoing chemotherapy or radiation treatment; reside in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, or Danville; and not have medical insurance which covers the complementary service(s) they desire.

The Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation raises funds throughout the year with a variety of events and activities. The group's primary fundraiser is the Ragin' Cajun, a dinner/dance/auction event that is held every winter. The 4th Annual Ragin' Cajun will be held at the Palm Event Center in Pleasanton on Friday, March 2, 2012. Sponsors and volunteers are sought for this festive Mardi Gras themed event.

Applications are now being accepted for 2012 grants. Interested applicants can apply online at www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org or call (866) 862-7270 for an application. Friends, family members, and caregivers are encouraged to help the patient complete the application.

To learn more about the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, go to www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org

Clay Smith Earns Eagle Scout Honors

Clay Edward Smith, member of Livermore Troop 900, received his Eagle Scout Award at his Court of Honor on July 16, 2011 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Livermore.

For Clay's Eagle Scout project, he coordinated and led the efforts of Asbury United Methodist Church to meet a goal of providing 100 backpacks (filled with supplies and shoe gift certificate) for the Tri-Valley Interfaith Council's Backpack Project. Clay organized and led all fund-raising activities, successfully raising over \$5,000 that was needed to fund the entire project. Clay also ordered the supplies, picked them up from the distributor, arranged for volunteers to pack the 100 backpacks, and distributed the backpacks.

Clay is a senior at Livermore High School. He is the son of LaNor and Scott Smith.



Clay Edward Smith

Defense Program Employees Receive Awards

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Defense Programs has announced the recipients of the Defense Programs' Employee of the Quarter Awards. Recipients of the awards are recognized for going beyond the call of duty in supporting the mission of NNSA's Defense Programs.

The local recipients of NNSA Defense Programs' Employee of

the Quarter Awards are as follows:

LSO Supplement Analysis Project Team, Livermore Site Office, is recognized for completing the Supplement Analysis of the 2005 Final Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for Continued Operation of the laboratory.

Steve MacLaren, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory,

is recognized as the lead designer in the recently completed High Energy Density experiments on both the National Ignition Facility and the Z machine.

Rita Gonzales, Sandia National Laboratories, is recognized for leading the multidepartment effort to develop and deliver several Application Specific Integrated Circuits for the B61 Life Extension Program.

New Museum on Main Program

Guided Walking Tour of Downtown Pleasanton Can Be Downloaded onto Cell Phone

The Museum on Main, working with Guide by Cell of San Francisco, now offers a narrated walking tour of 25 sites in downtown Pleasanton. This program turns a personal cell phone into an interactive audio guide.

This program provides the museum the ability to engage people in a different way of learning some community history. Over 400 museums worldwide are using the Guide by Cell technology to enhance visitor experiences without those bulky handsets. The program is free except for the cost of personal cell phone minutes and is available any time of the day – not just when the Museum or buildings are open. Funding from

the L.G. Skaggs and Mary Skaggs Foundation and an anonymous donor provided the funding to get the program off the ground.

Museum volunteer Dorothy Nesbitt spent a year developing the script of the important features and stories of buildings in the immediate downtown such as Kolln Hardware, the Pleasanton Hotel, the Museum and Gay Nineties Pizza.

There are several ways to get access to this guide. One is to stop by the Museum and pick up the Walking Tour Audio Guide that provides the phone number, instructions and a list of the various stops. Information can be down-

loaded online at the Museum's web site. Guides will also be available at several of the business along the way. The Guide by Cell system also allows the user to provide feedback and to add additional personal stories about the sites along the way.

The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum's web site at www.museumonmain.org or call 925.462.2776.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

Holiday Boutique. The community is invited to the annual Our Savior Lutheran Ministries Holiday Boutique on Saturday, November 12, from 9am-2pm. Our Savior is located at 1385 South Livermore, Avenue, in Livermore. There will be assorted crafts, from several local vendors, in addition to a bake sale. Questions regarding this event may be directed to the church office at 925-447-1246.

Barton Reading Program fund-raiser, Stella and Dot Trunk Show. Sun., Nov. 13, 2:30 p.m. 7669 Martin Canyon Rd., Dublin. Afternoon of fun and fashion; 15% of all sales go to the Barton Tutor Program. Raffle opportunity. Preview at www.stelladot.com/sites/arzubrown.

