



Find Out What's Happening

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

Measure B1 Fails at the Polls

Alameda County Measure B1 narrowly missed the required two-thirds with 66.53% at the end of Thursday's count of provisional ballots.

All of the ballots have been counted.

The measure fell .14% short of the required two-thirds margin. The vote was 350,899 yes (66.53%) and 176,504 "no" (33.47%). Measure had received 66.19 percent of the vote, 339,226.

Dave Macdonald, Alameda County Registrar of Voters, indicated that

certification of the election would likely occur before Thanksgiving. He noted that state statute allows 28 days, or Dec. 4, for certification. "Alameda County is always one of the first to certify," he stated.

The measure and a list of projects to be funded were placed on the ballot by the Alameda County Transportation Commission.

With failure of the measure, officials plan to begin work soon on another ballot measure. The timing to come back to the voters is undetermined at this time,

but as the projects in the current measure are almost all completed, it will definitely happen, according to Dawn Argula, Chief of Staff, Operations for Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

In the meantime, according to Argula, BART LVX remains "on track." Technical staff is preparing to begin project level environmental (EIR) work necessary for construction.

B1 asked voters to increase the current half-cent sales tax to one cent. The measure would have made the sales tax permanent and

raise \$7.8 billion over 30 years to boost spending on roads, freeways, public transit, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and transit-oriented developments. The lack of a sunset clause is believed to be one of the main reasons for the failure of the measure.

Among its many projects, the tax increase would have provided \$400 million for the BART LVX project. This funding would have been used for construction of a Phase 1 project, extending BART about 5 miles to a station location in the vi-

city of I-580/SR84 Isabel Interchange in Livermore. The extension is estimated to cost in the range of \$800 million to \$1.2 billion.

This local match of \$400 million is critical in leveraging other sources of federal, state and regional funding required to fund the full cost of construction.

Two earlier voter approved B Measures have been very successful in attracting funds to finance numerous major projects underway throughout Alameda

(See MEASURE B1, page 3)

Livermore Site for Three Commercials

The El Charro Road area near Paragon Outlets Livermore Valley was not the only place in Livermore where traffic was stopped recently.

Police halted traffic in downtown Livermore over an area on First Street in downtown Livermore on the same day as the outlet center opened, Nov. 8, for another commercial enterprise: the shooting of a car company commercial.

The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Film Commission set up the shoot. The commercial is expected to run in a regional market for Toyota around Thanksgiving.

Some 30 crew members worked with First Street merchants just west of the flagpole to create a holiday scene. Crew members rented local props, purchased supplies locally and ate at downtown restaurants.

In the commercial, the camera is focused on a storefront window billowing with gifts. Then one of the gifts starts moving. The camera pulls back to show that the package is on the roof of a vehicle on the street.

Film commission director Dale Kaye said that two other commercials are in the works this month. Over the weekend Exxon is filming a science-connected commercial at Livermore High School.

Another company will (See COMMERCIALS, page 3)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Clouds above an autumn tinted vineyard on Marina Avenue in Livermore made for a scenic site.

Technical Progress, Letter Of Intent Boost Livermore Cancer Therapy Firm

By Jeff Garberson

A small Livermore company that aims to improve radiation treatment for certain cancers has received encouraging news from an Arizona cancer center in the form of a letter of intent to purchase one of its therapy devices for use with patients.

The local company is Compact Proton Acceleration Corp., or CPAC, a privately held firm of about 15 employees who are trying to develop technologies that can make proton beam therapy practical and affordable for small hospitals.

For certain solid tumors like prostate and breast cancer, proton beams have apparent advantages over today's more common X-ray therapy. Both kinds of radiation kill cancer cells, but proton beams kill fewer healthy cells.

Proton radiation treatment centers are not common, however, because the accelerators and associated structures required for proton therapy are large and expensive—the size of a basketball court, costing \$100 million and more. Only major treatment centers like Loma Linda in Southern California and M.D. Anderson in Houston have been able to afford them.

(See CANCER, page 5)

Election Brings Some Changes to Valley

With all of the votes counted in Alameda County, the fate of all of the political candidates is known.

Measure B1, the proposed increase in Alameda County transportation tax, failed to gain the needed two-thirds vote. (See main story for details.)

In the race for the 15th Congressional District seat, Dublin Councilmember Eric Swalwell won with a little more than 52 percent of the

vote. The count on Tuesday was 115,690 for Swalwell, 105,880 for Stark.

Of the total, there were 20,000 cast in the Contra Costa portion of the district, chiefly San Ramon. Swalwell received almost 59 percent of the Contra Costa vote.

Stark was first elected in 1972 as a Danville resident in a district that included the Valley. Stark, a military veteran and Vietnam

War opponent, unseated a Democratic incumbent who supported the war.

Stark's eight-story Security National Bank Building in Walnut Creek had a huge peace symbol on the side, where it was easily seen from Interstate 680. Demolition work began last week on the building, which will make way for condominiums.

Stark issued a statement after the election, in which

he said, "It has been my honor to serve the people of the East Bay for the last 40 years. I have worked hard to deliver results: accomplishments like writing the COBRA law to make health insurance portable between jobs, bringing the first computers to schools, and crafting President Obama's groundbreaking health care law."

"I went to Washington by (See ELECTION, page 4)

Supervisors Welcome Home Servicemen And Women

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors hosted a special "welcome home" ceremony on Tuesday, November 13th recognizing the men and women who served in the Vietnam War and in Iraq. The ceremony took place in the outdoor plaza in front of the Alameda County Administration Building, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland.

"We are proud to honor our soldiers returning from active duty," said Nate Miley, President of the Alameda Board of Supervisors. "Our Vietnam-era veterans also deserve the welcome home they never received for their faithful and diligent service."

Tuesday's ceremony marked the second straight year that the Alameda County Board of Supervisors' has held an event recognizing veterans. It included a resource fair and organizations providing information for veterans including employment and job training, educational opportunities, mental and physical health care and housing.

More veterans settle in California than any other state with over 72,000 making their homes in Alameda County. When VIETNAM (See WELCOME, page 3)

Livermore School Board Deliberates Charter School Renewal

By Patricia Koning

Last week the Livermore Board of Education held a public hearing on the renewal petition for the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS). The trustees will vote to authorize or deny the petition at its Nov. 27 Board meeting.

"Thank you for your careful considering of our renewal petition," said LVCS principal Tara Aderman in a presentation to the trustees. "Renewing LVCS is not a criticism of other schools. Different children have different needs and parents need to choose different paths. There is room in Livermore for as many different paths to success as possible."

The Livermore School Board rejected the original LVCS petition submitted in 2004 and the renewal petition submitted in 2007. The State Board of Education (SBE) is the chartering

authority for LVCS, having authorized both the original petition and the 5-year renewal.

Aderman addressed some lingering misconceptions about LVCS and charter schools held by some. "We are a free, public school. We do not require donations. Any voluntary contributions are paid to our education foundation and are completely confidential," she said. "We have to meet all state standards, including credentialing of teachers."

In September, the State made changes to The Charter Schools Act of 1992 with State Bill (SB) 1290, Charter Schools: Establishment, Renewal, and Revocation. SB 1290 requires charter school petitions to address increases in pupil academic achievement, and requires that chartering authorities consider increases in academic achievement for all (See CHARTER, page 8)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Pictured performing in the skit are (from left) Janet Schott, x-ray technologist; William Ordonez, respiratory therapist; Kevin Wenig, ER nurse; Paula Gollan, registration; Michelle Stoneham, phlebotomist; and Lori Ingersoll, patient transporter.

Rotary Series Interacts With Students About Jobs That Don't Need 4-year Degree

There are plenty of well-paying jobs that don't require a four-year degree. The Livermore Rotary Club wants to help high school students find out more about them.

The club has launched

"Beyond High School," a campaign to acquaint high school students, especially incoming freshmen, that there are such jobs are in the real world.

By providing information, especially to freshmen,

the program can help students sign up for the courses they need early in their high school education.

The program debuted on Nov. 1 at Livermore High School. A skit was (See ROTARY, page 5)

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PET OF THE WEEK

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MEASURE B1

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County, including the BART extension to Warm Springs in Fremont, the BART connector to the Oakland Airport, and improvements on I-580, I-680, I-880 and SR 84.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty stated, "In the realm of transportation infrastructure, time is money, and as we regroup, we will continue to keep the momentum going on the BART extension to Livermore. It is the last link to complete in the original plan for BART in Alameda County serving a critical regional need for improved mobility in the I-580 gateway corridor into the Bay Area."

The environmental study,

estimated to take about 18 months, includes design and preliminary engineering. It will be submitted to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for funding in December. About \$100 million in regional MTC funds from bridge tolls have been designated for this project for many years. There is another potential \$660 million that has been set aside by MTC to fund a project in either east or north county. ACTC General Manager Art Dao said recently that BART to Livermore is currently the only project that would qualify for the funds.

A completed EIR will

further define the details of the BART LVX project, strengthening its position and eligibility for funding in a future county-wide transportation Measure.

In a statement issued after the vote, Tess Lengyel, Deputy Director of Policy, Public Affairs, and Legislation Alameda County Transportation Commission, commented, "We hope to have the opportunity to continue investing in Alameda County, to provide critical transportation projects and programs for our residents and businesses, to create jobs, reduce congestion and increase transportation options."

Castlewood Has 44 Workers Back

Forty-four of the 61 locked-out Castlewood County Club workers have taken their jobs back.

Sarah Norr, a spokesperson for the Unite Here union, said that the remaining workers have found other jobs or moved out of the area.

The returned employees are working under the terms of the old contract, which expired more than two years

ago. Negotiations then broke down, and management locked out the workers.

The National Labor Relations Board ruled in August that the lockout, which began in August 2010, was illegal.

Castlewood can appeal the decision, and has been granted an extension to make a decision. The extension will expire at the end of November, said Norr.

Under the 2009 contract, the wages are lower than what the union is seeking as part of a new contract. Further, although Castlewood paid 100 percent of the medical insurance cost in the old contract, its financial obligation doesn't cover the higher cost of health insurance that has grown since then, said Norr.

The issue of back-pay owed to workers has not been resolved, said Norr.

WELCOME

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erans came home they faced harsh ridicule and criticism, instead of the warm homecoming they deserved. Congress designated March 30th as "National Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day," representing the day in 1973 when the last of American troops left Vietnam. Several states including California have established a day to honor or "welcome home"

Vietnam veterans and have passed laws to ensure they receive the benefits they are entitled to.

"Our veterans have fought for the freedoms we enjoy today," said Supervisor Scott Haggerty and the parent of a daughter in the U.S. Navy. "These men and women are true heroes who deserve to be welcomed home by a grateful County."

COMMERCIALS

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be shooting a national TV commercial near Carnegie Park and Mines Road over the next two weeks.

With commercials, industrial films and the occasional shooting of scenes for TV and movies, filming had more than a \$1 million impact on Livermore last year. The total is projected to be higher this year, said Kaye.

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Personnel Commission Opening

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

LARPD is accepting applications through 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, for a volunteer position on the Commission. The LARPD Board appoints Personnel Commissioners 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, CA, 94550. For more information about the position, please call Tim Barry at 925-373-5700.

Commercial Properties

Commercial activity is reported picking up.

San Francisco-based Ellis Partners, LLC has acquired properties in two separate transactions in the Tri-Valley

area of Northern California.

The firm has acquired the 64,405 square foot two-story office building known as the "Franklin Corporate Center," which is located at 5100 Franklin Drive in Pleasanton, California. The project was acquired from a private investor and will be 100% vacated by long-term tenant Hitachi prior to year end 2012.

The firm has also acquired the two-building 145,220 square foot office/flex project located at 455-477 North Canyons Parkway known as "North Canyons Tech Park" right off of Interstate 580 at the western edge of Livermore, California. The project was acquired from a lender in possession and will be 47% leased by year end; up from 27% due to a lease that was executed at the time of purchase.

Jason Morehouse, Senior Vice President of Acquisitions for Ellis Partners, stated, "With these acquisitions, we will be able to provide a variety of size and space configurations at several different price points to growing Tri-Valley businesses."

At Franklin Corporate Center, Ellis Partners will implement a major renovation of the building including lobbies, common areas and interiors as well as landscaping upgrades.

At North Canyons Tech Park, Ellis Partners will also perform renovations and upgrades to place the project in a lease ready condition.



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EDITORIAL

Peace Monument

The Livermore Peace Monument has been attacked by vandals. The two-piece sculpture is the work of Livermore artist Don Homan.

The idea of a peace monument came originally from the late Leon Smith, a researcher at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He noted that there were thousands of monuments to war all over the world. He urged the residents of Livermore to erect a monument to peace not war.

The monument was originally sculptured from teak. However, the years took their toll on the wooden structure. It was eventually replaced with a bronze work. It was placed in front of the old library, the original location. However, with the closing of the library, few people walk in the area, making the sculpture an easy target for vandals.

We hope the damage will be repaired. Then, the Peace Monument should be moved, not just to discourage vandalism, but to honor the concept of peace in a more visible setting.

Zone 7 Responds to Supervisors Concerning Separation from County

Zone 7 Water Agency appreciates the fact that the Valley's County Supervisors, Scott Haggerty and Nate Miley, support the agency's independence efforts, when it comes to water.

Zone 7 board chair Sarah Palmer conveyed that sentiment to the two supervisors in a letter dated Oct. 31, a response to the supervisors' letter dated June 22.

In the meantime, Zone 7 had responded Sept. 21 to the Alameda County Grand Jury concerning suggestions that Zone 7 should forget about going independent at all, and instead merge with some other appropriate services district. The grand jury said savings would result from consolidation.

Zone 7 responded to that letter publicly. The supervisors were able to see that letter, said Zone 7 officials. Zone 7 told the grand jury that such a merger would be inefficient and result in poorer functioning and less accountability to ratepayers in the Valley.

Haggerty and Miley say they are fine with an independent Zone 7 Water Agency, but don't want Zone 7 to take the flood control function with it.

Hank Ackerman, who heads the county flood con-

trol agency, and its flood control zones, said that it would be impractical for the county to see Zone 7 take the flood control function if it were to separate.

Right now, the county is able to coordinate all of its flood control zones. A change would add a second party to the coordination effort.

However, Zone 7 wants to bring flood control along with water, because it will enable the agency to manage flood water, recycling, and water storage better than it could under a split system.

Zone 7 further says that independence would save money, because the agency won't have to regularly adjust staff time to the requirements of a county budget that is six months out of kilter with Zone 7's budget. In effect, Zone 7 must prepare two budgets every year, one for the county's fiscal year, and one for Zone 7's calendar year, when it makes any rate adjustments found necessary.

Haggerty and Miley invited Palmer and general manager Jill Duerig to a private meeting Nov. 5 to discuss their ideas further. Duerig said the next day that a meeting has taken place. The issues will continue to be discussed.

ELECTION

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running against an unpopular war and for women's rights, opportunity for children and dignity for seniors. I leave knowing that the landscape has changed, but the needs of my constituents remain," he said.

"I congratulate Mr. Swalwell on his victory. I am happy to be of assistance in the future," said Stark.

He added, "I want to thank all the wonderful people I met along this fabulous journey. I will remember them fondly. Together, we have made a real difference."

Swalwell credited his campaign volunteers for the win. He spent his own time knocking on doors, and listening to voters.

Swalwell ran on a theme of new energy and new ideas in Congress. One idea he suggested was to work out a way for Congressional members to vote electronically in a secure way from their home districts on roll calls in Washington. That would allow them to spend more time in their districts.

Swalwell said that his big priority will be working small businesses and continued restoration of the economy.

Lisa Tucker, Swalwell's campaign manager, said that he would like to land positions on the House committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Armed Services. He will take office on Jan. 2 or 3. He will be busy setting up offices in Washington and locally, said Tucker.

THORNE, BROWN, PENTIN ARE VICTORS

Pleasanton Councilman Jerry Thorne was elected mayor, defeating Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio, who will remain on the council to serve out her final two years before term limits. Thorne received 16,109 votes to Cook-Kallio's 13,663 as of Tuesday night.

Thorne credited his victory to a lot of hard work. "We put a lot of hours on this campaign, and had some great volunteers." Thorne said voters appeared to go for his combination of business experience and public service. He is retired from Agilent.

Thorne plans to implement something he has mentioned before at meetings. He wants to establish performance measures that would create report cards on the efficiency and service level of city government.

Councilmembers on Dec. 4 will discuss setting an election date for Thorne's council replacement. City Clerk Karen Diaz said that under the parameters set by state law, the election would be held in May or June. Pleasanton requires a vote to fill a vacancy.

Realtor and activist Karla Brown along with video producer and planning commissioner Jerry Pentin were elected to the council. Matt Sullivan and Cindy McGovern were termed out of office.

Brown led the field with 17,204 votes. Pentin received 14,684, as of Tuesday night. Erlene DeMarcus was third with 8285 votes. Mike Harris, who withdrew from the race after it was too late to take his name off the ballot, collected 6056 votes.

Brown said she won because people of Pleasanton wanted to elect a councilmember who represents them above out-of-area developers, such as James Tong and the Lin family. She pointed out that Erlene DeMarcus received \$30,000 in campaign donations from out of the area, but did not have the local support that a candidate needs to win in Pleasanton.

The Bay East Association of Realtors endorsed Thorne, Pentin and DeMarcus, but not realtor Brown. "I don't stand for what the (realtor) PAC stands for on growth. A lot of realtors don't agree with their positions," said Brown.

The big difference is over slow growth, which Brown favors. Although some parcels have been rezoned in Pleasanton for high density growth as part of a court settlement, Brown says it depends on developers as to when there is development on the sites. There are other areas that will support other kinds of development. Slower growth is possible there, said Brown.

Pentin said that being well known in the city through his community service on the park and recreation commission and planning commission helped him in collecting the necessary votes to be elected.

Pentin said, when we talk about slow growth and smart growth vs. fast growth or dumb growth, we're talking about making sure there are projects that are well thought out. I'm sure the next city council will do the same.

MCLAUGHLIN, ROGGE

ON SCHOOL BOARD

In the Livermore school district, voters returned former trustee Thomas McLaughlin to the board, with 14,578 votes. Re-elected was incumbent Chuck Rogge, with 13,871 votes. Appointed incumbent Belia Martine failed in her bid to retain her seat. She received 11,239 votes; newcomer David Jonas, 7336.

COOMBER RETURNED TO LARPD BOARD

In a two person race for a two year seat on the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board, Bob Coomber was elected. He had been appointed to the

board after Lauren Turner was elected to the city council. There are two more years left on her term, which Coomber will now complete. Coomber collected 16,006 votes to 13,746 for Mark Thrailkill.

HAUBERT, HART ON DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL

In Dublin, school board member David Haubert was elected to the city council, leading the field with 7340 votes as of Tuesday night, for 32 percent of the vote in the six-person contest.

Incumbent Kevin Hart received 6269, for 27.4 percent of the vote. Trailing were Doreen Wehrenberg with 3611, Anita Carr at 3184, Shawn Costello at 15042, and Shehu Hassan with 889.

MCPARTLAND, BUCHANAN, DeSAULNIER ELECTED

Incumbent John McPartland, the BART District 5 director, easily defeated challenger John Maher, winning 63 percent of the vote.

Democrat Joan Buchanan was elected to another turn in the Assembly, representing District 16. She received 110,333 votes to 77,326 for Republican Al Phillips.

In the race for the Senate 7th District, Democrat DeSaulnier won reelection, with 193,256 votes to 124,545 for Republican Mark Meuser.

EDUCATORS RELIEVED OVER PROP. 30 WIN

Teachers and professors in the Valley will be keeping their jobs through the remainder of the school year, thanks to passage state Proposition 30, which won with 54 percent of the vote.

Prop. 30 allocates \$5 billion for schools, by filling the budget shortfall for this year. Without it, K-12 and community colleges would have been forced to lay-off faculty members.

Pleasanton superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said, "The district is extremely pleased by the passage of Proposition 30." Its means that the contingency four furlough days that were planned to help offset revenue reduction won't occur, so students will be in school on those days, too. The district's cash flow will be helped, with \$9 million more coming in this year.

In the Livermore school district, Prop. 30 will ensure the district won't lose \$5 million, and the five furlough days set up as a contingency won't be used, said assistant superintendent Chris Van Schaack.

A second effort to raise funds for schools Proposition 38, was sponsored by Southern California attorney Molly Munger. It lost with a 72 percent "no" vote. It would have raised the state income tax for most residents on a graduated basis. It would have brought more

money to school districts in the long run, but Sacramento could have pulled back other state budget money to offset some of those gains, said Van Schaack.

Prop. 30 takes care of districts this year. That would not have been true if Prop. 38 had won with more votes.

At Las Positas College, course selections were printed in the catalogue, some in black ink, some in red ink. With Prop. 30's passage, the red ink goes away, literally and figuratively. The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District will not lose the projected \$5.2 million in funding, and be able to offer the red-ink classes. It will help remove bottlenecks for students progressing through the curriculum.

Measure I, the parcel tax that the college district put on the ballot, fell short of the necessary two-thirds majority. It received 61.8 percent of the vote as of Tuesday night, with '22,578 "yes" votes, and 75,704 "no" votes.

The \$28 annual tax, proposed for a six-year run, was an insurance policy for the district, in case Prop. 30 failed. The district's acting chancellor, Judy Walters, said that it would have been nice if Measure I had passed, too, because the district then could have started adding back some of the class sections it eliminated over the past five years.

MEASURE W WINS IN LIVERMORE

Voters in Livermore passed Measure W overwhelmingly, with 78 percent saying yes to adding one year to the terms of current councilmembers, in order to move council elections into even-year November elections. The numbers on Tuesday night were 25,092 "yes" and 7074 "no".

Measure X, which would have delayed the synchronization for one more cycle, was defeated with a 53 percent "no" vote. There were 16,173 "no" votes to 14,261 "yes" votes on Tuesday night.

Mayor John Marchand said that the move will save \$750,000 for the city, compared to a \$350,000 saving to the city if the voters had supported Measure X.

REGISTRATION

This election saw a drop in the percentage of Republicans registered in California to below 30 percent. For the Nov. 6, 2012 election, 29.4% selected the Republicans as the party of preference, while 43.7% registered as Democrats. Voters who registered with no political party preference represented 20.9% of the 18,245,970 voters in the state. Other parties include the American Independent, Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom. No percentages were provided on how many registered for the smaller parties.

MAILBOX

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Two-Thirds Required Leon Fenton Pleasanton

It appears your report on Measure I is wrong. According to the voter guide, two-thirds majority is needed for passage, not the 50% noted in your election report and the results. Using the numbers in your results it is

failing 61% to 39%. Perhaps they too should have offered a senior exemption.

Nifty Store Jennie Dobie Livermore

We are fortunate in Livermore to have thrift stores that sell everything from kids clothing to furniture and collectibles. Even better, some of our thrift stores go beyond offering gently used items at affordable prices. Nifty Gifts & More, located on Las Positas Court, provides important job and training opportunities to adults with developmental disabilities. Proceeds from the thrift store support programs that allow these individuals to discover and develop their skills, abilities, and talents.

Nifty stores have always been about the concept of 'shop and drop,' where locals

can shop for gifts or personal items, and also conveniently donate items of their own, including books, furniture, jewelry, furniture and collectibles. Recently, Nifty Gifts & More expanded the concept of 'shop and drop' to include electronic recycling in an effort to help the community reduce, reuse and recycle. Shoppers can simply drop-off their unwanted electronics at no charge and they'll be recycled safely and responsibly. All items donated through Nifty stores are tax deductible.

This casual thrift store features furniture, jewelry, household items, and knick knacks. It is open Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at 2133A Las Positas Court, Livermore; (925) 454-3349

Dust Minimized Beverly King Livermore

This summer, Livermore Laboratory built a pipeline going west through neighborhoods to Big Trees Park. There, a pumping station is intended to take polluted water out of the aquifer, put it in the pipeline and return it to the Lab for cleanup.

The land along this route had been contaminated with plutonium. Disturbing this

soil could have transmitted excess radiation to the residents. Therefore, about 150 neighbors and Tri-Valley CAREs asked the Lab for wind, dust and radioactivity monitoring. The Lab agreed to wind and dust monitoring. So, we community members used a RadaAlert 50 to monitor radioactivity.

We monitored the pipeline construction every day. On the first day, we saw excessive dust and reported it. Lab officials had a special meeting with the construction crew. The result was that the wind and dust monitors were drawn in closer to the work area. Further, extra care was taken not to kick up plutonium-contaminated dust.

We in the community appreciate the care that the Lab and crew took to minimize dust to protect our health. Thanks!

BART Parking Mathew Steinberg Livermore

I am responding to the Independent article "New Starts Money Could Fund BART" in the October 25th issue. Art Dao, general manager of the Alameda County Transit Commission, stated: "There is nothing written in stone. There has to be a park-

ing study to determine the size of the parking facility at the station. I hope that folks in the Tri-Valley will make sure their wants and desires are addressed."

In the past I commuted to South San Francisco and was a regular user of BART. Now, I am a less frequent user of BART as my commute takes me to the South Bay. However, when traveling to San Francisco my preference is to use BART. I recently had an appointment in San Francisco in the late morning. I arrived at the Dublin/Pleasanton station at 8:30 AM only to find that the only available parking was for "Reserved for permit parking until 10am." I recall in 2001 BART commissioned a study for the then 4 year-old Dublin/Pleasanton station to determine why the parking lots were full by 8 AM. When the Isabel station opens, commuters from Livermore and the Central Valley will likely go to the Isabel station as the end of the line station instead of the Pleasanton station. When it comes to parking at BART stations, to encourage BART usage and enable mid-day off peak commutes, I would suggest the construction of more parking than any study would account for.

Congratulations on Paragon Michael Delfino Livermore

To Mayor John Marchand,

City Manager Marc Roberts, and the scores of others who helped put the final stages of the Paragon Outlets together, you are owed a huge congratulations. The enormous success of these outlets will undoubtedly provide an economic benefit to Livermore much beyond the outlets themselves. As a small business owner I have already gained new clients as a result of the new jobs that have been created. As a result of that I celebrated by eating a nice meal at one of our downtown restaurants, a perfect example of the trickle down effect that has already been created.

To anyone who is complaining about the traffic, or the noise, or the fill in the blank here . . . relax! The world didn't come to an end when Springtown was developed, nor did the world end when downtown was redeveloped. In fact, most of the things that would "ruin Livermore" have helped make Livermore a shining example for the entire East Bay.

Congratulations to everyone involved!

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CANCER

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As a result, clinical experience with proton therapy has been limited and difficult to evaluate fully.

In Livermore, recent technical progress at CPAC has increased the company's confidence that it is on the right track to create an accelerator that is small and inexpensive enough to promise a more affordable approach to proton therapy, according to chief operating officer Anthony Zografos.

The company's efforts have impressed the Southwest Oncology Centers, which use more conventional methods to treat cancer patients but which have invested in CPAC as offering a path to future innovation. Southwest Oncology sent CPAC the letter of intent offering to buy a proton accelerator provided technical progress continues.

Gordon Grado, medical director for Southwest Oncology, said that "CPAC's . . . system will allow us to provide even greater treatment options for both the early and advanced cancer patients and tumor chal-

ROTARY

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acted on the stage of the school theater to illustrate what is available in medical careers.

The skit was presented at each of four school periods, playing to an estimated 675 students.

The "actors" were people who live daily in the job descriptions portrayed in the skit. The six-member cast all work within the ValleyCare Health System, and were there with the cooperation of the hospital.

The skit, written by educator Deborah McQueen, showed the progress of a patient through a medical situation.

Narrated by Rotarian Paul Thompson, the skit began, then paused while each of the "actors" talked about what they do, what they needed to learn, and how much they are paid.

Paula Gallon talked about the job of the registrar. Lori Ingersoll described her job as a patient transporter.

Others in the cast were X-ray technician Janet Schott, respiratory therapist William Ordonez, and emergency department registered nurse Kevin Wenig. Phlebotomist Michelle Stoneham described her job, which involves drawing blood for testing.

Peter Poulsen, a retired LLNL physicist, is helping to coordinate the effort. Poulsen said that the medical profession skit was enjoyed by the professionals in the cast, though they were nervous about performing at first.

Students asked questions for 15 minutes, and many seemed interested in what they heard, said Poulsen.

Caryl Shill, a college career adviser at Livermore High, said, "The skit included a little humor, which made it real." Props, such as a gurney and a wheelchair, added to the experience.

"It was wonderful. What was really effective was the question-and-answer period, when the hospital employees were able to tell their own stories. It really touched the kids. They talked about such things as why they got into the medical profession, or how do they handle it (emotionally) when a patient dies? It's a real question. That's a reality," said Shill.

One ValleyCare person was working the night a child died. He responded by hugging his kids when he got home, and told them they could have anything they wanted for breakfast. They were served their ice cream, said Shill.

Poulsen said that he has not heard of any other Rotary Club program like the one the Livermore club is undertaking. The group's planners are working on more vocations to explore, and hope to start a second program, perhaps in January.

Poulsen said that the plan is to work exclusively with Livermore High School, in order to create a coordinated series. The school has welcomed the program, he said.

lenges that we see at all of our facilities."

The therapeutic advantage of protons over X-rays is that protons can be targeted more selectively to kill cancer cells, sparing healthy ones. X-rays kill cells all along their path, healthy and cancerous both. Protons mainly kill cells at the end of their path, releasing a tiny burst of energy as they stop. With sufficient control over the proton beam, the energy release can be targeted to different locations in a tumor.

The end-of-path energy release of protons and other charged particles is called the Bragg effect, for the British physicist who discovered it. Much of the pioneering research on its medical applications was undertaken at the Lawrence Laboratory in Berkeley starting in the 1950s. These efforts used massive physics accelerators that were not suitable for routine treatment of cancer patients.

The design of more compact accelerators took place independently in Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's weapons program as it developed technologies for radiographing nuclear weapon components. The Livermore Lab approach, based on a concept called "dielectric wall acceleration," led to a number of patents. Its potential medical value was recognized by the Cancer Center at the University of California at Davis, which has been involved in a number of col-

laborations with Lawrence Livermore.

A Wisconsin company called TomoTherapy, which develops and sells various radiation therapy products, also took an interest. It helped create CPAC in 2008 to focus on the proton accelerator effort. Since then, CPAC has licensed a number of the Livermore Laboratory patents and generated more of its own.

In an announcement earlier this week, CPAC reported that the technical characteristics of a proton beam achieved by its prototype system was "comparable to (that) achieved by the most advanced medical accelerator devices today," according to chief operating officer Zografos.

The technical measure is the energy, in millions of electron volts, that can be added to the proton beam during each meter of acceleration. The prototype can now approach 20 million electron volts per meter, according to Zografos. It should reach 25 million "in a few months" and 35 million by the end of 2013.

The desired energy level of medical proton beams is in the vicinity of 200 million electron volts, so about 10 meters of acceleration are required at the present level of technical development and about six meters if the highest acceleration factor could be achieved. CPAC's architecture provides for "folding over" the beam rather than running it in a

straight line, Zografos said, enabling accelerator size to be shrunk further.

Goals in addition to reducing size and cost include the ability to vary the energy, intensity and focus of the proton beam. The aim is to produce radiation in rapid pulses that create "spots" of dose throughout a tumor.

CPAC's approach points toward a compact design that can reach these goals through the internal design of the accelerator, Zografos said. By contrast, conventional designs typically require massive external equipment that adds to the size of an installation.

Large size generally means higher construction costs, if large scale treatment facilities can be added at all to older hospitals or medical centers in crowded urban areas. Success of the CPAC effort could thus make proton therapy much more practical and widely available.

If this happens, the medical community would then be able to start comparing the effectiveness of proton therapy with more conventional therapies against different kinds of cancer in greater detail than has been possible up to now.

The promise of proton therapy is considerable, but because the facilities for it have been so expensive and rare, there has not been enough actual clinical experience to accumulate the kinds of statistics that doctors need in order to render a firm judgment.

Plastic Bag Ban Begins January 1

Beginning January 1, 2013, stores in Alameda County that sell packaged foods – including most grocery stores, minimarts, convenience stores, liquor stores, and pharmacies – will no longer provide customers with single-use plastic bags upon checkout.

Bags made of recycled paper or reusable bags will be available for a minimum price of 10 cents per bag. Consumers may bring any type of bags they wish and are strongly encouraged to do so. Small plastics bags used to protect and transport produce, bulk food, or meat from within a store to the checkout or cash register will still be available free of charge.

Studies estimate that two

million single-use bags are given away daily in Alameda County, which equates to over 100,000 single-use bags distributed every day in Livermore alone. Plastic bags are one of the most common litter items found in our creeks, storm drains, and streets, but one reusable bag can replace more than 600 single-use bags over its lifetime.

Tips to prepare for the Reuseable Bag Ordinance now are: get in the habit of bringing bags when going to the store; keep reusable bags in the car to use when shopping; and store bags near the front door, the door to the garage, or where a grocery list is kept. To learn more, visit the www.ReusableBagsAC.org.

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The Livermore Aquacowboys swim team competed in the 'Pleasanton Seahawks Short Course PC-C/B/A+' meet on November 3-4, 2012. There were 800 total athletes at this event with 4053 total entries with 26 teams represented. Swimming for LAC were Jessica Akins (8), Faith Carroll (7), Annelise Combitsis (8), Rivers Dominguez (6), Minnhha Kawamura (7), Lily Totentino (7), Jack Davis (7), Melinda Davis (10), Katie Ottman (10), Kylie Peters (10), Tabor DaCosta (9), Daiki Nishikawa (10), Jacqueline Arnold (11), Amanda Butcher (12), Tori Carroll (12), Paige Chew (12), Katey Dabney(12), Caroline Eckel (11), Sydney Magann (12), Julia Rocha (11), Megan Wilcox (12), Alexander Bass (12), Paige DaCosta (11), Matthew Hayes (12), Jared Tovera (11), Hunter Woffinden (12), Annemarie Arnold (13), Megan Fairbanks (14), Nicolette McConn (13), Dante DeMayo (13), Ben Rocha (13), Brandon Siu (13), Shelby Diehl (15), Jessica Paul (16), Adrianna Rocha (16). The Livermore Aquacowboys train with coach Alex Silver, Coach Lisa White, Coach Leslie Dabney, Coach Theresa Davis and Coach Kevin at the Livermore Valley Tennis Club.



The California Gymnastic Academy Level 5 girls brought home a total of 19 Nor-Cal State Championship titles. Photo courtesy of Martin Delfino Photography



The West Coast Soccer Club U10G Fury closed out its Norcal League play with a winning season against some of the most competitive teams in Northern California. In their first season as a Gold division I team, the Fury finished 2nd with a 5-1-2 record. The girls now head to the Norcal State Cup finals as a premier top 8 contender out of a field of over 100 teams. This is their second year in a row West Coast Fury for the designation.. The girls are coached by long-time professional youth soccer trainer and Livermore local, Sara Giroto. Pictured are West Coast mid-fielder Kate Zeck and defensive player Jamie Conklin winning a ball on a break-away against Pleasanton Rage.



West Coast U13 Whiplash played two league games against Brentwood Impact. The first game was a hard fought battle ending in a 1 - 1 tie. The two teams faced each other again the next day. While both teams mounted attack after attack, excellent defense by Melinda Miller and Courtney Haubert for Whiplash, kept Impact at bay. Mid-fielders Mayzin Kung and Taylor Petersen were quick to the ball, displaying stellar passing throughout the game. In the 2nd half, Whiplash got the ball to forward Kierra Stanek, who sped around Impact defenders and took a solid shot at goal, which was assisted into the net by Alize Perez. Whiplash defenders and goalie, Destiny Sandridge, provided key defense in the final minutes of the game for a final score of 1-0. Pictured is Melinda Miller, Whiplash defensive player, denying Brentwood Impact the ball.



The Livermore Fusion Tigers (U10 Select Girls) finished the NorCal Premier Copper season this past weekend with two victories. With these two victories the Tigers claimed the NorCal Premier Copper title for Under 10 Girls in the East Bay. On Saturday the Tigers defeated the Livermore Fusion Strikers 2-0. The Tigers goals were scored by Kaylie Cummins and by Gretchen Krenz. On Sunday the Tigers took on the Piedmont SC Purple Comets. The Tigers would go on to win the match 2-0. The goals were scored by Ariel Van Buuren (assisted by Kaylie Cummins) and by Delaney Cummins (assisted by Hannah Goodman). Key goalie saves were provided by Grace Boyd and Alei Tuia. The Tigers coach had the following to say after Sunday's victory, "This team has played hard all season and has led to this. I'm very proud of each and every one of these girls. They have grown as players and as a team. We started this season with a bang and to end it like this winning the league title is just great. Every girl on this team contributed and earned this title."



The Pleasanton Phantom 14B fall travel softball team took 1st place in the "Outwit, Outplay, Outlast" tournament in Hayward, November 10-11, 2012. The victory marked the end of the fall season. Pictured are (back row) Mark Sanchez, Emily Trinidad, Taylor Smith, Kristen HoTseung, Lauren HoTseung, Dave Bianco, Emily Crimi, Rick Congdon; (middle row) Arabelle Franco, Kelsey Congdon, Madie Bianco, Taylor Congdon; and (front row) Alex Sanchez and Lauren Jepson.



The West Coast Soccer Club U13G Wildfire were in total command in a league game against Diablo Futbol Club. Within the first ten minutes of the game, the Wildfire were in full attack mode with several breakaways and shots on goal. Forward Sydney Schultz sank the first goal with an assist from mid-fielder Keili Prenton. Isabella Barbero claimed the second goal with a perfectly placed tap-in off of a corner kick. The third goal came late in the second half from forward Meghan Giamona with an assist from Sierra Martin. With this 3-0 victory, the Wildfire head into the final league game at the top of their Gold 1 division with an undefeated record. Pictured is West Coast defender Amanda Zeck beating a Diablo player to an air ball.



In the photo, Steve Mariucci is presenting the special Olympics of Northern California a \$52,000 check. The monies were raised at the 2012 John Madden and Steve Mariucci Charity Bocce Tournament at Campo di Bocce of Livermore. Pictured, from left are, Tom Albanese (Owner of Campo di Bocce), Aubrey Merriman (Senior Vice President, Special Olympics of Northern CA), and Steve Mariucci. (Photo by Benjamin Musolf)

Pleasanton Rage

The U9 Pleasanton Rage Orange swept their last 2 Norcal League games to finish tied for first in the Norcal Gold division.

On Saturday at Independence Park in Livermore, the Rage Orange played a hard fought battle with the Livermore Fusion Maroon. The Rage came out on top 2-1. The Livermore Fusion took an early 1-0 lead with a first half goal. The Rage Orange equalized the score when Avery Clark shot the ball in over the Livermore Fusion goalie. The teams went into the half tied 1-1. Just when it appeared the Livermore Fusion was going to take the lead, Rage Orange goalie Maggie Nostrand made a great save to keep the teams tied. A few minutes later, Olivia Soble passed the ball to Sophia Minnite, whose shot on goal was deflected in by Maddie Benson. This put the Rage Orange up 2-1. The Rage Orange defense of Isabella Guerrero, Caitlin Currie, Olivia Martin and Hayden Jolley took

care of the rest of the game, shutting out the Livermore Fusion to give the Rage Orange the 2-1 win.

On Sunday, the Rage Orange traveled to Brentwood to face the Impact. It was a defensive battle in the first half with the Impact holding the Rage Orange scoreless for much of the 1st half. Finally, Maddie Benson dribbled up and drilled a shot in past the Impact goalie. The teams went into the half with the Rage Orange holding a 1-0 lead. The Rage Orange turned up the scoring effort in the 2nd half. Benson took a long pass from Leila Lyons to dribble in and score the Rage Orange's 2nd goal. A few minutes later, Caitlin Currie passed to Sophia Minnite who slammed home the ball to score goal number 3. Then Ashley Belshe scored from 20 yards out, shooting the ball over the Impact goalie for the game's 4th goal. Currie rounded out the scoring by taking a goal kick from Belshe and beating the Impact defense downfield for the game's final goal to give the Rage Orange a 5-0 win.

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Amador Valley High defeated Castro Valley 45 to 27 in the first round of varsity football Division I North Coast Section playoffs. The Dons scored five touchdowns on offense and one on defense. Special teams added another six-pointer. In the photo, Grant Miller (11) heads downfield. Miller caught three passes for 101 yards, including a 73-yard touchdown run. Amador will advance to the quarterfinals, where they will play San Ramon Valley in a Saturday game. Pleasanton's Foothill High defeated Deer Valley 28-17 in the first round of the playoffs. The Falcons will play California on Friday. Leading the Foothill win was Griffith Gates, who rushed for 143 yards, scoring two touchdowns. Defender Isaiah Langley intercepted a pass with three minutes remaining to set up a 20-yard touchdown pass to nail down the win.



The Granada High School girls' water polo team finished the season strong, advancing to the 2nd round of the NCS tournament for the first time since 2006. After a 13-12 loss in overtime to Livermore to end the regular season, the two teams met again a week later in the first round of the NCS tournament, with Livermore seeded 7th and Granada at 10th. This time Granada came out on top, winning 14-13, with 7 goals from junior Greta Kohlmoos, 3 from sophomore Stephanie Divita, 2 from senior Annie Williams, and 1 from both sophomore Cheyenne Pena and freshman Elizabeth Bukus. Assists were from Baylie Peterson, Cheyenne Pena, Adrianna Rocha, Greta Kohlmoos, and Annie Williams. Goalie Rebecca Bernstein had 10 saves and an assist. On Saturday, November 3, Granada faced Monte Vista, the NCS #2 seed, and lost 17-8. Kohlmoos scored 6 goals, seniors Nicole Mutimer and Annie Williams each scored 1. Bukus and Divita each registered assists. Bernstein had 11 saves.

The two weekend wins closed out Norcal League play for the Rage Orange. The Rage Orange finished with 7 wins, 0 losses and 1 tie.

Pleasanton Rage Rec:

U12: The Orange Crush completed the season with a win over the Dynamite Devils 2-0 to win the U12 Flight division championship. The first half was a tough defensive battle. Both sides had limited scoring opportunities with neither team able to capitalize. The half ended 0-0. The second half opened up the same way. Megan Gee was able to break free inside the box 10 minutes into the second half and scored on a hard shot that eluded the Dynamite Devils' goalie. Marissa Fredricks, Samantha Lipsker, and Emilie Clark kept up the Orange Crush offensive pressure. Mollie McKay was able to find a little daylight with 10 minutes remaining in the game and scored the Orange Crush's second and final goal of the game to secure the victory.

The defense was led by Allison DeFazio at mid. She pestered the Dynamite Devils all game long and started several offensive opportunities with her excellent passing. Emma Tszoo was outstanding on defense limiting the Dynamite Devil shots and Alyssa Wu was solid in goal and stopped all the Dynamite Devils shots to preserve the shutout. Top Offensive Players: Marissa Fredricks, Samantha Lipsker, Emilie Clark - Orange Crush; Top Defensive Players: Allison DeFazio, Emma Tszoo, Alyssa Wu - Orange Crush



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Amador Valley High School girls volleyball team moved into the semifinals of the Division I North Coast Section (NCS) playoffs with a victory over Heritage High. In the photo Kristina Dunworth (13) and Emani Jackson (3) go up for a block. Amador won in straight sets, 25-20, 25-1 and 25-12. The third seed Lady Dons face second seed San Ramon Valley in the next round.