Emblem Club Holiday Boutique, Sat., Nov. 19, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. Handcrafted gifts, snack bar, homemade baked goods.

Donlon Elementary in Pleasanton is holding its annual Holiday Boutique & Bake Sale fund-raiser on Friday, December 2 from 2:30-6:30 p.m. at the school, and is currently taking applications for hand-craft vendors. The event takes place on a school day so we can take advantage of the huge parent foot traffic we have on campus in the afternoon. Table prices are \$25 for half table (5.75') and \$50 for full table (11.5'). Because of space limitations, we cannot accept applications from commercial or 'home party' vendors. All table fees and bake sale proceeds go directly to Donlon's Parent-Faculty Club, which supports school-wide activities and classroom enrichment. For a vendor application or more information, please email donlonboutique2011@gmail.com.

Christmas Boutique, Dec. 3rd Veteran's Hall, 5th and South L Streets, Livermore, Ca. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments available. Hosted by Unit 287 Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association. Funds help troops stationed overseas and/or a veterans's project in Livermore. Vendors interested in participating, contact Polly, 925-447-5986.

Holiday Book Sale, Friends of the Dublin Library on Sat., Dec. 3 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. A great selection of beautiful hardcover books in excellent condition, ideal for gift giving will be offered. They include children's books, holiday books, gourmet cookbooks, collections, gift books, games, and more. Dublin Library (925) 828-1315

Bingo, Thurs., Nov. 10 at the Bingo Ranch in Livermore, fund-raiser for Christensen Middle School (CMS) 8th grade students for their DC/NYC trip. Bingo Ranch, 3070 Pacific Ave. in Livermore, 925-606-7777 for more information.

The Amador Valley Quilt Guild will meet on Saturday, November 12, at 1:30 pm at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. The meeting is open to all those who are interested in the culture, history and artistry of quilting. Guest speaker is Cathy Miller, known as "The Singing Quilter." Through voice, guitar, and quilt examples, Cathy takes her first-hand knowledge as a quilter and historian, to touch quilting themes that we can all recognize.

Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind meeting on Saturday, November 12, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. We meet in Cafeteria Room 2 at Valley Memorial Hospital in Livermore, 1111 East Stanley Blvd. Any visually impaired or blind person is urged to attend. Call, Carl, 449-9362 for more info.

Ask The Dietitian & Book Signing with Elizabeth Kahn, Ofelia's Kitchen, 850 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore. Mon., Nov. 14, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Elizabeth will be answering nutrition and natural health questions and signing copies of her book *A Nutrition Revolution: Uncover the Mysteries of Nutrition*. Ofelia will be offering tastings of some of their healthy and homemade food. Please stop by enjoy the food, maybe have a book signed and ask the dietitian.

M.I. Hummel Club, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, meets second Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. at member's home. Guests

always welcome. Topics include sharing of Hummel figurine news and information. For information, contact Joan Mumma, club secretary, 447-5164 or www.mumma.org/hummel/

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Nov. 12, 43 miles from San Jose towards Gilroy, meet 9 a.m. shopping center corner of Almaden Expressway and Camden Ave., Robin Johnson, retorobin@yahoo.com. Sun., Nov. 13, 38 miles Lafayette loop to Pinole, meet 9:30 a.m. Gail Blanco, 872-1001. Wed., Nov. 16, 40 miles from Benicia to the Rockville Cafe, meet 10 a.m. Barbara Wood, 707-745-6353. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Would you like help with your resume? The Pleasanton Public Library is offering free consultations with an experienced Employment Recruiter. Sign up at the Reference Desk for a 20 minute consultation. Receive help with resume writing, find employment web sites, learn how to search for a job on the web, and get help with online applications. The Pleasanton Library has extensive support material available. For appointments call the Reference Desk at 925/931-3400. Library programs are free and open to everyone. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

GNON's (Girls Night Out Networking) Tri-Valley Chapter, holiday party. Special Holiday Menu and Drinks, raffle prizes, surprises, specials and awards New unwrapped toys will be collected for the Toys for Tots program. Tuesday, December 6th, 5:00 - 8:30 pm. TGI Fridays (GNON's official caterer) 3999 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton (925) 225-1995. Cost is \$10/pp for members and \$15/pp for nonmembers. Visit www.gnontrivalley.com or call (925) 487-4748. Please RSVP by December 2nd at gnoners@gmail.com

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month - exception is December - 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

Tri-Valley Democratic Club meeting Mon., Nov. 21, 7 p.m. at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. The program will be "Taxing Wall St. transactions, a discussion with Oakland Port Commissioner Michael Lighty the director of public policy for the California Nurses Association/National Nurses United. Refreshments, public welcome.