West Coast Soccer

West Coast U10 Fury girls played a well-balanced season, 45 of 46 teams that the Fury faced were high level Gold division teams. All in all the U10G Fury posted an unbelievable record 28 wins 14 losses 4 ties 100 goals for 53 goals against. The team posted the following wins: Ajax Premier Invitational Champions, Juventus Tournament of Champions Runners Up, Sacramento BooFest Fourth Place, and ProAm Beach Soccer Champions. The team finished second in the Nor-Cal Premier League Gold Division, promoted last season from Silver. The Fury now head to the NorCal State Cup final in the top 8 out of 100+ teams. Last season Fury finished 6th place in the NorCal State Cup.

U13 West Coast Wildfire continued to dominate as a NorCal Gold I team. The Wildfire girls are sitting at the top of their division as the only undefeated team with one game remaining in the season. The girls have a huge point differential of 21 goals, 13 more than their closest competitor. Through the leadership of team captain and goalie, Claire Abele, the girls have the fewest goals against at 3. Up next for the Wildfire is the NorCal State Cup where the team will be competing as a top 32 team.

U15 West Coast Wild continue to hold the #1 State ranking by distancing themselves with a 2-0 victory over #2 ranked Juventus. WCS goals came from Caleigh Hufana and Kasidee Wiley. On Sunday the Wild took on a tough Placer United team and although out-shooting Placer 18-1 the Wild could not break the seal. The U15 girls Wild remain the #1 ranked team in the state for the fourth consecutive month while earning two more shutouts over the weekend and are currently riding a 20 game unbeaten streak. Team Wild is now gearing up to compete in the NPL College Showcase next weekend and the NCAA Final 4 College Showcase in San Diego at the end of the month.

U16 West Coast Kryptonite remain one of the best teams in the state and are at the top of the table in their National Premier League after defeating Placer United. Solid defensive play by Kylie Long, Nicole Lutz and Taylah Nusser and two goals by Abby Dyer helped secure the victory. They are currently preparing to showcase their skills at some of the most competitive upcoming soccer events. First up the Katz girls will compete and be seen by many college coaches at the NPL College Showcase. They will then head down south to the November Nights College Showcase in Carlsbad, California over the Thanksgiving weekend.

U17 West Coast Kryptonite continues to shine as one of the top teams in the country. The 2011 US Club National Champions and 2012 runners up are challenging two top flight opponents over the weekend. Kryptonite fell 4-3 to #3 ranked Cal Blues in an offensive attacking style of play. Kryptonite would rebound on Sunday and score three goals as they defeated Boca 3-0. Aduarie Dayak, Jessica Hopkins and Ebony Ezeji each scored two on the weekend showing lethal attacking punch while Captains Grace Cabri and Rachel Leonard and outside backs Allie Lau and Madison Souza held a strong line of defense. Midfielders Mireya Magana and Jessica Hufford controlled the midfield and stood out as multiple college coaches attended the Kryptonite games over the weekend. Next for the U17 Kryptonite girls will be the NPL College Showcase and then off to San Diego for the most prestigious soccer tournament in the country, the 2012 Surf College Showcase.

CYO Basketball

St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) CYO 6th grade boys' basketball team 622, aka Fireballs, hosted Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) 625 on Sunday and were defeated 25-14. For CCOP, Jake Benson was high scorer with 8 points, while Drake Wilbur and Tyler Sensiba each scored 4. The Fireballs rallied at the end and Jack Molitoris had 6 points, while Ethan Payne scored 4. Rebounding kudos go to Ryan Mitchell, Jack Molitoris and Ethan Payne.

California Gymnastic

California Gymnastics Academy (CGA), located in Livermore attended the Nor-Cal Level 5 State Championship Gymnastics Meet in Folsom California November 10-11 coming home with 19 titles. CGA's Level 5 Team placed 3rd of 69 teams competing at the Championships. Two of CGA's Level 5s, Alexandra Kim and Daniela Mendiola, are now

members of the NorCal Level 5 State Team, achieving the 5th and 6th highest scores at the meet, of the 438 gymnasts competing, regardless of age.

Alexandra Kim is the Nor-Cal 10C State Vault Champion (9.2), Bars Champion (9.575), Beam Champion (9.425) and All-Around Champion with a score of 37.7.

Daniela Mendiola is the Nor-Cal 12B State Vault Champion (9.375), Bars Champion (9.525), Beam Champion (9.5) and was second on Floor (9.275) and is State All-Around Champion with a score of 37.675

Lily Cuyler is the Nor-Cal State 10i All-Around Champion with a score of 37.476. Lily is also the State Floor Champion (9.3) and placed 3rd on Vault (9.075), 2nd on Bars (9.475) and 2nd on Beam (9.625).

Maya Frank is the Nor-Cal State 11A Vault Champion (9.05), Beam Champion (9.45) and All-Around Champion 37.050 and placed 2nd on Floor (9.325) and 3rd on Bars 9.225.

Genevieve Almgren is the Nor-Cal State 10A Floor Champion (9.325) and All-Around Champion (36.875). Genevieve was second on Beam (9.4), 3rd

on Vault (8.85), 3rd on Bars (9.3). Alexandra McMillin is the Nor-Cal 10I Beam Champion (9.85) was 2nd All-Around (37.175).

Sydney Sullivan is the Nor-Cal State 10A Beam Champion (9.425) and was 3rd All-Around (36.575).

Carly Oniki is the Nor-Cal State 8C Bar Champion (9.55) was 2nd on Floor (9.35) and was 4th All-Around (36.575).

Julietta Mendiola (10F) was 2nd on Bars (9.4), Beam (9.1), Floor (9.2), and All-Around (36.750).

Sabrina Kheiroolomoom (11C) placed 2nd on Bars (9.6), Beam (9.45) and was 2nd All-Around (37.350).

Julia Humphrey (10D) was 4th on Vault (8.9) and was 6th All-Around (35.425).

The CGA Level 5 girls brought home a total of 19 Nor-Cal State Championship titles.

Mountain Mikes Pizza on 1st St from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

LHS Soccer Camp

Livermore High School Girls' Soccer Program invites boys and girls ages 6-14 to participate in a soccer camp on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at the Livermore High School Football/Soccer Field. Price of camp is \$40 and includes a T-shirt.

This camp promotes soccer development through warm up and technical drills as well as fun games to increase skill and understanding of the game in an enjoyable and positive atmosphere. Camp will begin at 10:30a.m., end at 2:00p.m. and will be run by the Senior Varsity players with the support of the high school Varsity, JV, and Freshman coaches.

At 5:00p.m., the LHS Girls' Varsity Soccer team will play against Dublin High School. All participants are invited to return to LHS and

cheer on the players that coached the camp.

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Girls Softball

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

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

LNL Registration

Livermore National Little League registration will be held on Dec. 12th at

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The Goodguys Rod & Custom Association reached out to local veterans by taking a mini car show to the Livermore Veterans Hospital last Wednesday. Retired US Military servicemen and women were provided with a close-up look of the classic cars. Pictured are Nestor Oliva and Greg Schluntz.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore Mayor John Marchand welcomed shoppers during grand opening ceremonies at the Paragon Outlets Livermore Valley. The center opened last Thursday. Also welcoming shoppers was Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty (back, second from left). In the other photo, confetti rained down on the crowd capped off the festivities.

Pleasanton Swimmer Keeps World-class Company



Celina Li (front center) competed in the Olympic Trials in Omaha, Nebraska. Her Pleasanton Seahawks teammates (to the left) Allison Brown and Nick Silverthorn also competed. Pictured with them are Head PLS Coach, Steve Morsilli, and Head Age-Group Coach Todd Tucker.

Celina Li has been to two World Cup competitions, and has her hopes set on competing in the Olympics.

The 17-year-old Foothill High School senior has been swimming since she was 5. Her older sister, Jing, inspired Celina to take up competitive swimming. Jing has done well, too, with a position on the Georgia Tech women's team.

Celina is college-bound, as well. She signed with UC

Berkeley last week. "I'm really excited to be going to Cal. Missy Franklin is also going there. She is a five-time Olympic medalist," said Celina.

Missy Franklin won four individual gold medals at the 2012 Olympics, and holds the world record in the 200-meter backstroke.

Celina tried out for the 2012 Olympics. Although she did not make the team, she hopes to qualify in

2016. Celina won bronze in FIMA International competition in the under-18 class. To qualify for two separate World Cup competitions in Berlin and Moscow, Celina had to be among the top 15 in world times, and finish first in one of her specialty events. Celina considers the individual medley and the butterfly as her best options.

Celina has also competed in the Junior Pan-Pacific championships in Hawaii, and the Singapore World Cup, where she was fourth in the 200 intermediate and 400 intermediate.

Traveling to different countries and meeting new people is a big plus that comes with the competitions, said Celina.

Celina swims for the Pleasanton Seahawks, and the Foothill team. She puts in 20 hours of practice each week. When she was younger, she also took lessons in gymnastics and dance, but stopped to concentrate on swimming.

"I'm pretty happy and blessed to be able to swim. I really do enjoy it. I'm glad I stuck with swimming. I can't wait to see how far it will take me," said Celina.

Turkey Tips Offered on Community TV

TV 30 will air Thanksgiving turkey tips from Chef Jeff Farlow from Wente Vineyards. Chef Farlow demonstrates how to make Wente's Turkey Confit. In addition, he shows how to deconstruct a turkey. For air days and times, visit the Tri-Valley TV website at www.trivalleytv.org.

This holiday special is part of the "Spice of Life Tri-Valley" programming now airing on TV 30.

"Slice of Life Tri-Valley" is a half hour program highlighting the unique places, people and events in the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton. Spice of Life is the popular cooking segment on our magazine

show featuring some of the best restaurants and chefs in the Tri-Valley while showcasing a popular recipe and giving culinary tips to our viewers. "Slice of Life" airs Monday-Friday at 2 p.m., 6 p.m., and 8 p.m. on TV30. Also may be viewed via Video on Demand at www.trivalleytv.org.

CHARTER

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groups of pupils served by a charter school as the most important factor in the renewal or revocation of a charter.

To satisfy this requirement, a charter school that has been in operation for at least four years must meet one of the following four criteria: (1) Meet its Academic Performance Index (API) growth target in the prior year or in two of the last three years both school-wide and for all subgroups; (2) Rank in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API in the prior year or in two of the last three years; (3) Rank in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API for a demographically comparable school in the prior year or in two of the last three years; 4) Attain academic performance at least equal to that of public schools the charter school pupils would have been required to attend.

Aderman pointed out that LVCS meets the first three criteria, which are based solely on API scores. LVCS' most recent API score was 916. In 2011, the school's ranking for criteria 2 was decile 9 and for criteria 3 was decile 6. Criteria 4 would be determined by the SBE as the entity that granted the charter, but Aderman says LVCS meets this test as well.

Several audience members addressed the Board and asked that the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC), which oversees LVCS and the Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory High School, work together on the staff report on the petition. The trustees will use the information in the staff report in making their decision on the petition.

"If these two groups work

together, the report will have a balanced perspective and present what is needed to make an informed decision," said James Smith from the Charter School.

Trustee Kate Runyon shared a PowerPoint presentation outlining some of her questions about the operations of LVCS, focusing on finance and governance. She asked if TVLC were overextended on borrowing; if funds were being diverted from LVCS to fund other charter petitions; where the administration was focused, on new projects or the existing schools; and if the cost of LVCS' new facility would draw resources from the educational program. She also said that LVCS has a sound, well-supported academic program.

"I want to see these addressed before I can consider taking the next step," she said. "If we become

the chartering authority, we become responsible for oversight. With these kinds of questions I can't say today that I could authorize that."

TVLC chief operating officer Bill Batchelor says that he intends to meet with Livermore School Superintendent Kelly Bowers and other administrators to discuss these and other questions from trustees and staff members. If the Livermore Board of Education denies the petition renewal, TVLC will submit the renewal to the State Board of Education.

The LVCS renewal petition can be found in the agenda for the Nov. 6, 2012 regular Board Meeting. Go to <http://www.livermoreschools.com/>, choose "School Board" and then "Agendas and Minutes." To learn more about LVCS, visit www.lvcs.org.

Paragon Outlets Open With Deep Discounts, Huge Traffic Jams from The West

Paragon Outlets Livermore Valley lived up to expectations as a consumer magnet during its four-day opening celebration last week. It is located at the intersection of I-580 and El Charro in Livermore.

The outlet center opened Nov. 8 with special deep discounts at high-end stores, and a limited number of gift packages for those who were able to be first to enter into various stores.

If the shoppers came from Livermore, they did not have a problem making a smooth, quick trip. The people arriving from east of the center were able to use the newly extended E. Jack London Blvd. to drive to the center. Livermore Mayor John Marchand said that was his route. He had absolutely no problem with traffic. He arrived at 9:30 a.m. to kick off the opening ceremonies at 10 a.m.

A customer who lives in Livermore said that she rolled right into the parking lot at 2 p.m. on opening day, and found a parking spot immediately.

The Livermore customer said she talked to a shopper



from San Jose, who drove north on Interstate 680 and east on I-580, where the big jams took place. The San Jose shopper didn't know she could take Highway 84 to Isabel, and skate right into the mall.

Livermore and Pleasanton police and the CHP directed traffic in an effort to try to keep the cars moving as much as possible. Paragon officials opened two auxiliary parking lots to help with the overflow.

Those lots eventually won't be available for overflow, as Paragon will be adding another 50 stores into some of that area.

No one seemed to have a reliable estimate about the crowd count. However, the four-day attendance appeared to exceed the predicted 100,000 people, according to Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce executive director Dale Kaye, who has spoken to mall officials. A Paragon contact was unavailable for comment before The Independent's deadline.

Marchand was busy on the first day, posing for ribbon-cutting photos at ten businesses in the mall. All ten have joined the Liver-

more chamber. Such prestigious brands as Prada, Tommy Hilfiter and Coach are now Livermore Valley Chamber members. "We were told at first that only the outlet center would join. That's what usually happens," said Kaye, who is looking forward to working with the new stores.

Paragon also has been working with Livermore Downtown Inc. in a cooperative way, mindful of the role of small downtown merchants, said Kaye.

Kaye credited Paragon's marketing director David Ackerman for the cooperation. Ackerman is now a member of the chamber's marketing committee.

Paragon is a shopping destination, and that includes foreign tourists. Many of them are Asians, who visit their Pacific Rim neighbor, the United States. Tours are being organized from San Francisco for such tourists. They will include the outlet center and a tour of wine country. It's likely there will be overnight stays in the Tri-Valley, because many shoppers will want to spend a second day at the mall, said Kaye.

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Sandia Builds Self-Contained, Android-Based Network to Study Cyber Disruptions

As part of ongoing research to help prevent and mitigate disruptions to computer networks on the Internet, researchers at Sandia National Laboratories in California have turned their attention to smartphones and other hand-held computing devices.

Sandia cyber researchers linked together 300,000 virtual hand-held computing devices running the Android operating system so they can study large networks of smartphones and find ways to make them more reliable and secure. Android dominates the smartphone industry and runs on a range of computing gadgets.

The work is expected to result in a software tool that will allow others in the cyber research community to model similar environments and study the behaviors of smartphone networks. Ultimately, the tool will enable the computing industry to better protect hand-held devices from malicious intent.

The project builds on the success of earlier work in which Sandia focused on virtual Linux and Windows desktop systems.

"Smartphones are now ubiquitous and used as general-purpose computing devices as much as desktop or laptop computers," said Sandia's David Fritz. "But even though they are easy targets, no one appears to be studying them at the scale

we're attempting."

The Android project, dubbed MegaDroid, is expected to help researchers at Sandia and elsewhere who struggle to understand large scale networks. Soon, Sandia expects to complete a sophisticated demonstration of the MegaDroid project that could be presented to potential industry or government collaborators.

The virtual Android network at Sandia, said computer scientist John Floren, is carefully insulated from other networks at the Labs and the outside world, but can be built up into a realistic computing environment. That environment might include a full domain name service (DNS), an Internet relay chat (IRC) server, a web server and multiple subnets.

A key element of the Android project, Floren said, is a "spoof" Global Positioning System (GPS). He and his colleagues created simulated GPS data of a smartphone user in an urban environment, an important experiment since smartphones and such key features as Bluetooth and Wi-Fi capabilities are highly location-dependent and thus could easily be controlled and manipulated by rogue actors.

The researchers then fed that data into the GPS input of an Android virtual machine. Software on the virtual machine treats the

location data as indistinguishable from real GPS data, which offers researchers a much richer and more accurate emulation environment from which to analyze and study what hackers can do to smartphone networks, Floren said.

This latest development by Sandia cyber researchers represents a significant steppingstone for those hoping to understand and limit the damage from network disruptions due to glitches in software or protocols, natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other causes. These disruptions can cause significant economic and other losses for individual consumers, companies and governments.

"You can't defend against something you don't understand," Floren said. The larger the scale the better, he said, since more computer nodes offer more data for researchers to observe and study.

The main challenge in studying Android-based machines, the researchers say, is the sheer complexity of the software. Google, which developed the Android operating system, wrote some 14 million lines of code into the software, and the system runs on top of a Linux kernel, which more than doubles the amount of code.

"It's possible for something to go wrong on the scale of a big wireless network because of a coding

mistake in an operating system or an application, and it's very hard to diagnose and fix," said Fritz. "You can't possibly read through 15 million lines of code and understand every possible interaction between all these devices and the network."

Much of Sandia's work on virtual computing environments will soon be available for other cyber researchers via open source. Floren and Fritz believe Sandia should continue to work on tools that industry leaders and developers can use to better diagnose and fix problems in computer networks.

"Tools are only useful if they're used," said Fritz.

MegaDroid primarily will be useful as a tool to ferret out problems that would manifest themselves when large numbers of smartphones interact, said Keith Vanderveen, manager of Sandia's Scalable and Secure Systems Research department.

"You could also extend the technology to other platforms besides Android," said Vanderveen. "Apple's iOS, for instance, could take advantage of our body of knowledge and the toolkit we're developing." He said Sandia also plans to use MegaDroid to explore issues of data protection and data leakage, which he said concern government agencies such as the departments of Defense and Homeland Security.

Sequoia Gears Up for Security Missions

Sequoia, a world-class IBM BlueGene/Q computer located at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory is exploring a broad range of science to shakeout the machine and fully develop the capabilities the system will require to fulfill its national security missions, starting early next year.

Researchers from (National Nuclear Security Administration) NNSA's three nuclear weapons laboratories are testing Sequoia's power and versatility by running unclassified science codes relevant to NNSA missions. Science being explored by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) researchers includes high energy density plasmas and the electronic structure of heavy metals.

The early science runs are part of the "shakeout" of the 20 petaflop peak IBM BlueGene/Q system, which will transition in March 2013 to classified work for NNSA's Advanced Simulation and Computing (ASC) program, a cornerstone of the effort to ensure the safety, security and reliability of the nation's nuclear deterrent without underground testing (stockpile stewardship). Sequoia's computational power will be used to assess physical weapons systems and provide a more accurate atomic-level understanding of the behavior of materials in the extreme conditions present in a nuclear weapon.

Early unclassified work on the machine allows Livermore researchers and IBM computer scientists to work out the bugs and optimize the system before it transitions to classified

work and the limited access and security that entails. Los Alamos National Laboratory researchers will run asteroid and turbulence simulations. Sandia National Laboratory scientists will explore the properties of tantalum on Sequoia.

Sequoia has demonstrated its scalability with a three dimensional simulation of the human heart's electrophysiology. Using a code created in a partnership between LLNL and IBM scientists, called Cardioid, researchers are modeling the electrical signals moving throughout the heart. Cardioid has the potential to be used to test drugs and medical devices, paving the way for tests on humans.

Sequoia's power enables suites of highly resolved uncertainty quantification calculations. Uncertainty quantification, or "UQ," is the quantitative characterization and reduction of uncertainty in computer applications through the running of very large suites of calculations that characterize the effects of minor differences in the systems. Sources of uncertainty are rife in the natural sciences and engineering fields. UQ uses statistical methods to determine likely outcomes.

Sequoia was ranked No. 1 on the industry-standard Top500 list of the world's fastest supercomputers in June of this year. The system was also No. 1 on the Green 500 as the world's most energy efficient computer and on the Graph 500, the ability to solve big data problems - finding the proverbial needle in the haystack.

OBITUARIES

Odelia "Dee" Esquibel

Resident of Livermore
Odelia was born on April 26, 1934 and went to the Lord on Sunday, November 4, 2012 at the age of 78. Odelia's greatest passion was her family. She enjoyed sports especially watching her grandchildren play. She participated in Bible study and was a member of St. Michael's Church.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Joe, her children; Anthony Esquibel (Audrey), Joann Frick (Mike), Sandy Basso (Ron), Diane Gandolfo (John), and Debra Schmitt (Mick) and grandchildren Barbara (Steve), Beverly, Jamie, Amanda (John), Holly (Justin), Joe (Krista), Jacob, Ramsey, Molly, Mickle and seven great grandchildren plus one on the way. She was known as "Grandma Dee" to many!

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 13 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore, CA. Burial followed at St. Michael's Cemetery in Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Fred A Wagner Jr.

Fred A Wagner Jr., a longtime Livermore resident, passed away at the age of 89 in his home on November 4, 2012.

Mr. Wagner was born in Stockton, California to Fred Sr. and Marseillette Wagner in July of 1923. He attended University of California at Berkeley where he met his future wife, Helen.