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet on Thursday, November 10, 7 p.m. at Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. The speaker will be Denise Koroslev. The topic is medicinal herb gardening and techniques. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Bev at 925-485-7812 or visit www.lavgc.org.

Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment (Tri-Valley CARES) overarching mission is to promote peace, justice and a healthy environment. All are welcome at monthly meeting at the Livermore Civic Center Library Thursday, November 17 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. For more information call Tri-Valley CARES at (925) 443-7148 or visit our website at <http://trivalleycares.org>.

Tri-Valley Basket Brigade, Saturday November 19 at 10 a.m. Please join the Tri-Valley Basket Brigade for a Thanksgiving food drive. On Brigade Day, participants bring food and clothing items to create 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 4 Peace, Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, Nov. 23 between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., General meeting Nov. 16, 3 p.m. Dublin Library. Happy hour in Pleasanton, Nov. 17, 5 p.m. RSVP by Nov. 15 to Kathy, 398-8005. Friendly bridge, Nov. 19, 1 p.m. RSVP to Janice by Nov. 15, 510-919-4740. Birthday lunch in San Ramon, Nov. 20, noon. RSVP by Nov. 13 to Marsha, 830-8483. Brunch buffet breakfast in Livermore, Nov. 27, 10:45 a.m. RSVP by Nov. 25 to Hilda, 292-2000. Lunch

in Pleasanton, Nov. 30, noon. RSVP by Nov. 27 to Marge, 828-5124. Annual Christmas Party, Dec. 4, 5 p.m. Reply by Nov. 25 to Ruby, 462-9636.

Boy Scout Troop 934 is offering recycling of home and office inkjet and toner cartridges to help the Pleasanton community protect and conserve natural resources. Instead of throwing away used inkjet and toner cartridges, drop them off at U.S. Bank, 749 Main Street, Pleasanton, or arrange for a pick at your local business by contacting the scouts at recycle@bstroop934.com.

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

San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club invites new and long-time residents to its monthly luncheon on November 20 at Faz Restaurant, 600 Hartz Ave., Danville. 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$20. The speaker will be Jean Meredith, a representative of the 100 Club, which supports families of fallen fire-fighters & policemen. Call Susan, 925-718-5214, for reservations & information.

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 and is dedicated to the continued support of our 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.

VFW Post 7265, Livermore, invites Veterans of Foreign Wars, all military branches, to join the group. Any age veteran welcome to meetings held 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7 p.m. (2000 hours), 522 South L St., Livermore. Camaraderie, support, connections, advocacy, distinction and community service. Information, contact Vice Commander Virgil Stanger at 455-5039 or go to www.vfwwebcom.org/ca/post7265.

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter, meets 9:30 a.m. first Saturday of the month from September to May at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. DAR is a women's service organization. Members are descended from a patriot of the American Revolution and are dedicated to patriotism, preservation of American history, and securing America's future through education. Contact Maris at 443-3087 or mhl3frog@yahoo.com.

Toastmasters - Livermore Lunch Bunch meets Mondays at noon, conference room, 2157 First St., Livermore. Learn to develop communication and leadership skills in a supportive environment that fosters self-confidence and personal growth. www.livermoretoastmasters.org. Sept. 15, 12:15 p.m. ribbon cutting ceremony and open house planned.

D.A.R. Daughters of the American Revolution, Jose Marie Amador Chapter, Pleasanton. Meetings first Saturday of the month. Group is comprised of descendants of Patriots of the American Revolution. It is a service organization that provides contests, awards and scholarships. For members, prospective members, and information on meeting location, contact Ann 510-507-5509 or anarisco@comcast.net.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), meets at Hillcrest Community Gardens Building, 550 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore. Mondays, 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. private weigh-in, 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. meeting. All are welcome. Non-profit, self-help organization founded in 1950. TOPS members are guided by a nutritionist and a medical doctor at the national headquarters. Members are encouraged to use the diabetic exchange program and are free to use whatever food they plan. Information, contact Sue at 462-6281.