They moved to Livermore in 1948 where they raised their four children. He operated Wagner & Son Diesel Machine shop with

his father.

Active in the community, Fred was a member of Livermore Rotary, AAHMES NOVKEPS Shriners, VFW and Eagle Squares Dance Club.

Fred also enjoyed flying, gardening and traveling the world.

He leaves his four children, Caroline Chavez, Fred Wagner III, Jay Wagner and June Bedford as well as his sister Norma Yeoman, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Helen and sister Merle Klinger.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00P.M. November 18th at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore California.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be sent to: Shriners Hospital for Children, AAHMES Temple, 170 Lindbergh Avenue, Livermore California, 94551-9569. Please note: In Memory of Fred Wagner.

Richard P. Genoni

Richard P. Genoni passed away peacefully in his home after a long battle with Alzheimer's surrounded by his three sons, on November 11, 2012. Rich was born December 29, 1946 in Livermore, CA, to Joseph and Rosalie Genoni. He grew up in Livermore and attended St. Michael's and Livermore High School. Upon graduation he attended the University of San Francisco and later enlisted in the United States Air Force. After serving his country, Rich returned to Livermore and worked for Medi-Physics and Vallecitos Nuclear Site. He later moved to Washington and spent the remainder of his career at the Hanford Nuclear reservation.

Rich enjoyed a variety of pastimes including, golf, bowling, hunting, fishing and working on cars.

He is survived by his three sons, John, Mike and

Greg Genoni. All three dedicated these last years caring unselfishly for their father. Other survivors include his mother, Rosalie; sister, Jolene (Ralph) Broz; uncle, Frank Genoni; aunt, Madeline (Don) Scullion, niece, Shannon (Paul) Malisani and their son, Nicholas as well as several cousins whom he loved and valued dearly. He was predeceased by his father, Joseph Genoni.

Private family services will be held in Livermore at a later date.

William "Bill" Payne

August 17, 1931 - Nov. 5, 2012
William "Bill" Payne passed away November 5, 2012 in Stockton, CA at the age of 81 years. He was born August 17, 1931 in San Francisco, CA.

Bill served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955 and worked in recreation most of his life. He was the General Manager of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) for 25 years, 1968-1993. LARP named one of its park in honor of Payne. William "Bill" J. Payne is a 14-acre special use park located on 5800 Patterson Pass Road. The park includes facilities for soccer, baseball and BMX riders.

In his spare time he enjoyed sports, going RVing and spending time with his family.

Bill was the devoted husband to Lillian Payne; loving father to the late Danny Payne (Gayle), Mi-

chael Payne and Linda Pennock; cherished grandfather to Jeremy Pennock, Nick Pennock, Shaun Payne and Danielle Payne; caring great grandfather to Jonathan Pennock; and beloved brother to Tom Payne and Ralph Payne (Marilyn).

Online condolences at <http://tributes.com/Bill-Payne>

Sharry Bautista

Sharry Bautista passed away on Nov. 10, 2012. She was born on Dec 25, 1942 in Valentine, Nebraska to Joy and Orville

Greene. Her little sister, Donna was born three years later.

Sharry married her former husband in 1961 and had two daughters, Kelly and Stacy. She was very active in her community for many years. She served for 14 years on the Castro Valley Board of Fire Commissioners, as a volunteer at Laurel Grove Hospital, served as Auxiliary president for two years, and served one year on the Alameda County Grand Jury.

In 1987 she met and married the love of her life, Joe Bautista. They moved to Pleasanton in 2000 into a home that Joe built. They loved to travel, especially cruising. They had been on 25 cruises, visited more than 80 countries and six continents. They had planned to go Antarctica in Feb. They belonged to Castlewood Country Club where she played golf with her husband and the Castlettes. Sharry

also had a great passion for gardening; spending many hours tending and nurturing the plants in her yard. One of her favorite times of the year was football season where she would attend Raider home games and watch the Nebraska Cornhuskers play college football.

Sharry loved her family and her step-family with a passion. She is survived by her loving husband, Joe, two daughters: Stacy (Darryl) Chambers of Oregon and Kelly (Perry) Johnson of New Jersey. She also leaves her five grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and two nieces. She also leaves her stepchildren, whom she loved as her own: Jim (Lori) Bautista of Pleasanton, Steve Bautista of Danville, and Joy (Tony) Littman of Arnold; five step-grandchildren, and three step great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death are her mother, father, and sister.

Sharry's request is that in lieu of flowers that you donate to Hope Hospice, ARF, SPCA, or any animal shelter.

Please join our family for a Celebration of Life at Castlewood Country Club, Pleasanton, Nov 25; 2-4pm

Linda Jean Snodgrass

April 5, 1941-Nov. 4, 2012
Livermore resident

Linda passed away peacefully at home at the age of 71. She was surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

Linda, known as Mimi to her family, was a loving mother and extraordinary grandmother. Her greatest loves were her grandchildren and she cherished the

opportunity to spend time with family.

Linda is survived by her children, William (Billy) Aguilar, Staci Mitchell, and Jodi Lewis, as well as eight grandchildren. Always in our thoughts and hearts, your family.

Viewing will be 6 to 8 p.m. on Fri., Nov. 16 at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore. Services will be held at 10:30 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 17 at Cornerstone Church, 347 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore. A celebration of life will follow at the Hempy House, 411 Virginia Way, Pleasanton.

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\$100,000 in Gifts Awarded by Lab

Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS), the contract manager for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), has announced the recipients for the 2012 LLNS Community Gift Program. These gifts, totaling \$100,000, reflect LLNS' commitment to the local communities.

LLNS received 66 applications totaling more than \$636,000 in requests. Twenty-six applications totaling \$100,000 were selected for awards through a committee review process. The majority of these awards serve children in the Tri-Valley area and San Joaquin County, with a focus on science, math education, engineering and cultural arts.

"It is our privilege to be able to contribute to the enormously worthwhile efforts of these agencies and their impact in science, education and the arts in the community," said Parney Albright, LLNS president and LLNL director. "We thank them for their hard work and their dedication in helping the community we share."

Following are this year's LLNS Community Gift Program award recipients, and a brief description of their programs and goals:

• Agape Villages Foster Family Agency, Enhanced Treatment Foster Care enhances the quality of life for

foster children through enrichment activities.

• Alameda Science & Engineering Fair Association 2013 Year 2 Expansion stimulates the interest of Alameda County middle and high school students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

• Amador Valley High School, Molecular and Cellular Research Class and Club provides students who have excelled in science a forum and equipment to do college-level research.

• Amador Valley High School Biotechnology Class, Thermal Cycler-Polymerase Chain Reaction exposes students to the business and technical aspects of biotechnology while participating in hands-on identification of DNA sequences.

• Andrew Christensen Middle School, Expanding Lessons and Improving Equity in Middle School STEM Education encourages students in STEM careers through hands-on science, math and engineering-based lessons.

• Broadening Educational Possibilities Inc., Lincoln Unified School District: Math & Science Store Project allows Stockton fifth graders to learn and practice math skills through the creation of a school store.

• Contra Costa Economic Partnership, Presenting Sponsorship for the 2013 Contra Costa County Science and Engineering Fair inspires Contra Costa middle and high school students toward high-demand STEM careers as well as providing a bridge between businesses and education.

• Dougherty Valley High School, High Speed for High School - Eppendorf MiniSpins Centrifuges for AP Biology and Biotech provides students with hands-on lab experiences, instilling an appreciation and curiosity for science.

• Dublin High School, Construction in Algebra provides students hands-on experiences that connect pure math to the field of construction through engaging lessons.

• Dublin High School, Polymerase Chain Reaction for Research in High School introduces students to biotechnology, utilizing labs and

techniques that can be applied to college and beyond.

• Dublin Unified School District, Engineering and Design Academy with a Pathway Program of Study promotes STEM education to Tri-Valley students through its Engineering and Design Academy and its feeder schools.

• Fairlands Elementary PTA, Fairlands Outdoor Science Classroom provides enrichment opportunities to children through its outdoor science classroom.

• Faith Network of the East Bay, Inc., Science Horizons Program supports the teaching and learning of fourth and fifth grade science in the Oakland Unified School District.

• Give Every Child a Chance, STEM in the After School Program provides assistance/mentoring to children in after school programs as well as supports activities aimed at improving their confidence and skill level in STEM.

• Las Positas College, Promoting a Culture of Scientific Research: Undergraduate Science Research Poster provides educational opportunities to meet the academic, intellectual, technical, creative and personal development goals of its students.

• Livermore-Amador Symphony, Livermore-Amador Symphony Orchestra Club at Junction Avenue K-8 School presents musical programs of cultural and educational value for the benefit of the community.

• Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, 2012-2013 Teaching Opportunities for Partners in Science (TOPS) Program provides hands-on activities for approximately 5,500 elementary and middle school students in science education. Funds will be used to maintain and expand the program.

• Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, Granada High School, Bio-Rad Gel Doc EZ System and Electrophoresis Supplies designs coursework to give students the needed laboratory skills to prepare them for college or to enter the workforce.

• Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, Sponsorship for Profes-

sor Smart's Fun with Physics Show operates a performing arts center that promotes and encourages the presentation and creation of visual and performing arts, including those bringing science to life.

• San Ramon Valley Unified School District, Summer Engineering Lab offers students enrichment courses during summer, including an engineering lab to explore circuits and electricity.

• Title VII American Indian Education Program, LVJUSD, "American Indian Education in the 21st Century" Title VII Tutoring Program provides for the educational and culturally related academic needs of students of American Indian heritage in the Livermore Valley.

• Tracy High School, Upgrading Probrewer in the Tracy High Science Department strives to provide students with an effective lab experience using up-to-date hardware and software.

• Tracy Unified School District Biotechnology Program at Tracy High, Student Research in Biotechnology provides students experience in the fundamental techniques used in biotechnologies and opportunities to conduct research.

• Tri-Valley Haven for Women, Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry provides essential nourishment by distributing food to Tri-Valley residents in need.

• Windemere Ranch Middle School, STEM Q&A: K-12 Science Trivia Program encourages students interested in STEM by providing a computerized trivia program rewarding students for correct answers.

• World of Wonders Science Museum, Inc., Outreach Hands-on Educational Programs offers hands-on science exhibits and programs to stimulate the discovery of science for all ages.

For more information about the LLNS Community Gift Program, go to the Website at <http://www.llnslc.com/communitygiving/llnsgift>

Adoptathon Finds Homes For 2601 Cats and Dogs

The third annual Maddie's® Matchmaker Adoptathon found homes for 2,601 dogs and cats throughout Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco Counties on June 9 - 10, 2012.

The goal of the Adoptathon is to give all healthy and treatable shelter dogs and cats a second chance. This year, 965 of the animals adopted were seniors and/or had been treated for a medical condition.

Countless local businesses opened their doors to host adoptions this year, including Stoneridge Shopping Center, Bay Street Emeryville, PETCO, PetSmart and Pet Food Express stores throughout the three counties. In addition, 70 employees from Deloitte volunteered their time to help Oakland Animal Services prepare its facility for the event, and Workday employees volunteered at many of the locations throughout the weekend.

"Our goal this year was to expand the Adoptathon into San Francisco so that even more animals could find homes," said Dave Duffield, Maddie's Fund founder. "We did just that, and we were thrilled with the huge outpouring of support for the thousands of animals that got adopted."

Maddie's Fund will provide more than \$1.9 million in funding to the 63 participating shelters and rescue groups for all the

adoptions completed during this year's Maddie's® Matchmaker Adoptathon. Each adoption affords the groups a mini-grant which helps to care for more animals throughout the year.

Among the top adopters was Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, with 104 animals.

Cuddles was the very last adoption of the weekend for Safe Cat Foundation. She is a 10-year-old cat that was born without her hind legs. Her previous owners claimed she was too much trouble, but her new family only sees her sweet personality and desire to live, despite her limitations.

East Bay Animal Rescue & Refuge (EBARR) found a loving home for "Lumpy," an 11-year-old black lab with fatty tumors. The adopting family wanted a companion for their 10-year-old dog, and as luck would have it, the two dogs became instant buddies.

Maddie's Fund® is a family foundation which is funded by the founder of Workday and PeopleSoft, Dave Duffield and his wife, Cheryl. Maddie's Fund is helping to create a no-kill nation where all healthy and treatable shelter dogs and cats are guaranteed a loving home.

Maddie's® Matchmaker Adoptathon is held to increase awareness of shelter animals and their need for loving homes.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 470742

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

This business is conducted by Husband and wife. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/1/2012.

Signature of Registrants: s/ Mary Kathleen Bailey This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 12, 2012. Expires October 12, 2017.

The Independent Legal No. 3323. Published October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 469937

The following person(s) doing business as: Residential Appraisal Services, 6768 Edgewater Lane, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hildred J. Crawford, 6768 Edgewater Lane, Livermore, CA 94551

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7/20/2012.

Signature of Registrants: s/ Hildred J. Crawford This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 21, 2012. Expires September 21, 2017.

The Independent Legal No. 3324. Published October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2012.

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NO. HG11-595489

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

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

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

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

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

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

AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tien 30 DIAS DE CAL- ENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en lacorte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Sino conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desearchar el caso.

The name and address of the court is:

(El nombre y direccion de la corte es): HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE 24405 AMADOR STREET HAYWARD, CA 94544

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

DATE: (Fecha): September 17, 2012 s/ Judge Gail Brewster Bereola

The Independent Legal No. 3325. Published October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 470780

The following person(s) doing business as: Mohylla, 1264 Hillcrest Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1)Dean Holunga (2)Virginia Holunga, 1264 Hillcrest Ave, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by Husband and wife. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/8/2012.

Signature of Registrants: s/ Dean Holunga s/ Virginia Holunga This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 15, 2012. Expires October 15, 2017.

The Independent Legal No. 3326. Published October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 470838

The following person(s) doing business as: Crystal Maintenance, 5750 Sonoma Dr. Suite C, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Crystal Maintenance Inc., 5750 Sonoma Dr. Suite C, Pleasanton, CA 94566

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above in 2008.

Signature of Registrants: s/ Mauricio Diaz, President This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 16, 2012. Expires October 16, 2017.

The Independent Legal No. 3327. Published November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 470609

The following person(s) doing business as: Alta Vista Dental, 3183 Independence Dr., Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ivleta Spunde, DDS, Inc, 270 Summerford Cir, San Ramon, CA 94583

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

Signature of Registrants: s/ Ivleta Spunde, Director, CEO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

Alameda on October 10, 2012. Expires October 10, 2017.

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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Date of Filing Application: October 8, 2012 To Whom It May Concern: The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: HAMID REZA AMINI FILA-BADI

The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 1175 CATALINA DR LIVERMORE, CA 94550-5928

Type of license(s) Applied for: 20 - Off-Sale Beer and Wine

Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control 1515 Clay St. Ste 2208 Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 622-9470

The Independent Legal No. 3329. Published November 1, 8, 15, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 471548

The following person(s) doing business as: Two Men and a Truck, 4749 Bennett Drive #C, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ziepkle Inc, 2986 Blumen Avenue, Brentwood, CA 94513

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

Signature of Registrants: s/ Brent E. Larson, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 2, 2012. Expires November 2, 2017.

The Independent Legal No. 3333. Published November 8, 15, 22, 29, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 470923-24

The following person(s) doing business as: (1)Powr Entertainment (2) DJPowr, 363 Clarke Ave, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Charles D. Harding, 363 Clarke 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 9/24/2012.

Signature of Registrants: s/ Charles D. Harding This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 17, 2012. Expires October 17, 2017.

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 471611

The following person(s) doing business as: Picazo Vineyards, 5600 Greenville Rd., Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): McGrail Vineyards and Winery, LLC, 5600 Greenville Rd., Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by a Limited liability company

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

Signature of Registrants: s/ James McGrail - Managing Member, McGrail Vineyards and Winery, LLC This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 5, 2012. Expires November 5, 2017.

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 470593

The following person(s) doing business as: Artisan Marshmallows, 260 N. L Street, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kim Elaine Faulkner, 714 Canterbury Ave, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/15/2007.

Signature of Registrants: s/ Kim E. Faulkner, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 9, 2012. Expires October 9, 2017.

The Independent Legal No. 3336. Published November 8, 15, 22, 29, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 471288

The following person(s) doing business as: ELLA, 1141 Catalina Dr. #123, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Robert P. Legg, 2927 Danielle Lane, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

Signature of Registrants: s/ Robert P. Legg, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 26, 2012. Expires October 26, 2017.

The Independent Legal No. 3337. Published November 8, 15, 22, 29, 2012.

NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a mobilehome, registered to Thomas L Floyd, with interested party The Estate of Thomas Floyd and described as a 1973 Sheraton Manor mobilehome, Decal Number AAC2159, Serial Numbers 3200389U/3200389X, Label/Insignia Numbers 270304/270305 and stored on property within the Sunrise Mobile Home Park, at 856 Sundial Circle, Livermore, County of Alameda, California 94550 (specifically the space designated as 5378 Sundance Dr., within the park), will be sold by auction at the mobilehome park at the Sunrise Mobile Home Park, at 856 Sundial Circle, Livermore, County of Alameda, California 94550 (specifically the space designated as 5378 Sundance Dr., within the park), on November 28, 2012 at 1:30 p.m., and such succeeding sales days as may be necessary, and the proceeds of the sales will be applied to the satisfaction of the lien, including the reasonable charges of notice,

advertisement, and sale.

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

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

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

DATED: October 25, 2012 s/ Joseph W. Carroll Attorney at Law 1231 I Street, Suite 203 Sacramento, CA 95814 (916)443-9000

The Independent Legal No. 3338. Published November 8, 15, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 471468

The following person(s) doing business as: Polished Crete, 1306 Stealth St, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bay Area Concretes, Inc, 1306 Stealth 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 N/A.

Signature of Registrants: s/ Jonathan D. Vasquez, C.O.O.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 31, 2012. Expires October 31, 2017.

The Independent Legal No. 3339. Published November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 2012.

PUBLIC NOTICE Union Pacific Railroad Company hereby provides notice of the proposed modification to a 40 foot monopole communications tower. This site location is Milepost 47.01 Union Pacific Railroad, Alameda County, Livermore, CA. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration Form 854 filing number is A0788476. No lighting is anticipated.

The application may be reviewed by going to www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering the Form 854 File Number. Environmental concerns may be addressed by filing a Request for Environmental Review online at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest or by mailing a request to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

The Independent Legal No. 3340. Published November 15, 2012.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Union Pacific Railroad Company hereby provides notice of the proposed modification to a 40 foot monopole communications tower. This site location is Milepost 46.65 Union Pacific Railroad, Alameda County, Livermore, CA. The Federal Communi-

cations Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration Form 854 filing number is A0788476. No lighting is anticipated.

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The Independent Legal No. 3341. Published November 15, 2012.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Union Pacific Railroad Company hereby provides notice of the proposed modification to a 40 foot monopole communications tower. This site location is Milepost 52.2 Union Pacific Railroad, Alameda County, Livermore, CA. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration Form 854 filing number is A078838. No lighting is anticipated.

The application may be reviewed by going to www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering the Form 854 File Number. Environmental concerns may be addressed by filing a Request for Environmental Review online at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest or by mailing a request to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

The Independent Legal No. 3342. Published November

15, 2012

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

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2) CATS/ DOGS

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Seven Reasons for Homeowners, Buyers and Sellers to be Grateful

By Cher Wollard

The financial sector always has winners and losers. Usually the winners' success is based on the losses of others.

The real estate market is no different: Prices go up, good for sellers. Prices go down, good for buyers.

This year, though, there is plenty of good news to go around, so that everyone – buyers, sellers, homeowners and agents – have something to be grateful for.

1. Historically low interest rates.

The average interest rate on 30-year fixed conventional mortgages as of Monday was 3.4 percent. This is less than half of the long-term U.S. average of 8.74 percent.

Younger buyers, including most first-time homebuyers, have known only this era of very low interest rates. They may think mortgages priced at less than 4 percent are "normal." In fact, 10 years ago, when real estate was booming, buyers were happy to pay 6.5 percent. Twenty years ago the average was 9 percent. Thirty years ago it was a whopping 14.6 percent – down from the historic high of 18.16 percent in September of 1981. Forty years ago, homebuyers paid 7.44 percent for 30-year-fixed conventional mortgages.

This is good news for buyers, not just because their rates are lower, but because their payments are lower. A 30-year mortgage of \$400,000 at today's rates would cost a buyer \$1,774 per month, plus taxes and insurance. That same mortgage priced at the long-term average of 8.74 percent would cost \$3,144.

This is good news for sellers, too, because that buyer who can afford to spend \$1,774 per month would be able to carry a mortgage of only about \$225,000 at the "average" rate.

2. Increased affordability.

At the height of the housing boom, the affordability index in the Bay Area hovered at about 20 percent. That meant fewer than one-fifth of families could afford to purchase a median-priced single-family home here. In fact, in Silicon Valley, the index hit a low of 12 percent in 2006.

The affordability index is determined by a combination of housing prices, interest rates and wages.

The Bay Area index is still much higher than the rest of the country – even higher than most of California – but at 35 percent, it means more renters can realize their dream of homeownership. Again, this is good news for buyers and sellers.

3. Increased real estate activity.

Sales of existing U.S. homes in the first two quarters of this year was the highest it has been in five years. Sales dropped last month – not because demand has slowed, but because there is not enough inventory to satisfy the need.

Still, in Livermore, for example, there has been a 30 percent increase in the number of properties that went into contract in the past year. That figure would likely be even higher were it not for the severe reduction in available properties for sale. The number of active properties has plummeted from 239 in October 2011 to 70 last month.

The pace of sales has increased too, down to an average of 25 days on market in October – less than half of the 55 days we saw a year ago.

This is excellent news for anyone who wants to sell a home now, as demand is high while competition is low.

4. Prices are moving up at a sensible pace.

Home prices are increasing at a steady rate, but are not skyrocketing as they did in the early 2000s. This is in part due to changes in rules designed to reform the appraisal industry. Despite some significant problems with these reforms, they have served to hold price escalation in check.

Third quarter prices in Livermore increased 8.7 percent from the same time a year ago – that's faster than the historic average of 6 percent per year, but nowhere near the double-digit increases seen during the housing boom.

This gives sellers who have been waiting for home values to increase an obvious reason to be grateful. However, buyers should recognize that a real estate market in which the home they are buying now will gain equity in the years to come is a win for them also.

5. Reforms help underwater homeowners refinance.

The federal government has launched several programs over the past few years designed to help homeowners who are underwater on their mortgages. Unfortunately, the early programs had little success.

Recent revamps, such as the Home Affordable Refinancing Program, better known as HARP, have been more successful. HARP allows homeowners whose mortgages are owned or guaranteed by Freddie Mac or Fannie Mae, and who are not delinquent on their payments, to refinance, even if the home is worth less than their loan.

FHA also has enacted something called Short Refinance.

For information, go to www.makinghomeaffordable.gov or www.makinghomeaffordable.gov/programs/lower-rates/Pages/short-refinance.aspx

Your local Realtor can also direct you to a mortgage specialist who works with these programs.

Or talk to counselors at the Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center, (925) 373-3130.

6. Foreclosure rates slow.

We can all be grateful that the rate of foreclosures has slowed markedly

Foreclosures fell in nearly two-thirds of the nation's largest metro areas, including the Bay Area, during the third quarter, according to RealtyTrac.

According to DataQuick, real estate news service: "Three and a half years after peaking, the number of California homes entering the foreclosure process fell last quarter to the lowest level since the early stages of the housing bust. Mortgage default filings hit their lowest point since first-quarter 2007, due in large part to a stronger economy and housing market and more short sales, a real estate information service reported."

The numbers indicate that "most of the nation's housing markets are past the worst of the foreclosure problem," said Daren Blomquist, RealtyTrac's vice president.

In addition, an agreement reached among 49 state attorneys general, including Kamala Harris of California, and the five largest servicers of mortgages clamped down on "robo-signing" and other practices that rushed homes into foreclosure, sometimes without cause.

The settlement provides \$25 billion to states and to homeowners in the form of principal reductions and cash payments, a figure that will rise if other banks sign on.

While some fear the agreement may have unexpected negative consequences for lenders, most agree it is providing relief for at least some struggling homeowners.

7. New home sales at 2-year high.

New homes sold at an annual rate of 389,000 homes in September – the last month for which we have data – according to the Census Bureau report. That's up 5.7 percent from the 368,000 new homes sold in August.

And the good news is expected to extend into the new year.

Of course, for real estate professionals, one of the greatest blessings always is the opportunity to help people realize the dream of homeownership.

If you are thinking about buying or selling real estate, contact your local Realtor today.

Cher Wollard is a Realtor with Prudential California Realty, Livermore.

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SHORT NOTES

Youth Speech Contest

Pleasanton North Rotary is taking entries in the Richard D. King Annual Youth Speech Contest.

The Rotary Clubs of District 5170 sponsor the Richard D. King Annual Youth Speech Contest each year.

Prizes are awarded with "no strings attached." However, it is hoped that the award might be used to further the student's education.

The 2012-2013 Rotary Year theme, is "Peace Through Service." Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka tells Rotarians that peace through service is realized by helping others, even in the simplest of ways, which could help to bring peace.

Students are only eligible to enter the District 5170 Contest for one Rotary Club.

Each student may choose any topic of interest, however all speeches must address the 2012-2013 theme "Peace Through Service," and include a reference to at least one principle of The Rotary 4-Way Test. Use of this theme in the speech should be clear and unmistakable. The speech must be the original work of the contestant.

The speech cannot be under 4 minutes or more than 5 minutes in length.

The Speech Contest is open to all high school students.

The local contest will be held Fri., Jan. 4 starting at 12:15 p.m. at the Pleasanton Hilton, 7050 Johnson Drive. The area contest is Tues., Feb. 5 starting at 7 a.m. at Beebs at Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore. Regional and district contests follow.

For more details and to register for the January 4 club contest, contact: Kevin Greenlee, Pleasanton North Rotary Club Speech Contest Chair at kvgreenlee@gmail.com or (925) 381-7315.

Win Prizes

Tri-Valley Community Television (TVCTV) is offering viewers an opportunity to win free stuff by signing up to be a TV30 "Lucky Fan." The station is currently giving away tickets to upcoming production at the Bankhead Theater of the Moscow Boys Choir Christmas on December 22. At the Firehouse Theater, shows include Yuri Liberzon, Classic Guitar on November 25th, "Puss in Boots" at the Amador Theater on December 14th, Comedy at the Firehouse Theater with James Connolly and Katsy Chappell on December 12th, and more. Fans could also win tickets to catch a free movie at the Vine Cinema and a \$50 gift card to Sauced BBQ & Spirits in Livermore.

TV30 viewers go to the Tri-Valley TV website at www.trivalleytv.org to register to be a "Lucky Fan." There is no charge and the information will not be shared. TV30 randomly selects a winner at various times from the "Lucky Fan" registrations. The winner will be announced on the TVCTV Facebook page and on TV30. A person can enter as many times as they want until they win.

For complete rules or to

register to be a "Lucky Fan" go to www.trivalleytv.org and click on the "Lucky Fan" icon located on that page.

Toys for Tots Challenge

Landmark Mortgage Group is kicking off its third Toys for Tots drive; in conjunction with the Livermore/Pleasanton Fire Department. This year, the Group, is inviting area real estate offices to "A Landmark Challenge" to see who can collect the most toy donations. The winning office will get to display a Livermore/Pleasanton fireman's helmet trophy for the next year as bragging rights. Real estate offices participating as of now are Legacy, Better Homes and Gardens, Remax, Prudential and JRockcliff.

"The community plays such an important part in our business and contributing towards the Toys for Tots program gives us all a chance to give back," said Tony Russo, Landmark managing partner. "We thank the real estate offices for participating in this drive and brightening the holiday season for many families in need."

The culmination of this charitable cause happens at the holiday movie event at the historic Vine Cinema in Livermore, on December 8, where Home Alone will be shown. The Fireman's Helmet Trophy will be presented before the start of the movie to the winning real estate office. Families who attend the movie event will receive a Christmas ornament and a photo opportunity with representatives from the LPFD.

Landmark will continue to accept new, unwrapped toys for children ages 2-12 at their 5075 Hopyard, suite 130, Pleasanton or 1859 First Street, Livermore offices through December 15th. For more information on the Toys for Tots program, to donate online or to find your local drive coordinator, please visit www.toysfortots.org.

Nature Programs

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff is offering two programs this weekend.

Birds of Springtown will be led by Ranger Patti Cole on Sat., Nov. 17. Meet at 8:30 at Marlin Pound Park, 2010 Bluebell Drive.

It's time for an autumn trip to the north side of town in search of seasonal migrants. Over the years, numerous duck and wading bird species have been documented here. Participants are also likely to see a variety of perching birds, raptors and more. This program is appropriate for beginner through advanced birders. There will be some binoculars to lend to those who don't have them. For directions, please call the Ranger Office at 925-960-2400.

Turkey Time! will be led by Ranger Amy Wolitzer on

Sun., Nov. 18. Meet at 2 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Road.

Turkeys aren't just on the table, they're out in our parklands, too. Join this program to learn about wild turkeys and hopefully find some to admire. This will be an easy, slow wander of less than a mile and will be great fun for both kids and adults. Participants can make a fun Thanksgiving craft.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Excel Classes

The Pleasanton Library is presenting Excel classes in November - intermediate, and expert level classes. Gain skills for career advancement, learning formatting, advanced formulas, visual basic programming, and more. Classes are taught by a finance professional with 9 years of experience.

Sign up for sessions from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Library.

Monday, November 19: Intermediate Excel

Tuesday, November 27: Expert Excel (includes VBT Programming)

Registration is required, as space is limited. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400, extension 7.

Library programs are free and open to everyone. Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 for information.

REI Events

REI Dublin December events are free and open to the public. They will be held at REI, 7099 Amador Plaza Road, in Dublin. The public may contact REI Dublin's Customer Service Department for more information, (925) 828-9826. Register for classes at www.rei.com/dublin

- REI-AIARE Avalanche Awareness Class: 7 pm-8:30 pm, Thursday, December 6, In this REI-AIARE Avalanche Awareness Workshop, Aaron Johnson-owner of Mountain Adventure Seminars (MAS), one of California's leading AIARE-certified avalanche education providers-will introduce and explain where and why avalanches occur, and will provide a basic approach to managing risk in the backcountry. Learn to access local avalanche bulletins and weather reports, recognize basic signs of avalanche danger, and simple ways to help avoid avalanche danger. The mission of AIARE (The American Institute for Avalanche Research and Education, http://avtraining.org) is to save lives through avalanche education.

Ski/Snowboard Waxing Basics: 9 am-10:30 am, Saturday, December 8, Join REI techni-

cian Jill Brown to learn how and why waxes work and all about base preparation-structure, major and minor repair, and stone grinding. Please bring questions, and leave skis or snowboard at home.

Narcotics Search

The Livermore Police Department's Special Operations Unit in conjunction with the East County Tactical Team executed a narcotics search warrant in the 1600 Block of Chestnut Street in the City of Livermore on Nov. 7. The warrant resulted from an investigation concerning drug use and drug sales associated with the target residence. The Tactical Team use resulted from information concerning the residence being used as a sureno gang house with firearms readily available.

During the execution of the warrant, several people fled from the residence in both vehicles and on foot. Officers quickly apprehended those persons along with several people inside the residence. One subject physically resisted officers and was later found to have a loaded firearm concealed on his person. A total of eleven people were detained as a result of the warrant and a total of ten arrests were ultimately made. Two firearms were recovered. The arrests included: possession of a concealed firearm, possession of a controlled substance, and resisting arrest. All arrested parties were transported to Santa Rita Jail and booked on their individual charges. Chestnut Street between N. P. Street and N. O. Street was closed by traffic officers to ensure the safety of Livermore citizens.

The Livermore Police Department says residents can assist in keeping a safe environment by forming a partnership with the police department in the following ways:

- Providing information on criminal activity to the Livermore Police Department's tip line at (925) 371-4780. Please provide as much information as possible to include: license plate numbers / vehicle descriptions, residence addresses / descriptions, suspect information, and a call back number. Callers may remain anonymous, but by doing so, it should be understood that solving problems becomes more difficult. Please do not use this number to report crimes in progress, emergencies, or when you require a patrol officer response.

- Forming a Neighborhood Watch by contacting Nicole Aguon at (925) 371-4978. The

Neighborhood Watch groups are a great way to get to know your neighbors and to be further engaged in the happenings in your community. These groups work closely with the Police Department in addressing issues and solving problems.

- Be vigilant and report suspicious activity to the police department either through our non-emergency number at (925) 371-4987 or through 911 (emergencies / crimes in progress).

Hacienda Holidays

Hacienda Business Park in Pleasanton will be installing its annual holiday decorations on Monday, November 19, 2012. Once again, the installation will be done by long-standing Pleasanton business, T. Marshall Electric, who has performed this work for Hacienda for well over a decade. The installations will begin at approximately

4:30 am and will be conducted throughout the day, weather permitting.

"We look forward to helping welcome in another holiday season to Pleasanton," said James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager. "Hacienda always enjoys being a part of all of the activities that will be occurring in the area and adding a festive touch to the community at this time of year."

Each year, Hacienda's wreaths are hung from the arches at Hopyard Road and Stoneridge Drive, and Hacienda Drive and Interstate 580. Decorative accents are also included at all four of Hacienda's feature intersections which, in addition to the two just noted, include Hacienda Drive and Stoneridge Drive, and Hacienda Drive and Owens Drive. Kathy Miller, T. Marshall Electric, notes, "It's a great feeling to help bring the start of the holiday season to Hacienda and Pleasanton."



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THE INDEPENDENT • SECTION A

Local Author Creates Character with Sense of Adventure

By Carol Graham

Chloe Diggins doesn't wear makeup. She doesn't worry about her hair or her clothes and, she isn't fixated on a boy.

It's enough to make moms everywhere ask, "Who is this girl?"

Pleasanton author Jennifer Amiel says, "If I could have Chloe materialize, I'd

want every girl in America to be her best friend. She's honest, kind, fun and not afraid to get dirt under her nails."

Meet the new tween her-

oine of "Chloe Diggins and the Eternal Emperor," an adventure novel written for 9 to 12 year olds. Set in Peru, the novel centers on Chloe as she makes an unexpected discovery at an archeology dig site then embarks on a fast-paced adventure in and around the ancient capital of the Inca empire.

The down-to-earth, caring and daring character is not unlike the author herself. "Chloe's like me in so many ways, but she takes more risks than I do, which is good," says Amiel. "I think girls need to take a lot more risks. We're not taught that we're adventurers."

Amiel's passion for exploration began early. "At 10 years old I was getting Archeology magazine and National Geographic," she says. "I was the girl who would save up all my birthday money to buy a Tennyson poetry book from the 18th century while all my friends were buying tickets to the New Kids on the Block."

As the Director of Education for Pleasanton's Museum on Main, Amiel manages programs from pre-school visits through a speaker series presented at the Firehouse Arts Center.

Visiting students take a tour of the museum gallery with Amiel to learn what life used to be like in the Tri-Valley followed by a walk along Pleasanton's historic Main Street.

"We look at the buildings - who built them, what they were used for, and what they're used for today. We might be looking at a building that was built to be a movie theater but now it's The Wine Steward," she says, referring to a 1920s Mission Revival-style building. It was originally the



Jennifer Amiel

New Lincoln Theatre before becoming the Roxy Theatre in the '40s.

Amiel's deep curiosity has led her on many adventures of her own, including a dig at a Byzantine site in the Middle East where a tiny turquoise-blue glass bead tumbled to the bottom of her trench.

"When you're looking at dirt or pieces of pottery all day, blue just screams at you," says Amiel. "After cleaning it off, I came to discover it was a piece of a glass bracelet worn by a woman a thousand years ago. I wondered what her life was like and what kind of person she was. I won-

dered if she'd ever imagined that another woman so many years later would admire her piece of broken jewelry."

In Chloe Diggins and the Eternal Emperor, Amiel wanted to give young readers "a sense that you could go a full day and not find anything but the next day you might find something amazing."

Twelve-year-old Chloe is a role model that girls will cheer on, boys will respect and parents will admire. It's a particular favorite with mother-daughter book clubs designed to inspire multi-generational discussions

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Trying on Victorian petticoats and other vintage garments in preparation for St. Bart's Dickens Faire are (from left) Grace Wilkins, Jessica Plemmons, Ariana Moore, Kylie L'Eplattenier, Maureen L'Eplattenier, Charlotte Plemmons and Clare Wilkins. (Liz Wilkins Photo)

Dickens' London Comes Alive at St. Bart's; Includes Presentation of 'A Christmas Carol'

Scenes from Charles Dickens' London will greet visitors to St. Bart's Dickens Faire on Saturday, Dec. 1, and Sunday, Dec. 2, at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore.

Costumed actors will present excerpts from Dickens' beloved work, *A Christmas Carol*, in the church building. Craft "shoppes" will line a Victorian London

street in the parish hall. Tea will be served with scones and pasties, and fairegoers can enjoy roasted chestnuts and listen to carolers as they shop. There's fun for children, too: "snow," special crafts, and visits with Father Christmas.

Faire hours are from 10 am to 1 pm Saturday, Dec. 1, and from 1-5 pm Sunday, Dec. 2. Donations are rec-

ommended. Parking is free.

Proceeds will support Saint Bartholomew's Church and its outreach programs, such as the Big Heart Wellness Center, offering legal, mental health and nutrition counseling to clients of the Interfaith Sharing Food Pantry.

For more information contact the church at (925) 447-3289 or www.saintbartslivermore.com.



Smuin Ballet Company takes a trip to New Orleans in the Christmas Ballet, 2012 edition. (Photo - Keith Sutter)

Three New Works to be Premiered; “Santa’s Sweets” Added to Smuin’s “The Christmas Ballet”

San Francisco dance company Smuin Ballet’s annual holiday extravaganza “The Christmas Ballet” will feature three world premiere works when it opens at the Bankhead Theater in November.

Three weekend performances of “The Christmas Ballet” will be offered at the Bankhead on November 23 and 24, 2012 before the show moves to other locations. After the matinee performance on the 24th, Smuin’s special “Santa’s Sweets” program will offer an extra treat for young people with Santa Claus waiting to greet members of the audience with complimentary sweets.

Two evening performances of “The Christmas Ballet” will be offered at 7:30 p.m. on November 23rd and 24th, as well as the single Saturday matinee at 2:00 p.m. on the 24th.

Tickets for all performances are just \$14 for

students and range from \$43 to \$63 for adults.

The 2012 Edition includes new choreography from Choreographer in Residence Amy Seiwert and Smuin artists Darren Anderson and Jane Rehm to accompany time-honored favorites.

The show will unwrap three world premieres, including one from Smuin artist Jane Rehm for Classical Christmas, set to the Canadian Brass version of “Here We Come A-Wassailing.” Cool Christmas will feature world premieres from Darren Anderson, set to “All I Want for Christmas Is You,” and Amy Seiwert, set to “No Christmas for Me” by Zee Avi. A former dancer with Smuin Ballet, Seiwert has been choreographing since 1999 and has won numerous awards and critical accolades.

The Classical first half heralds the return of sev-

eral favorites, including two pieces from Artistic and Executive Director Celia Fushille set to “Lo How a Rose E’er Blooming” and “Resonet in Laudibus,” and an Amy Seiwert original set to “Sleigh Ride.” It also includes a piece by the late Michael Smuin, staged to a majestic classical recording of “Ave Maria,” that has never been performed for the holiday program. Cool Christmas promises a serenade from the King of Rock’n’Roll; a flirty “Santa Baby;” a trip to “Christmas Island” with some gyrating hula girls and surfer dudes; and a “Jingle Bells Mambo” from San Francisco choreographer Val Caniparoli.

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

Tickets may be purchased at the theater box office, by calling 925-373-6800 or visit www.bankheadtheater.org

Eclectic Classical Guitar Program Slated for Firehouse

Russian-born and Israeli-raised guitarist Yuri Liberzon brings a wide-ranging program of classical guitar pieces to the Firehouse Theater on Sunday, November 25, at 2 p.m.

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

The program on November 25 runs the gamut of the guitar repertoire. J. S. Bach’s (1685-1750) Partita No. 1 for solo violin would be enough to bring any classical fan running. The monumental piece is considered by many to be the epitome of Bach’s writing for violin, and the Partita No. 1 is far more rarely performed on guitar than any of the 5 other Sonatas and Partitas...for good reason. It is considered every violinist’s “Everest”. Also representing the classical era on the program, Domenico Scarlatti’s (1685-1757) Sonata K.1 in D minor is fast paced and beautifully ornamental.

Masterful arrangements of Russian folksongs by Sergey Rudnev (b. 1955) and pieces representative of both the romantic and impressionistic traditions by Konstantin Vassiliev (b.1970) are included. Spanish composer Antonio Jose’s (1902-1936) iconic guitar work ‘Sonata’ is considered by many to be perhaps the greatest example of such a piece in the entire classical guitar repertoire.

From the other side of the globe (and musical world) comes the Koln Concert Part IIc piece by American Jazz great Keith Jarrett (b. 1945). And if that’s not a full enough program, Liberzon includes the gorgeous pe-



Yuri Liberzon to perform at Pleasanton’s Firehouse Arts Center.

renial favorite ‘Elegie’ by Hungarian composer Johann Kaspar Mertz (1806-1856).

Liberzon ranks among today’s foremost classical guitarists both in the United States and internationally. Winner of numerous international prizes and competitions, including being the youngest recipient of the Jerusalem Academy of Music Prize in 1996-97, his playing has been described as “Transcendent technical prowess at the service of gracious musicality.”

Northern California audiences will remember Liberzon’s recent solo appearances with the Old First Church Concerts and Legion of Honor Series in San Francisco, and Trinity Chamber Concerts in Berkeley. One reviewer writes, “He played virtually without flaws but not without taking risks. He played with warmth and musicality...like a great chef preparing a marvelous musical banquet.” (Marlow Guitar Series, Bethesda, MD, 2011)

Liberzon received his

master’s degree from Yale School of Music and Graduate Performance Diploma and Bachelor’s degree from Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins University. According to master guitar teacher Benjamin Verdery, “Yuri is unquestionably one of the most extraordinary guitarists I’ve taught in my twenty two years of teaching at Yale. Upon hearing only a phrase of his playing one is assured of his command over not just the instrument but over the music he plays.”

Liberzon will be available after the concert to meet and chat with audience members.

Tickets are adults \$12, \$18 and \$22; child: \$12; senior: \$18. Group discounts are available.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org, by phone at 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.

“Ethereal” *Messiah* returns to the Bankhead

“Messiah,” George Frederic Handel’s great oratorio on the figure of Christ, returns to Livermore’s Bankhead Theater November 30. The concert, by the Pacific Chamber Symphony and the Pacific Chamber Symphony Chorus, has become a holiday tradition in the Valley community.

After more than three centuries, “Messiah” is performed all over the world almost a part of popular culture,” said choirmaster Robert Lappa. At for its sublime music and message of hope and joy. “It’s a football game, he says, you might even “hear the Hallelujah Chorus when they make a touchdown!”