The Writing Club, Young Adults, ages 12- 21, are invited to join The Writing Club at the Livermore Public Library, Civic Center. The Writing Club will meet Thursday, December 1, 2011, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, for an evening of writing with author J.L. Powers. There is no charge to join. Take writing a step further by learning about publishing and how to expand writing horizons. For more information, please visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website:

www.livermorelibrary.net, or contact Sandy at 925-373-5500 extension 5583.

Drop-in Computer Tutoring, Need help with downloading E-Books from the library to your E-Reader, sending E-mail attachments, social networking, blogging, general internet questions, or ??? Help is available at the Pleasanton Library Thursday evenings 6 to 8 p.m. Questions? Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400 (press 7 for Ref. Desk). Library programs are free and open to everyone. Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 for information.

Pleasanton Military Families is a Pleasanton based support group for those who have a loved one serving in the Military. The group gathers at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to share concerns, fears, and to celebrate the joys that are experienced. There is no better support than being surrounded by others who know what you are going through. Three times per year, the group collect supplies and sends care packages to the troops. Please contact PMFSG.ca@gmail.com for the location of the next meeting.

Livermore Military Families, a support group for families in Livermore who have a loved one serving in the Military, is intended to be a safe place for family members to come and share their experiences and concerns with others who understand what they are going through. All family members are welcome to attend meetings. Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Livermore Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information please call Tami Jenkins, 925-784-5014 or email livermoremilitaryfamilies@yahoo.com.

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

Pleasanton Newcomers Club, open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley. Activities include a coffee on the first Wednesday of the month, a luncheon on the second Wednesday of the month, bunco, Mah Jongg, bridge, walking and hiking groups, family activities and monthly adult socials. Information, visit www.PleasantonNewcomers.com.

The Bingo Ranch, 3070 Pacific Ave. in Livermore and is open Mondays, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays. Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch has been running Bingo for 16 years and is now working with Livermore Charter, Christensen, Arroyo Seco, East Avenue, Livermore High and Granada High schools, Pleasanton Seahawks and All American Sports Academy Teams. Come play Bingo and support the kids in the Valley. Call 925-606-7777 for more information.

RELIGION

Trinity, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday school or Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday nights there is adult Bible study at 6:45 and NRG and Re.Gen for youth, and children's choir for kids. Child care during all events. 447-1848. www.trinitylivermore.org.

St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Meditation groups following the John Main tradition, every Monday 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For details, contact Claire La Scala at 447-9800.

Thanksgiving Day Service, Tri-Valley residents are invited to join members of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore, in the church's 88th consecutive Thanksgiving Day service held in Livermore. The worship hour features a 15-minute period for members to share their stories of gratitude for the year's blessings. Communal singing begins the service, followed by inspiring readings from The Bible and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, a book written by Christian Science founder, Mary Baker Eddy. Biblical verses will be read from the books of Psalms, Deuteronomy, Jeremiah, Zephaniah, Matthew, Second Corinthians, First and Third John, and Revelation. Residents of all ages are invited to attend. A childcare room with experienced attendants is available adjacent to the auditorium for children too young to enjoy the service. 11 a.m.-noon on Thursday, Nov. 24. First Church of Christ, Scientist, 263 South "N" Street (corner of Third), Livermore; 925-447-2946, www.christiansciencechurchlivermore.com.

Mass of Remembrance, Come, remember, and give thanks for all the persons you have loved and who have died, at a Mass of Remembrance on Monday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. Family and friends are invited to join this special evening. If you wish, bring a small picture or memento of your loved one.

Women's Christmas Tea, Saturday, December 3, 2:00-4:00 pm, CrossWinds Church, 6444 Sierra Court in Dublin. \$15 covers the afternoon of fellowship, fun and a light lunch. Come and join us amidst the busyness of the holiday season to enjoy some girl time. For information on registering or to be a hostess for a table of eight, contact Samantha Leggat, 925-560-3822 or email sleggat@crosswindchurch.org.

Catholic Community of Pleasanton Grief & Loss Support Ministry, Speaker: Fr. Pdraig Greene. Thursday, November 10, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. No preregistration required. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

Sound Healing, with Reiki Master Marta Castillo, Fri., Nov. 11, 6:30 at Tri-Valley Unity's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. 11-11-11 is a spiritually transformative time. \$10 donation. RSVP castilloma44@hotmail.com. www.trivalleyunity.com (925) 829-2733.

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