Valley music lovers can look forward to a “Messiah” offering a rich and varied musical experience: instrumental, solo, choral—even a singalong, when music director Lawrence Kohl invites the audience to join in for an encore rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus.

Music director Lawrence Kohl, even more exuberant than usual, is proud to bring Handel’s masterwork to Livermore for the fifth time. The music is, he said, “on one hand very accessible and on the other, extremely powerful.” The text is in English. In a somewhat shortened version, the audience will hear all of Part I and substantial sections of parts II and III, including the Hallelujah Chorus, “The Trumpet Shall Sound,” and other well-known passages.

Kohl has engaged four “fantastic” soloists for this performance: Soprano Chris-



Lawrence Kohl conducts.

tine Brandes, alto Elsbeth M. Franks, tenor Christopher Bengochea and Baritone Daniel Cilli. Mr. Cilli has sung with Pacific Chamber Symphony before, in last year’s *Messiah*, while Ms. Brandes, Ms. Franks and Mr. Bengochea are new voices.

The Bankhead Theater is fairly close in size to the hall in Dublin, Ireland, where “*Messiah*” first transfixed listeners in 1741. Handel took the work there after London spurned “*Messiah*” because English clerics considered it not religious enough for a church setting, while the city’s theater managers complained it was too religious for a general audience.

Messiah now is performed in a variety of versions. In the 19th century, orchestras and choruses grew enormous, and other changes were made to suit circumstances and tastes. Mozart, a great admirer of Handel, tried a German version with embellishments, which led a



Choirmaster Robert Lappa

critic to sneer, “stucco decorations on a marble temple.” Lately, a Gospel version has become popular in America.

Although Handel had written dramatic operas before he turned to the “*Messiah*,” he doesn’t tell the story through Biblical characters, but rather steps back and comments on the prophecies of the Old Testament and the events of the New Testament. The music itself helps guide listeners to a deeper understanding of the events and inspires the choir in its interpretation—what Lappa

calls “word painting.”

When, for instance, the choir sings “Glory to God,” the music starts softly and increases in volume, evoking the sound of angels coming closer and closer to Earth. When the violins “shimmer,” the sound is ethereal, like light and air and the shimmer of angel wings. When the phrase “Peace on Earth” is delivered by a single low voice they feel kinship with what is happening,” said Lappa of the choir.

One might expect that the chorus would find it easier to sing in English than in a foreign language, but the reverse is true, Lappa said. Italian or Church Latin, for example, has pure vowel sounds, while English speakers have regional differences, making it harder for chorus members to achieve consistency. “It’s hard to break those habits completely,” Lappa said.

Whatever the version, Handel speaks “like thunder,” as Mozart once put it. Lappa believes the November 30 performance will be just right for Livermore. “It’s going to be a great program,” he said.

“I hope people can come out to it.”

The concert will be at 8:00 on Friday, November 30, at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Tickets are \$50/\$42/\$35, \$7 students, and are available at the Bankhead Theater Box Office, 2400 First Street, Livermore, by phone at (925) 373-6100, or online at livermoreperformingarts.org.

Pleasanton Library Program to Focus on Women Artists

Artist and educator Marlene Aron will present the program *Five Fabulous Women Artists of the 1800s* at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 18, in the large meeting room of the Pleasanton Library.

Over eighty slides will be

shown depicting the art of five women artists of Paris in the 1800’s: Mary Cassatt, Berthe Morisot, Marie Bracquemond, Eva Gonzales, and Camille Claudel. These women were among the leading Avant-Garde artists of their day. Learn about the

lives and artistry of these movers and shakers of the Impressionist movement.

Marlene Aron is an artist, educator and published poet. She was educated in The Netherlands at the Vrije Academie voor Beeldende Kunsten and in the United

States, receiving her Master of Fine Arts degree from California College of the Arts.

The program is free and open to all. No registration is required. For information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

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Pleasanton Downtown to Host Earlier Than the Bird and Magical Holiday Evening on Saturday

Downtown will come alive with holiday cheer on Saturday, November 17 for two "magical" community events.

The Pleasanton Downtown Association will host "Earlier Than the Bird" on Saturday, November 17 from 7 a.m. to 12 noon. This event is designed to launch the holiday shopping season in a festive and entertaining way. Participating downtown retail shops will be open at 7 a.m., providing special offers and tasty refreshments. Shoppers who arrive to the Museum on Main (603 Main St.) wearing their pajamas will receive a free "Downtown Pleasanton" keepsake tumbler as a gift. KKIQ will have its promotions team, van, prize wheel and more in downtown from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and will make live remote announcements about the event.

On Saturday, November 17 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.,

Downtown Pleasanton will host its annual holiday kickoff – "Magical Holiday Evening." Downtown shops, restaurants and businesses will usher in the holidays with festive decorations, live music and caroling, beautiful window displays, holiday treats and, sales. Santa and his helpers will be available at the Museum on Main (603 Main St.) for photos while elves will roam the street distributing candy canes. Live entertainment and children's activities will add to the festive holiday atmosphere.

Participating businesses include: American Harvest, Apparel & Co., Berry Patch, BICYCLES! Pleasanton, Chianti's Ristorante, Christesen's, Clover Creek, Girlfriends, Glad Tidings, Gourmet Works, Heroes & Villains Comics, Knit This Purl That, Lanvie, Main Street Spirits & Deli, Murphy's Paw, Museum on Main, Passionate Athlete,

Prim, Rick's Picks, SavvySeconds, Serenity Stone-works Fountains & Décor, Sincerely Yours Cards & Gifts, Stacey's Café, The Bracelet Bar @ Serenity, Therapy Stores, Inc., and

Towne Center Books.

For additional information, contact the Pleasanton Downtown Association at (925) 484-2199 or go to www.pleasantondowntown.net.

Studio Seven Plans Trunk Show



Sample of jewelry

Studio Seven Arts on Saturday Nov 17th will offer a special event in conjunction with Saturday's "Earlier than the Bird" and "Magical Holiday Evening" shopping events on Main Street, to kick off the holiday season.

The Pom trunk show features celebrated jewelry that

sparkles with colors, great for holiday parties, as gifts or just as something new.

Pom, based in the Bay Area, creates jewelry pieces. His work features both classic and fashion-forward looks, delivering brilliant necklace and earring designs that incorporate high quality semi-precious stones. Originally from Thailand, Pom creates bold works, featuring tasteful, unique and sparkling stones that truly stand out when worn.

Hours are 7 a.m. to noon and 4 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 17.

The gallery is located at 400 Main Street Pleasanton, (925) 846-4322.



Family took part in Earlier Than the Bird event in downtown Pleasanton.

Earlier Than the Bird Event Set for Saturday in Downtown Livermore

Livermore Downtown Inc. is hosting the 8th Annual "Earlier Than the Bird; Shopping Celebration" on November 17, 2012. For the third year, The Pleasanton Downtown Association will host an "Earlier Than the Bird" event. 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.

"The Holiday Season is the most important revenue

generating quarter for our small businesses in downtowns," says Livermore Downtown Executive Director, Rachael Snedecor.

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 Downtown Association.

Participating businesses in Livermore: Anita's Salon & Gift Boutique, Art Glass Studio, Artistic Edge at Blacksmith Square, Café Art, Charlotte's Web,

Cooleykatz Toys, Dawn Schubert Photography, Del Sole Comfort Shoes, Divine Boutique, Dom's Outdoor Outfitters, Double Barrel Wine Bar, First Street Alehouse, First Street Wine Co., In Between Stitches, In Your Space, Kali Kouture, Main Street Designs, Main Street Designs Christmas Shop, Modena Fashion, Modena's Closet, OutSideln etc., Proctor's, Purse Party, Salon Tivoli, Shakabuku Designs, Street Science Skate Shop, UpTown Girls Boutique & Salon, Van's Health Foods, Victorine Olive Oil, Woopsiedaisy Toy Shop & All About Me Kids Salon.

Holidays on the Farm Planned in San Ramon

Relive an old-fashioned holiday by visiting Forest Home Farms Historic Park for Holidays on the Farm, December 1 and 8, 2012. Admission is free. The park will be open 10:00am to 2:00pm both Saturdays in December.

Two of Santa's reindeer will be making a special stop-over in San Ramon to visit with the children at Holidays on the Farm on Saturday, December 1 and Saturday, December 8, 2012 from 10:30am to 1:30pm. Children will also have an opportunity to visit with Santa.

The Welcome Center, Holiday Tree Lot, Tractor Museum and Gift Shoppe will be open. Food will be available for purchase. The

Victorian Glass House Museum will be specially decorated just for the holidays. Farm tours are at 11am and 1pm. Glass House Museum Tours at 10am, 11am, 12pm & 1pm. Each tour costs \$5 per person or \$8 for both. There will be a special exhibit in the Glass House, Teddy Bears through the Ages. Experience the Stuff a Bear booth.

Saturday, December 1: Family entertainment will include "A Time To Be Jolly" Puppet Show by the Puppet Company at 11am, holiday music, Victorian ornament making, old-fashioned games, and tractor rides.

Saturday, December 8: Shop for unique gifts from over a dozen vendors at the

Holiday Market. Vendors include estate jewelry, "Recycled Treasures," quilts, handmade crafts, glass beads, paper crafts, dolls, mistletoe and more. Enjoy entertainment and activities including caroling, a dance performance, sheep dog demonstrations, Victorian ornament making, and tractor rides.

Holiday on the Farm is sponsored by AT&T Universe, the Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley and presented by the City of San Ramon and the San Ramon Historic Foundation. Forest Home Farms Historic Park is located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon. For more information call (925) 973-3284 or visit www.SanRamon.ca.gov.

Tribute to the Songs of Johnny Cash

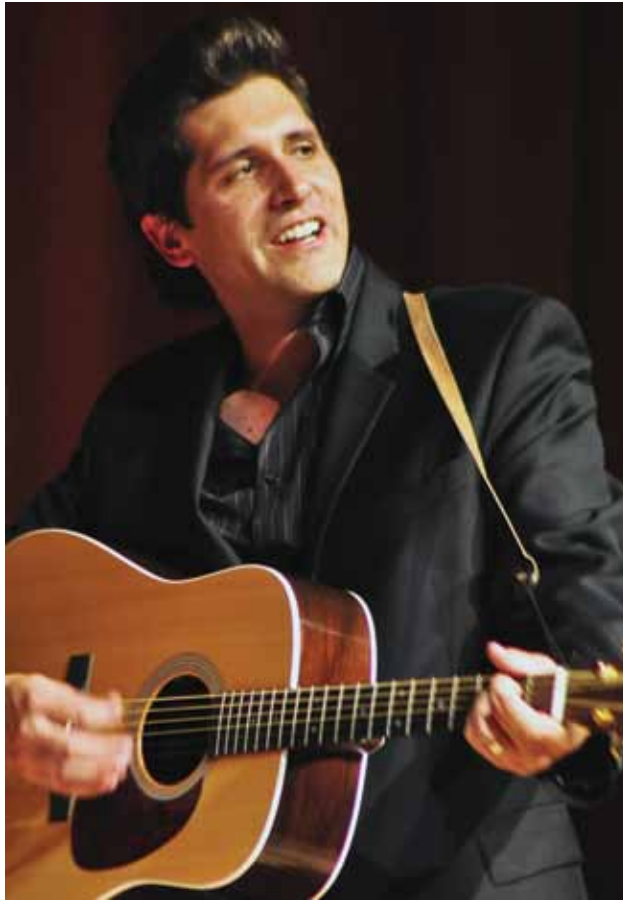
James Garner and his band return to Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center for a one-night-only Thanksgiving Weekend performance on Saturday, November 24, at 8:00 p.m.

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

Garner will again recreate Johnny Cash's unique and memorable sound and style in a show of signature classics like Ring of Fire, I Walk the Line and A Boy Named Sue, as well as seasonal favorites from Cash's many holiday albums.

The show was a sell-out hit in its debut at the Firehouse Arts Center last season as part of the hugely popular Cabaret Series at the Firehouse, which is presented by Esses Productions.

Steven Shore of Esses Productions notes that James Garner "is not a Johnny Cash 'impersonator'." He is very much his own performer with his own talent and his own presence. Garner also happens to be a



James Garner performs Cash's classic songs.

huge Johnny Cash fan, and his tribute show is a classy and authentic production honoring the music of the legendary 'Man in Black'."

This Holiday Kick-Off production will again feature Garner's longtime backing band, the Tennessee Three, who faithfully recreate those iconic recordings and Cash's unique style and arrangements.

The show has sold out each engagement they have played at the Firehouse. Tickets are adults \$16, \$21 and \$26; child \$12; senior \$22. Group discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org up to two hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday-Friday, 12 noon-6:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance. The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.

Diverse Exhibition by Firehouse Art Studio Artists

Directly across the street from the Bankhead Theater is the Old Firehouse building, which in its time has been the site of many things important to Livermore, such as a firehouse, city offices and jail. Now, it hosts a restaurant/cocktail lounge, a beauty parlor, a dog-grooming business (in the former holding cells) and, since 1993, the upstairs floor has been home to the Firehouse Art Studios, the longest running artist studio in the area, allowing artists a creative environment in which to incubate their art.

An exhibition exploring the best of these artists' diverse works is on display in the lobby area of the Bankhead Theater through the beginning of 2013. A reception for the artists is set for November 27 from 6pm to 7:30. Refreshments will be served. The reception is free to the public and will be shared with a reception for MaryAnn Solbrig, whose watercolors are on display in the VIP/Founders Room in the Bankhead through the end of the year.

Exhibiting Firehouse

artists include long-time studiomates Lynne Shephard, Claudia Willis, and Martha Eddleman. They all explore contemporary mixed media art through different approaches, from layered works, experimenting with surface and line, to relief-torso sculpture in paper mache – and yet, while they have worked together and cheered each other on for years, their work each show unique artistic voice. Joining them and acting as counterpoint to their abstraction with her focus on more realism is Linda Beach, who is relatively new to the studios but is recognized through the area for her painterly work in pastel, some of which are of local scenes.

Upcoming art exhibition information focusing on the first six months of 2013 will be available online at www.bankheadtheater.org in mid-December. The Bankhead Theater, located at 2400 First Street, Livermore, began offering exhibition receptions free to the public in 2012.

"Die Fledermaus" A Sparkling Show

by Susan Steinberg

As bubbly and festive as champagne, San Jose Opera's new production of Johann Strauss' "Die Fledermaus" is a rare treat.

Topical new English dialogue evoked audience chuckles, with hero Gabriel Eisenstein re-imagined as a banker headed for prison over some fraudulent bond and mortgage deals. His "friend," Dr. Falke, now a dignified Viennese shrink, seeks revenge for Eisenstein's nasty prank that left him ridiculed as "Dr. Bat," even by colleague Sigmund Freud.

To entertain a visiting Russian Prince, Falke has

arranged an elaborate payback at a fancy dress ball, inviting Eisenstein, his wife Rosalinda, their maid Adelle, and Prison Warden Frank. Each assumes a false identity: Eisenstein a French Marquis, Rosalinda a masked Hungarian Countess, Adelle an aspiring actress, and Frank a French Chevalier.

Their misadventures tickled the audience, especially the two fake Frenchmen trying desperately to converse "in their native tongue," and Eisenstein rudely blurting out that Adelle looks exactly like his chambermaid. What a laughable social gaffe!

Funniest of all was his lecherous attempt to seduce the bewitching Countess – his own wife.

Of course Rosalinda, furious at his philandering, hid her own guilty secret. As hubby left home, supposedly for jail, she was entertaining a former lover, Alfred, an opera tenor. When Warden Frank arrived to arrest Eisenstein and found them together, she persuaded Alfred to go quietly to jail as her husband, to protect her reputation.

The most brilliant Act Two in memory, a madcap ball scene, featured a non-stop parade of Strauss' ir-

resistible dance tunes, witty banter, and glorious arias, superbly sung. Acclaimed new director Marc Jacobs filled the stage with lively interactions, and a hilarious "impromptu" polka that brought down the house with laughter.

In the final act, everyone met again in jail, where identities were revealed, the plot unveiled, and domestic harmony restored. Enjoy this exceptionally entertaining romp at downtown San Jose's easy – access California Theatre through November 25, with tickets available at 408-439-4450 or www.operasj.org.

AUTHOR

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about characters, motivation and plot.

Amiel frequently visits Tri-Valley schools to talk about both archeology and writing novels. On December 5th, she will be speaking at a NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) event at the Livermore Library at 7 p.m. "We'll be talking about our experiences, and tips on what to do once you're done writing a book - when the real work begins!" she says.

Released in August 2012, the book is available at Pleasanton's Towne

Center Books, as well as through Amazon and Barnes & Noble, and at www.chloediggins.com. "It's a wonderful gift for a holiday present, and I can sign it," says Amiel, who is currently working on a second Chloe Diggins book set in Ireland at a marine archeology (underwater) dig site.

"What I hope people will take away from the book is the desire to seek out adventure and to take some risks," says Amiel. "You never know what's going to be around the corner. You've got to be willing to go there and find out."

Celebrating 130 years of Livermore Valley Wine

Occasio Winery does the honors at Wente Restaurant

by Harry Stoll

Clangs clash with the chatter. Sound reverberates around the rotunda at Wente Restaurant on Arroyo Road, where 50 celebrants gather to honor the beginning of the Livermore Valley wine industry.

Chief celebrant John Kinney, Occasio Winery owner and winemaker, clinks a fork seven times against a wine glass—the din diminishes. Silence. “On November 3, 1882, Cresta Blanca Winery founder Charles Wetmore stood right where we are, overlooking his vineyards. It was the start of the wine industry in the Livermore Valley.”

The restaurant is on the site of one of Cresta Blanca Winery’s original structures. The rotunda’s many windows glint glassy black against the night as a presence presses against them. Sound bounces and light bends in this zone. Wente men and women, black clad, move smoothly through, some offering trayed hors d’oeuvres, others carrying eight wine glasses into which is poured a pleasantly herbal Sauvignon Blanc, mother of Cabernet Sauvignon.

“When Charles Wetmore opened Cresta Blanca, there were only three vineyards in the valley. By 1889, there were 100,” says John. Charles crusaded relentlessly for Livermore Valley wine.

High against the eastern sky, the limed chalky scar of a cresta blanca looks down into the rotunda, and across a wide lawn, the

original event center absorbs and intensifies its whiteness.

Zealous advocate of Livermore Valley grapes, open Irish faced John Kinney, uses only locally grown grapes. Tonight he is introducing his Heritage tier of wines he says he made in the tradition that started with Charles Wetmore, the father of Livermore Valley wines.

John is steeped in the wine history of the valley. He admires the accomplishments of Charles Wetmore, but sees him in all his humanity. “He resigned from this, signed on again, moved on . . .” John says Cresta Blanca encountered money problems from its beginnings.

John and Bob Ryan, sales manager, accountant, major domo, everything else—joke about this event being “In the belly of the beast.” It’s the first time for a valley winery to hold an event at another valley winery. The food is excellent and the pairings inspired. John pays tribute to the Wentes and their dedication to saving the wine industry in the valley from ruination by development, and, in general, for showing up when needed.

Before each dish, and accompanying wine, is presented, John clinks the fork then gives a brief speech, often emphasizing the wine



history of the valley, pointing out it was one of the original wine areas. He is determined to help return the valley to its original prominence.

Here comes the 2010 Heritage Fumé Blanc with clam and corn chowder, servers carrying three bowls at once. John says the Fumé is less smoky than previous years, made in the style that Wetmore used. Around John’s table it’s noted as fresh, crisp, having a citrusy bouquet, and delightful pear flavors.

The Heritage wines new labels, by Nagy Designs, the enterprise of his sister-in-law Claudia Nagy, are dark; but at John’s table, celebrant Amelia Liaskas says they make her want to get a closer look. John says they will never appear on a store shelf. He had them designed to feel like an old leather manuscript, which they do. The embossing is a tactile delight.

Among the celebrants are Cheri Brewster and Jessica Wong—a pair of nicely designed graphic designers of Nagy Designs. Earlier, Jessica was asked about the Sauvignon Blanc. “It’s good.” The high praise of one unaccustomed to wine talk. Occasio appreciator sturdy Tom Valori said, “I’m not a white wine drinker, but this is good.”

Now scallops with lentils in a black truffle broth are served. Somebody

who doesn’t like truffles, surprised, says, “They’re good.” Artfully conceived food gets a convert. The dish is paired with the 2010 Occasio Petit Verdot. John describes the light pleasant wine as lean. He says it was one of the top grapes in Livermore Valley in the 1800s. Julius Paul Smith grew it in his Olivina Vineyard in 1887. The Vineyard was where you see the Olivina sign against the firmament at Arroyo and Wetmore roads. The fenced off ruins of the winery are in Sycamore Grove Park off of Wetmore Road.

A brief return to the Sauvignon Blanc: Charles Wetmore introduced it into Livermore Valley in about 1885. It won the Grand Prix at the Paris Exhibition of 1889. John says Charles didn’t care a whit for the medal—saying, “It’s worth a cup of warm spit.” He wanted the award so he could sell his wine in Chicago restaurants.

When the potato gnocchi comes on, John notes he was raised on a farm in Idaho and gnocchi was not on the family menu. Now he’s a sophisticate, home with foods of the world. The gnocchi is paired with a 2010 Occasio Heritage Malbec. It’s a delicious heavy hitter that John calls “rich.” He notes that Malbec is not an Argentinian grape; it originated in Bordeaux and was cultivated and made into wine in the Livermore Valley early on. He said it did poorly west of Arroyo Road, but thrived in the eastern valley.

Talking to tablemates, John relates some of the sad history of Cresta Blanca. Prohibition laid it low—another low point was its 1941 sale to whiskey distiller Schenley who brought it to new lows. Forty years of plunk production followed. Wente bought it in 1981, replanted the vineyards and did a first rate job of reviving the buildings. Through the dark western glass of the rotunda, one of the original winery buildings can be seen—painted a pure blanca picked up from the cresta blanca.

John visits every table. His store of Livermore Valley wine history is so vast, he never repeats himself. He wears a sport coat over a tieless button down shirt, in the current way, much more relaxed than the jacket Charles wore over a high starched collar shirt.

For the entrée, celebrants choose between mesquite grilled strip steak and coho salmon in a lemongrass sauce. The steak is two hunks of juicy beef piled one atop the other. The coho is poached in olive oil and an almond lemongrass broth. Both are paired with the 2010 Occasio Heritage Cabernet Franc, a hardy wine, full of flavor—a damn good franc, my dear. John describes it as wild. Long ago, it got together with sassy Sauvignon Blanc and the two begat Cabernet Sauvignon. A sturdy red wine such as this might seem a chancy pairing with the coho salmon, but it was a chance worth taking. John

says Executive Chef Matt Grecco made it work due to the lemongrass. Who knew? Matt.

The celebrants continue to celebrate—talking, joking, joshing, and eating and drinking. Outside, one of the parking valets cocks his head, perhaps hearing the clanking of the bottling line from 1911 or Charles Wetmore talking to his foreman in front of the caves he had dug into the hillside, or echoes from the caves. They remain, and Wente conducts tours.

Inside, celebrant Max Mackey says he knows nothing about wine, but likes what was poured. He’s an A’s fan and talks ball with a Giants fan. They speculated on how great a Bay Bridge World Series would have been.

Now for dessert, the 2011 Occasio Angelica pairs with pumpkin almond milk pie with ginger whipped cream and the two say it all. John explains Angelica is a California historic wine, from the Eighteenth Century, that arrived via the Azores where it has been made for more than 500 years.

John’s hair mirrors Charles’s—parted on the side, but on opposite sides. For a nanosecond of bending light he has Charles’s chevron mustache. John Kinney continues his quest to make wine the way Charles Wetmore did: carefully, with respect for what the grape gives, and letting nature take its course.

When Roger Brown was young, he dreamed of working as an archeologist in England, Greece, or Rome. When Anna Siig was a little girl, she dreamed of buying a neighbor's large Italianate Victorian house and "making it all pretty again." That house and another Victorian in her childhood went down to the bulldozers. Much later, Anna and Roger met at the University of Nevada in Reno, were married, and came to Livermore in 1961. In 1969 they moved a house.

The house was built in 1873 by a blacksmith named Nathaniel B. Holmes. When he and his wife, Almira, came to Livermore in 1873, they bought three-fourths of Mendenhall block 29. Holmes built his redwood home on the southwest corner of South L and Third Streets—Casa Orozco is now at the site. They planted apple trees around the house and surrounded the property with a picket fence. Nathaniel Holmes died of gangrene of the foot in 1907. Almira never trusted banks because she and her husband had lost money when the local Farmers' Union went bankrupt. She kept all her cash at home; after her death in 1916, a strongbox containing \$16,000 was found in her flour bin.

Victor and Harris, a men's clothing store, was established in Livermore in 1881. John M. "Jack" Baughman began clerking for the business in 1915. Eventually, Jack became the store owner and changed its name to Baughman's Western Outfitters. The store inventory turned toward western style clothing and boots. Jack married. He bought the Holmes house in 1922. The Baughmans enlarged the parlor of the house so that it included what had been the front porch. They opened up the dining room to the new parlor. The dormer windows and the bargeboard on the gabled

Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan
Livermore City Historian



Moving Another House



The house in its site on Tesla Road. (Photo courtesy of Anna Siig).

roof were originally decorated with gingerbread in an acorn pattern. Evidently, Jack did not like the gingerbread. One day while his wife was away, he hired someone to saw it off.

Meanwhile, Roger Brown and Anna Siig were dealing in antiques, enjoying their interest in history. They went to auctions, collected antiques, restored them, and occasionally sold them.

Livermore in the 1960s was a hotbed of changes in real estate. After the death of his wife in 1963, Jack Baughman sold his property at 325 South L Street to developers who wanted to build a Burger Chef Restaurant. In 1968, Roger and Anna bought six-and-a-half acres south of Tesla Road, about seven miles from town. A year later, Roger and Anna were successful in buying the Holmes/Baughman house from the developer for \$1.00 and began making all the intricate plans needed for the move. They learned that they had to remove the roof in order for the house to fit under the existing overhead elec-

tric lines. They had to take down the chimney—that could not be moved with the house. Anna described the community's reaction: "Total strangers drove by and, seeing us out there working, stopped and said how glad they were that the place was being saved, and they'd offer to lend a hand."

During the several years while the house sat empty and was in the hands of a realtor, robbers had come in and removed easily portable things like old doorknobs and chandeliers. Roger and Anna worked very hard to be able to remove the house by a deadline—the bulldozer would be there to tear down the house on a certain day. Fortunately, rains postponed the deadline. When the rain stopped for a while, the move was made. However, the house had to be left at the bottom of their hill because of the mud. Roger bought not one, but three different tarps, trying to protect the roofless building. All of them blew away. The house had considerable

rain damage over the winter, but they managed to have it pulled up the hill to its current site in the spring and repaired the water damage.

Years later, at a Livermore Heritage Guild show of Elliott Dopking's work, Roger and Anna found an early photograph of the Holmes/Baughman house picturing the original gingerbread. Anna realized that what she had thought was part of an old picket fence was actually part of the acorn gingerbread. So Roger used that as a pattern and redecorated the house on the outside. They also decided that their house needed a tankhouse to appear authentic. The owners of the old house at the southwest corner of North Livermore and Walnut Street offered a tankhouse free to anyone who would remove it. This move was different—Roger and Anne took the tankhouse apart, moved it, and reassembled it.

Before I wrote this column, Roger and his second wife, Nancy, invited me for a tour of the venerable old house. Perhaps there is a warmth that inhabits a well-built redwood home after almost 140 years—that feeling was certainly present for me. The second floor had two bedrooms for Roger's son and daughter tucked under the roof. There was a full basement with lots of room for sewing and tools. The main floor was comfortably furnished with antiques in varying shades of old wood. The walls are covered with anaglypta wallpaper, which has an imprinted design. Roger and some of his friends managed to bring the rolls over from England.

Anna Siig's dream came true—she did save a Victorian house. Although Roger Brown did not become an archeologist, he certainly did a great deal of restoration work on his old house.

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



Carly Krakauer (right) assists artist Yang Liu as she puts the final touches on the Dublin mural.



Carly Krakauer presents one of the cat tunnels that she helped design and build to VHS Executive Director Melanie Sadek.

Artists Benefit Animals at Valley Humane Society

Carly Krakauer is one step closer to earning her Girl Scout Gold Award with the completion of one of five murals and five cat tunnels for the Valley Humane Society in Pleasanton. The Gold Award is the highest award in Girl Scouting.

Carly selected to work with the VHS for her project because of her love of animals. The first of five murals in the VHS animal visitor rooms was completed by local artist Yang Liu the first week in November. Each of the five murals will represent one of the five Tri-Valley cities and will brighten up the rooms where potential pet owners come to meet

adoptable cats and dogs. Ms. Liu created and painted the mural representing Dublin. Pleasanton artist Debbie Wardrope will begin painting the Pleasanton mural this December.

Carly is still looking for 3 local artists who would like to donate their talents to design and paint the murals for Livermore, Danville, and San Ramon. Interested artists can contact Carly by emailing her at skibuddy778@yahoo.com. Miss Krakauer is a 12 year member of the Crossroads Service Unit of the Girl Scouts of Northern California and a student at Amador Valley High School.

Gem and Mineral Show and Sale This Weekend

The annual Lithorama Gem and Mineral Show and Sale will be held Sat., Nov. 17, 10 to 5 and Sun., Nov. 18, 10 to 4 at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore.

The event is hosted by the Livermore Lithophiles. It includes displays, demonstrations and a "glow room" with fluorescent rocks and minerals. Vendors will be on hand with a variety of items. There will be a silent auction of minerals and lapidary material. Door prizes will be awarded.

Tickets are \$5 adults. Children under 12 are admitted free with an adult. For more information, go to www.lithophiles.com.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

Haiku Meets HiChroma, display at Prudential California Realty, 1780 First Street, Livermore, Oct. 1 through Nov. 17. Vineyard Paintings of Livermore artist Nova Starling and the Haiku poetry of Hilary DePolo. The exhibition is available for viewing during regular business hours, or by contacting Cher Wollard at 925-824-4824 or cherw@cherw.com.

Pleasanton Art Walks, meet at 9 a.m. in the parking lot next to City Hall, 200 Old Bernal Avenue (adjacent to the public library). Guest leaders Nancy and Gary Harrington, will lead the walk on Dec. 8. World Walk to Wellness hosts Saturday morning walks for all who are interested. Contact walks@worldwalktowellness.org to receive (free) weekly e-mails of walk locations.

Livermore Art Association Fall Show, Nov. 1-30, Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. On view during regular hours. www.LivermoreArtAssociation.com.

Niles Canyon Artisans, special even weekend of November 17 and 18 (from 11am to 5pm Sat and Sun.) at the La Bodega Event Center at 11986 Main Street in Sunol. On display will be paintings, sculpture, jewelry and agricultural arts. Features works from as many as 20 artisans. The event coincides with an open house event on Saturday, November 17th at Hillcrest Ranch in Sunol, featuring cold pressed olive oils, soap making, and self-guided tours of the historic orchard. A free shuttle service will run throughout the day between the two events. For more information: Lynn Kozma lkozma@comcast.net

Golden Decade Photographers, the Legacy of Ansel Adams and Minor White, Figurehead Gallery exhibition, Oct. 31-Dec. 1, reception Sun., Nov. 3, 1 to 4 p.m. 2222 2nd St., Suite 21, Livermore. 337-1799.

Seasons of the Valley by Bettie Goosman, An exhibit of large oil paintings and gicle'es depicting the "Seasons of the Valley" currently on display through November at the Purple Orchid Resort and Spa, 4549 Cross Rd., Livermore. Art can be viewed every day from 8am to 6pm except when an event is being hosted. For more information call (925)606-8855.

Man at Nature: Using and Leaving, exhibit Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Nov. 7-Dec. 15. Opening reception, Nov. 8, 7 to 9 p.m. www.firehousearts.org.

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

Body of Movement Art Exhibit by Linda Ryan at Cuda Ridge Wines through Jan. 6, 2013. The winery is located at 5385

East Avenue in Livermore. Regular Winery Hours: 12-4:30 Fri-Sun; Available by appt. at 510.304.0914.

Fall Trunk show, Friday, November 16 from 5:00-8:00 pm. Livermore Art Association Gallery. Local artists will bring in extended lines of their jewelry and clothing accessory collections. Shoppers can nibble on wine and appetizers and try on original handmade accessories. The Gallery is located in the historic Carnegie Building at 2155 Third Street, Livermore. The public is welcome to attend and admission is free. For more information call the Gallery at 925-449-9927.

Collage Collection, Livermore Library show hosted by Livermore Art Association. Dec. 1-30. On view during regular library hours. 1188 So. Livermore Ave.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

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

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

Art Critique & Coffee Hangs at Coffee Ali, Friday at 10 a.m. sharing latest work and a gentle critique to fine tune work. Original paintings from a group of Local Professional and Emerging artists. with a New Theme, create New Works each month. Grab a cup of coffee and pull up a chair to hear what we have to say and enjoy Original Fine Art. For more information Google: Poetry on Canvas Pleasanton or call Claudette 510 543-4776.

WINERY EVENTS

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

McGrail Vineyards and Winery events: Nov. 15, 5 to 8 p.m. introducing Picazo Wines, new partnership with the premiere Merlot Vineyard in the Livermore Valley. Wine Club Members

are complimentary and guests tickets are \$25/person. Taste 6 brand new wines including a vertical of Picazo Merlot: 2005, 2006, 2007, heavy appetizers paired with the wines. Nov. 23, noon to 4:30 p.m. Black Friday at McGrail, a few "black Friday" sales going on for case purchases, so stop by and say hello. www.mcgrailvineyards.com, 5600 Greenville Road Livermore, (925) 215-0717.

Cuda Ridge Wines 4th Annual "Salute to Harvest," November 17th and 18th from 12:00 - 4:30 at the winery. Cuda Ridge wines paired with delightful Thanksgiving style appetizers. Live music each day with Steve Faria on Saturday; and Roger Kardinal on Sunday. The food pairing is an Artisan style toasted Ciabatta bread with a slice of oven roasted turkey breast dredged in a savory turkey gravy covered with Italian stuffing and served on the side a fresh cranberry relish. AndysCandy will also have samples of Milk and Dark Chocolate Toffee's to pair with the wines. There are two tasting flights costing \$5.00 and \$10.00. Cuda Ridge Wines is located at 5385 East Avenue, Livermore. For more information call 510-304-0914 or go to www.CudaRidgeWines.com.

Murrieta's Well, Winemaker's Dinner, Fri., Nov. 16, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Meet co-founders Philip Wente and Sergio Traverso. \$95 for Silver Spur Members; \$105 for guests. Reservations are required. Call 925-456-2395. Murrieta's Well Tasting Room and Historic Barrel Room, 3005 Mines Road, Livermore.

Fenestra Winery, Holiday wine tasting, Nov. 17 and 18, noon to 5 p.m. new wines for the holidays, gift items, Belgian chocolate truffles filled with Fenestra Port (fee for this event). Prelude to Christmas, Nov. 23, 24 and 25, noon to 5 p.m. Wine tasting, and holiday foods. Fee event. 83 Vallecitos Rd., Livermore. 447-5246 or www.fenestrawinery.com for details.

100 Years of Chardonnay, Sun., Nov. 18, 4 to 5 p.m. Wente Vineyards Vineyard Tasting Room, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. "birthplace of Chardonnay" for a historic tasting of five Wente Vineyards' Chardonnays with Fourth Generation Winegrower Philip Wente. Private wine and cheese reception after the tasting and exclusive savings on select wines. Reservations required, \$25 per person, \$20 for Club Wente Members. For reservations call 925 456-2405.

Thomas Coyne Winery Fall Open House, Nov. 23, 24 and 25, noon to 5 p.m. at 51 E. Vallecitos Road Livermore. Release of five new wines, including the first Sparkling Wine, "methode champenoise." A selection of fine fruits and cheeses will be served. Ginger will be there with samples of flavored Goat Cheese. The goat cheese will be available for sale. Bring a picnic and enjoy the view.

Wine Pairing Dinner at Terra Mia Restaurant, Livermore, flavors of Calabria paired with great wine selections from Livermore valley wineries of Steven Kent and La Rochelle. Thurs., Dec. 2, 6 p.m. Reservations recommended, call the restaurant, 456-3333. www.terramiarestaurant.com. \$100 per person (tax and gratuity included). 4040 East

Ave., Livermore. **The Winemaker's Pour House**, Be Happy At "Happy Hour" with Livermore Valley Wine. Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 4 to 6 p.m. Buy a glass of Livermore Valley Wine or Flight and order a flatbread for half price. Take the wine puzzle challenge. Ask the wait staff for the wine puzzle. Information call (925) 215-2656 or visit www.winemaker-spourhouse.com.

Charles R Vineyards celebrates Holiday in the Vineyards on December 1st & 2nd. Enjoy a full-flight tasting of award-winning wines in a comfortable, friendly environment. Savor home-made, 3-Bean Supper Soup and roast s'mores at the new fire pit. Local artisans will showcase their custom designed jewelry and works of art throughout the weekend, while holiday carolers set the tone on Saturday. Special holiday gift packs, autographed bottles, and case discounts are available. Noon - 5 p.m., Dec. 1st & 2nd, 8195 Crane Ridge Rd, Livermore, www.CharlesRVineyards.com.

Wine Pairing Dinner at Terra Mia Restaurant, flavors of Calabria paired with wine selections from Livermore Valley wineries of Steven Kent and La Rochelle. Thursday, December 6, 2012, 6 - 8:30pm. Reservations recommended, please call restaurant 925.456.3333 - www.terramiarestaurant.com. \$100.00 per person (tax and gratuity included). Terra Mia Restaurant, 4040 East Ave., Livermore.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Music every Saturday in the tasting room from 12 to 4; open every day if the gate is open and for sure on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 11 to 5. Red Feather Winery, 5700 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Information at 449-1871 or www.redfeatherwinery.com

Blacksmith Square, music every Saturday 3 to 6 p.m. in the courtyard, 21 South Livermore Ave., Livermore.

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

Authentic New Orleans Style/Danceable Dixieland Traditional Jazz now at Sunol Jazz Cafe. Comfort food served up with Smokin' Hot Jazz every 1st and 3rd Wednesday Mission Gold Jazz Band. Dinner orders begin at 6 pm; music from 7:30.

Chris Bradley's Jazz Band, plays at the Sunol Jazz Cafe (In the Center of Sunol) the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month 7:30-9:30 p.m. The band features real Jazz from the 1920's.

Tribute to the Songs of Johnny Cash featuring James Garner, Nov. 24, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Livermore-Pleasanton Youth Outreach Symphony Benefit Concert for Oakland Children Hospital, November 24, 2012, 7 PM, at First Presbyterian Church Livermore, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. Selections featuring Dmitri Shostakovich's Waltz No. 2, Nicholas Rimsky-Korsakov's Procession of the

Nobles, Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Phantom of the Opera, and Robert Schumann's Piano Concerto. The admission is free. www.lpyos.org

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy Holiday Show, Nov. 25, 7 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, Albion Rd., San Ramon; sanramonperformingarts.com. 973-3343.

Yuri Liberzon, Classical Guitarist, Nov. 25, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Music Department Recital, Nov. 28, 12:30 p.m. showcasing Las Positas music student performances, free admission. Las Positas College Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Further information at 424-1100 or www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts

Pacific Chamber Symphony, Fri., Nov. 30, 8 p.m. Handel: Messiah with soloists and the PCS Chorus and grand finale Hallelujah Sing-a-long. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Livermore-Amador Symphony, 50th anniversary season, Dec. 1, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Tapestry, combined vocal and handbell ensemble, "Dear Santa, A Musical Potpourri of Yuletide Wishes." Saturday, December 1 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton. 7 PM and are free to the public. Donations accepted. Visit www.TapestryRingersandSingers.org or call Susana Taylor, 925-768-8025.

Jazz Night Concert, Sat., Dec. 1, 8 p.m. Las Positas College presents vocal and instrumental jazz standards. Las Positas College Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Advance tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com or call 1-800-838-3006. Further information at 424-1100 or www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts

Pleasanton Community Concert Band, "A Holiday Rhapsody," Sun., December 2, Holiday Concert, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Jeff Bordes and Friends holiday musical show, Dec. 8, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org

James P. Connelly with Katsy Chappel, Comedy@Firehouse Arts, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Tingstad & Rumbel Holiday Show, Dec. 15, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Broadway Star Jeri Sager, Presents A Very Jeri Christmas, Dec. 16, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Annual Winter Band Concert, Amador Valley High School, Thurs., Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Chanticleer Christmas, Dec. 19, 7:30

p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

San Ramon Symphonic Band Holiday Concert, Dec. 21, 7 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, Albion Rd., San Ramon; sanramonperformingarts.com. 973-3343.

Willie K's Hawaiian Christmas, Dec. 21, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Moscow Boys Choir Christmas, Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

New Year's Eve with Flash Cadillac, Dec. 31, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

ON THE STAGE

Beauty and the Beast, Pacific Coast Repertory Theater Presents Beauty and the Beast, weekends Nov. 2 to Nov. 18, 8 p.m. Fri. & Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

All My Sons, Douglas Morrison Theatre closes its "Family Portraits" 2012 season with Arthur Miller's 1947 classic. Douglas Morrison Theatre, 22311 N. Third Street, in Hayward. November 15, 2012 - December 9, 2012; November 15 (preview) and December 6 at 8:00 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 PM; Saturday December 1, 2012 at 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Sundays at 2:00 PM. \$10 preview, \$20 Sat. matinee; \$28 Thurs., Fri., Sat. eve., Sun. matinee. (510) 881-6777; www.dmtonline.org

Christmas Carol, Nov. 30-Dec. 15, San Ramon Community Theatre presents Bah Humbug! Scrooge's Christmas Carol, Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon; sanramonperformingarts.com. 973-3343.

Puss in Boots, Civic Arts stage Company, Dec. 7-16, Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Fri. 7:30 p.m., Sat. 2 and 7:30 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. www.firehousearts.org

Bay Area Children's Theatre presents Pinkalicious, Dec. 23, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. musical, Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, Albion Rd., San Ramon; sanramonperformingarts.com. 973-3343.

COMEDY

Creatures of Impulse, teen improv troupe presents Holiday Shorts: A Long Winter's tale, An interactive holiday improv show. Nov. 29 and 30, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Comedy@ Firehouse Arts, James P. Connelly, headliner, Katsy Chappel, opener, Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 7:30 pm. Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. For tickets, call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org

Big Fat Kiss Off XX, Will Durt and Company, Dec. 28, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

DANCE

Zydeco at the Bothwell, Nov. 17, 6 to 10 p.m. dance party and lessons. Featured band Andre Thierry. Doors open 5:30 p.m., dance lessons at 6 and 8 p.m. \$15 at the door. www.bothwellartscenter.org. 2466 8th St., Livermore.

Smuin Ballet Christmas, Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 24, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Handel's Messiah Ballet performed by Anastasis Ballet Company Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. Grand Theatre, 715 Central Ave., Tracy. For more information, please visit www.anastasisballet.org or contact info@anastasisballet.org. Tickets at \$15-\$25 may be purchased at www.atthegrand.org or 209-831-6858.

The Nutcracker, Valley Dance Theatre presents seasonal favorite features classic choreography paired with Tchaikovsky's score performed live by the Livermore-Amador Symphony. Dec. 8, 9, 15, 16 at 2 p.m. Dec. 8, 14, 15, 16 at 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

ACTIONS/COMPETITIONS

Prometheus Symphony Orchestra, 24th annual youth concerto competition the evening of Tuesday, November 27, at Church on the Corner, 1319 Solano Ave in Albany The competition is open to Bay Area string, woodwind, brass or percussion players, age 18 or younger. The winner will perform with the orchestra on Sunday January 27, 2013, will receive a \$200 award and a professional recording of the performance. Deadline for applications is November 19, 2012. Visit the Prometheus Symphony's website at www.PrometheusSymphony.org for application form and further information. Or email ConcertoCompetition@PrometheusSymphony.org, or call (510) 841-5882.

2013 Livermore Valley Wine Country Photo Contest, enter for a chance to win a one-year membership to Livermore Valley Wine Country (that means complimentary tastings for two at more than 40 wineries), 2 tickets to Barrel Tasting Weekend (March 23 & 24, 2013) with a one-night stay at Hawthorn Suites (March 23, 2013). For entry information and entry form, go to the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association website at www.lvwine.org

MOVIES

Classic Film Series, "Make 'em Laugh," hosted by Candy Klaschus, film historian and coordinator of the Humanities Program at Las Positas College; presented by Las Positas College and the Pleasanton Library, Thurs., Dec. 6, 7 p.m. The Lady Eve. Free admission. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library

CHORAL

Valley Concert Chorale, Holiday Songs of Joy: The Chorale's annual holiday performances of familiar and traditional carols will fill your spirit with the joy of the season. Cantabella Children's Chorus joins the Chorale for an enjoy-

able musical experience. Sun., Dec. 2, 3 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton; and Sat., Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 4th & L Streets, Livermore. Tickets are \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. High school and college students \$10 with valid student ID. Children 12 and under are free. www.valleyconcertchorale.org or (925) 866-4003.

Pacific Masterworks Chorus, Winter Concert, December 8, 7:30 p.m. Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. Buy tickets online, purchase at the door, or contact Tickets@PacificMasterworksChorus.org

Las Positas College choir, orchestra and wind ensemble perform choruses from Handel's Messiah and other seasonal favorites. Thurs., Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. Las Positas College Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Advance tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com or call 1-800-838-3006. Further information at 424-1100 or www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts

Sing-It-Yourself Messiah, Valley Concert Chorale, join in singing Part I of Handel's great masterpiece, including the Hallelujah Chorus. Fri., Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 each. www.valleyconcertchorale.org or (925) 866-4003.

Cantabella Children's Chorus, winter holiday concert, *Counting the Joys of Christmas*, Saturday, December 15 at 1:00 and 3:30 P.M. at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. Musical celebration of the season will feature children aged kindergarten through high school performing choral music accompanied by professional chamber musicians and fine harpist, Dan Levitan. Repertoire includes traditional carols sung in English, French, Latin and Spanish, as well as not so familiar gems in Basque, Hebrew and by composers such as Leonard Bernstein, Zoltan Kodaly and R. Vaughan Williams. Audience participation. Tickets are \$8-\$20. For information and ticket purchase, go to Cantabella.org/tickets.

OPERA

Amahl and the Night Visitors, Saturday, December 8, 2 and 5 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore. Tickets \$12-\$25, purchase at www.livermorevalleyopera.com and at the door.

Metropolitan Opera Schedule, screening at Regal Hacienda Cinema in Dublin: The Tempest, Nov. 28, 6:30 p.m.; La Clemenza di Tito, Dec. 1, 9:55 a.m., Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m.; Un Ballo in Maschera, Dec. 8, 9:55 a.m., Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m.; Aida, Dec. 15, 9:55 a.m., Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m.; Les Troyens, Jan. 5, 9 a.m., Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m.; Maria Stuarda, Jan. 19, 9:55 a.m., Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m.; Rigoletto, Feb. 16, 9:55 a.m., March 6, 6:30 p.m.; Parsifal, March 2, 9 a.m., March 20, 6:30 p.m.; Francesca da Rimini, March 16, 9 a.m., April 3, 6:30 p.m.; Giulio Cesare, April 27, 9 a.m., May 15, 6:30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Fall 2012 lecture series, Congregation

Beth Emek: Nov. 15 Professor Michael Nacht of UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy, speaking on non-proliferation challenges in the Middle East. Dec. 5 scholar Ken Cohen who will trace the creation of Tel-Aviv in the early 20th century. Admission is \$10. All lectures will begin at 7:30 pm. Congregation Beth Emek is located at 3400 Nevada Court in Pleasanton. For more information: 510.318.6453. The series is sponsored by Congregation Beth Emek and the Jewish Federation of the East Bay.

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

Earlier Than the Bird, Nov. 17, 7 a.m. to noon, downtown Livermore. 8th annual event hosted by Livermore Downtown, Inc., www.livermoredowntown.com

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

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

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

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

St. Bart's Dickens Faire, Saturday, Dec. 1, and Sunday, Dec. 2, at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Costumed actors will present excerpts from Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*; craft "shoppes" will line a Victorian London street in the parish hall. Tea will be served with scones and pasties. 10 am to 1 pm Saturday, Dec. 1, and from 1-5 pm Sunday, Dec. 2. Donations are recommended. Parking is free. Proceeds will support Saint Bartholomew's Church and its outreach programs. (925) 447-3289 or www.saintbartsLivermore.com.

Holidays on the Farm, Saturdays, December 1 & 8 at Forest Home Farms Historic Park, 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd in San Ramon from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on both Saturdays. Admission is free. Two of Santa's reindeer will

make a special visit. Enjoy entertainment, tractor rides, Victorian ornament making, sheep herding demos, tours of the farm & Glass House Museum, and special vendors. For info call (925) 973-3284.

Holiday Faire, Dec. 1, noon to 6 p.m. caroling at 3:30 p.m., Heritage Park and Museums, corner of Donlon Way and Dublin Blvd., Dublin. Old fashioned St. Nick, old fashioned ornaments in school barn, Kolb House decorated for "A Farm Christmas Morning." Unique handcrafted items available for purchase, as well as holiday foods. Free admission. \$5 wristband for craft making and tractor ride. 452-2101.

Home for the Holidays, Dec. 1, noon to 4 p.m. downtown Livermore, carriage rides, snow in Lizzie Fountain, www.livermoredowntown.com

Pleasanton Hometown Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremonies, parade 5 p.m. on Main Street followed by the lighting of a holiday tree in front of the Museum on Main. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/

Ravenswood Victorian Yuletide, Sun., Dec. 9, noon to 4 p.m. Music, entertainment, carriage ride, food, crafts, and more. Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Free admission. Docent tours.

Celtic Christmas Concert and Gathering, Sun., Dec. 9, 6 to 9 p.m. Music by Pog Mo Thain and special guest, Michael Mullen. Bring a potluck dish to share. \$15 at the door, children 12 and under free. Benefiting the Bothwell Arts Center. 447-ARTS, www.bankheadtheater.org.

Journey to Living Bethlehem, Dec. 13-17, Thurs.-Mon. Walk through a 30,000 sq replica of the village of Bethlehem over 2000 years ago to remember the true meaning of Christmas. Inter-active live theatre production. The production is inter-faith, free to the public, 6:30 to 9 p.m. repeats every thirty minutes. The event is adjacent to St. Michaels School, corner of Third and Church St., Livermore. journeytolivingbethlehem@gmail.com 510-377-9711

Stories and speeches, Las Positas College forensics program. Fri., Dec. 14, 7 p.m. Suggested donation \$10. Las Positas College Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Advance tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com or call 1-800-838-3006. 424-1100 or www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts

Holiday Tea, Sat., Dec. 15, 1 p.m. Heritage Park and Museums, corner of Donlon Way and Dublin Blvd., Dublin. \$25 per person. 452-2101.

Book by Connie Post Drawing Top Reviews

The following review was included in the Up The Staircase Quarterly:

Connie Post's latest chapbook, *And When the Sun Drops*, is a book that came highly praised. It is a book that people are talking about. In fact, it was just selected as the Editor's Choice Chapbook over at The Aurean. Acknowledgements aside, I had no doubt when I picked up this book that I was in good hands. Connie Post, a favorite of ours here at Up the Staircase Quarterly, has a fantastic way of enveloping her audience. For the duration of a Post poem, you are completely sucked into the world she has created for you. Few poets have this gift on such a consistent basis.

After reading the first poem in the book, I understood why *And When the Sun Drops* has gotten such high praise. It is brave. It is an accomplishment. Intimate and deeply personal, *And When the Sun Drops* is a collection of poetry that reflects on Post's experi-

ences on being a mother with an autistic son. As a writer, I was continually impressed with Post's ability to handle her subject matter with such beautifully constructed honesty, and never once falling into the land of over-sentimentality. She is a true expert at her craft. As a reader, I felt like a friend sitting at Post's elbow, listening eagerly and with an open heart to her story.

One of my favorite poems from the collection was 'Your Sister Ready for College.' This poem showed that the bond of family cannot be broken, even when a member of that family is leaving, even when it might seem as if you are being left behind.

Connie Post served as the first Poet Laureate of Livermore, California from May 2005 to June 2009. Her work is published widely and has been published in *The Aurean*, *Blood Root Literary Magazine*, *Calyx*, *Kalliope*, *Comstock Review*, *Cold Mountain Review*, *Crab Creek Review*, *The*

Chiron Review, *Karamu*, *Blue Fifth Review*, *Caesura*, *DMQ Review*, *Dogwood*, *Main Street Rag*, *The Dirty Napkin*, *Psychic Meatloaf*, *The Toronto Quarterly*, *The Pedestal Magazine*, *Wild Goose Poetry Review*, *Slipstream*, and *The Great American Poetry Show*. In 2009, she was awarded the *Caesura Poetry award* sponsored by the Poetry Centre of San Jose.

Post was also nominated by Up the Staircase Quarterly for the 2012 Best of the Net competition.

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The Comstock Review had the following to say about former Livermore Poet Laureate Connie Post's latest publication:

"Connie Post's chapbook, *And When the Sun Drops*, (Finishing Line, 2012) is both straightforward and moving, covering 20 years in the life of her autistic son, who is also unable to speak. The language she uses to express life together with

him and his sister is disarmingly simple, coupled with brilliant turns of phrases ("since he can't speak... how do you know what he wants" ... "how do I know when it's dawn...") Her descriptive ability involves the reader in the hard-hitting reality of disability at the same time it envelopes one in their family. "You are not merely metaphor/ trying to take shape in a poem....") She blesses the group home caretaker who "can make an origami out of/ any shape of loss/ and make it somehow/ feel like gratitude." The word love is used in a common way, only once that I noticed, to imply its larger meaning: "I know how much you love/ the chicken I will make// you and I both know/ how it must simmer/ for the longest time."

This book was the Editor's Choice Award for the Fall 2012 issue of the *Aurean*. (Peggy Sperber Flanners, Reviewer, *Comstock Review* website, 9/2012)

Milestones Community

Pleasanton City Council Recognizes Business in the City

The Pleasanton City Council recognized local companies for achieving 15, 20, 25, 30 and 40 years of business in Pleasanton at a presentation at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 2. The Council presented each of the businesses with a special gift to commemorate its tenure in Pleasanton.

"Pleasanton's quality of life is closely tied to the economic vitality of our business community, and we are honored to publicly recognize these businesses' milestones," noted Economic Development Director Pamela Ott. "The companies represent a continuum from small, sole proprietorships that provide everyday services to medium sized firms

making advancements in their industry to national retailers. That diversity is what makes Pleasanton's business community as strong as it is. They have provided jobs, services and products valued by our residents and other businesses. They have clearly helped make Pleasanton the quality community that it is."

For more information about the Business Recognition Program please contact the City of Pleasanton Economic Development Department at (925) 931-5038.

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

15 Year: A Salon Above; American Harvest; Arby's Roast Beef Restaurant; Baskin Robbins; Beverages & More; Blue Agave Club; Body

Balance Fitness & Massage Inc; California Landscapes; Corporate Games; Denali Data Systems Incorporated; Diversified Environmental Group Incorporated; DSD Merchandiser Incorporated; E. Wagner & Associates Incorporated; Eclipse Data Technologies Incorporated; Enid Sanders PhD; Equity Auto Brokerage Incorporated; Fairchild's Gifts; Family Cleaners; Gregory Frame Shoppe; Hacienda Cleaners; Harbor Industries Incorporated; Hatch Mott Mac Donald; High Tech Burrito Corporation; Hobart; Home Trust Mortgage; In-N-Out Burger #124; Ingram & Brauns Musik Shoppe; JCPenney Home Store; James L Moog MFT; Jay's Auto Center/Tri-Valley Auto Rental; Jensen & Chin; Joel USA Incorporated; Jesse Brennan-Cooke; Kronos Incorporated; La Vite Ristorante, Law Office of Stephen M Fuerch; Law Offices Of John A Guthrie; Law Offices Of Stephen G Opperwall; Lexus Of Pleasanton; Lifetime Wellness Holistic Health Center; Michele Chalmers DDS; Monument Car Parts; Neuro-Psych Alliance; Norman Wong DDS; Oak Hills Dental Care; On Assignment Lab Support; Parrot Cellular; Perfection Auto Glass; Pleasanton Dialysis Center; Pleasanton Pool Center; Powermatic Associates; Printpack

Incorporated; Pulte Mortgage LLC; Red Robin America's Gourmet Burgers & Spirits; Roman Holiday Salon LLC; S & G Carpet & More; Shear Magic Grooming By Cinda; Simply Chic Salon; Sincerely Yours Cards & Gifts; Starbucks Coffee #5322; Sudha Chinta DDS; Superior LTC Insurance; Taqueria El Gallo; The Peregrine Falcon Corp; Thoratec Corporation; Time For Me; Toni's Hair & Skin Care; Tri Valley Primary Care Affiliate; Valforms Incorporated; Vintage Realty; Walsh Chiropractic Center Inc; Yue Tung Hing Enterprises.

20 Year: 1st United Services Credit Union; A & M Printing; A R Jayaram MD; A Touch Of Health; Abdalian Piano Service; Advanced Auto Detail; Alberto's Cantina; B & C Truck Parts Incorporated; B & D Auto Body; Beratlis Automotive; C J's Model Home Maintenance; C V M; Cache Inc #78; Harold Ceizler DDS; Child Care Links; DR Walteson Construction; Dan Hall & Associates; Dao Insurance Services; David Pang MD; DEB Construction; Delatorre's Trattoria; Denco Incorporated; Early Years Childrens Center; Ferreri Investment Corporation; Flaky Cream Donut Shop; Frank Fiala Roofing Incorporated; Gary E Whitmer LCSW; Genex Services Incorporated;

Goal Line Productions; Goodtimes Promotions Incorporated; Harding & Associates; Hing Yue Tung Ent Ltd; Hunter Travel Managers; It's Only Natural; J C L Print Associates; Jeffrey Teutsch DDS; John Roberts PhD; John Noonan DDS; John Peterson MD; Justice #898; Karen Knapp MFCC; La Z Boy Furniture Gallery; Law Office of James Tomcik; Law Offices of James Phillips; Law Offices of Stephen Wickersham; Leisure Sports Incorporated; LMA Productions; Mackay & Soms Civil Engineers Inc; Mazda Motor Of America; Medaccount Services; Monika's California Apparel; Motherhood Maternity #50; Oil Changers; P D Larson Company; Pacific Sunwear #19; Pat Huffman Real Estate; Patelco Credit Union; Pleasanton Foot Care; Pleasanton Valley Insurance Brokers Inc; Professional Office of T Pico and K Pico; Shimadzu Scientific Instruments; Spring Street Studios; Stan Lin MD; Steve Kau CPA; Susan Shanker Marriage & Family Therapist; The Golden Apple Learning Store; UNCLE Credit Union; Valley Support Services; Wanda Schneider CMT; Window-Ology Tri-Valley Corp; Wulf Enterprises.

25 Year: AAI; Amador Dental & Orthodontic; Arroyo Counseling Services; Avis Rent A Car System LLC;

Bay East Association of Realtors; Behavioral Health Quest; Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate; Cardinal Construction Incorporated; Chinese Szechuan Restaurant; Destinations Unlimited of Northern California; Donald Wilson CPA; Elise Dagggs DDS; Eyexam Of California; First American Title Guaranty; Helens Hair Design; Hopyard Shell; J M O'Neill Incorporate; JFK & Associates Incorporated; Kaiser Foundation Health Plan; Kenneth Wishart DDS; Lens Crafters #98; Mercedes-Benz Of Pleasanton; Michael Ocampo DDS; Olde Towne Antiques Mall; Pleasanton Physical Therapy; Professional Real Estate Inspection; Pulte Home Corporation; Law Office of James Schwartz; Sierra Sales Engineering Incorporated; Spacetone Acoustics; Standard Pacific Of Northern CA; Tri-Valley Auto Interiors.

30 Year: Alexander & Associates; Berlogar Stevens & Associates; Boyd Bookkeeping Incorporated; Proficient Food Company; Quantum Plus Incorporated; R Lance & Sons Co, Inc; Valley Plumbing Home Center; C & J Cox Corp; Hacienda Business Park Owners Association; Equity Enterprise.

40 Year: Accurate Tax Services; Can Am Plumbing Inc.

YMCA Recognizes Volunteers: Bob and Joyce Shapiro and Gabbie Syed

Volunteers, staff, board members and guests from all the branches of YMCA of the East Bay gathered at the Hilton Oakland Airport Hotel recently to honor an outstanding volunteer of the year from each of eight branches as well as to honor a youth of character from each branch. The Tri-

Valley YMCA selected Bob and Joyce Shapiro as their Volunteers of the Year and Gabbie Syed as its Youth of Character Award Winner.

Bob and Joyce Shapiro are committed board members who go above and beyond to move the Y mission forward. They are strong supporters of YMCA

programs and the members who participate. From serving hot dogs at the annual Y-Camp skit night to pricing merchandise for the Youth & Government rummage sale to meeting with the superintendent of schools to inform her of the impact of Y Programs, Bob and Joyce are always tireless advocates for the Tri-Valley YMCA.

Joyce and Bob are highly respected community leaders. They have served on

the boards of many area nonprofits, have raised funds for great causes and know "everyone who's anyone" in Pleasanton. They have used their influence to shed light on the great work going on at the Tri-Valley Y. While some would find the fundraising aspects of board service somewhat daunting, Joyce and Bob embrace their role as fundraisers. They know that before fundraising comes friendraising.

Each of them has their own special gifts that they contribute. Bob is the very best board recruiter and Joyce can obtain an auction item out of anybody. Their most important contribution is their passion for service to their community.

Gabbie Syed has been involved in the Tri-Valley YMCA for four years. She first became involved as a camper at Y Camp. From day one, Gabbie was extremely enthusiastic about camp, helped in any way possible and modeled the four core values. For the past four years, she has continuously displayed these characteristics and encouraged others to act the same way. She is now involved in camp as a CILT and as a delegate in Youth & Government.

Not only does she help

lead activities and assembly, but she also makes sure that every camper has a great summer. As a delegate in Youth and Government, she has shown that she is supportive of her peers, dedicated to the program, and one of the most passionate, intelligent and positive people in the program. In her first year as a delegate, she co-wrote a bill, received an appointed position in Sacramento, and helped with every fundraiser. Gabbie has gone above and beyond for both camp and Youth & Government through her positive attitude, dedication, helpfulness, and all around amazing character.

For more information about the Tri-Valley YMCA, please call 925-263-4444 or email tvinfo@ymcaeastbay.org.



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Holiday Boutique. Our Savior Lutheran Ministries will be hosting a Holiday Boutique on Saturday, November 17 from 10am to 3pm. The event will take place in the gymnasium at Our Savior, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue in Livermore. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be jewelry, knitted items, jams and jellies, photo cards, home décor, and more. Please contact the office with questions, 925-447-1246.

Holiday boutique, Saturday, December 1, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring handmade crafts by local artisans, delicious food, fun arts and crafts, free make and takes for kids and adults, music and all day raffles. First 50 people get a prize. Livermore Valley Charter School fund-raising, 2451 Portola Avenue, Livermore.

Holiday Boutique, Sat., Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mendenhall Middle School, 1701 El Padro Dr., Livermore. Local artisans featured. Vendors are still needed Contact J.Meyer @JSTANGL@lvjUSD.k12.ca.us

Holiday Book Sale, Sat., Dec. 1, noon to 3 p.m. Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Selection of hardcover books in excellent condition, ideal for gift giving; children's books, holiday books, gourmet cookbooks, gift books, and more. Information, call the Dublin Library (925) 828-1315.

Annual Holiday Boutique. Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association Unit 287 will present the event on Dec. 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Veterans Building, 522 South "L" St., Livermore. 8 ft. tables available for rent at \$25, call Polly 447-5986. Proceeds go to help service men and women who are overseas, along with veterans at home who are always in need of help. Snack bar run by veterans attending classes at Las Positas College.

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

Turkey Bingo. Pleasanton VFW Post 6298 will hold its annual Turkey Bingo on Saturday, November 17, 2012 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. It will be at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main Street, Pleasanton. Bingo cards are \$10 each and can be played for 20 games. There will be 15 turkeys awarded as prizes and two games will have a \$50 cash prize. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. All are welcome.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA. Brunch in Livermore, Nov. 18, 11 a.m. RSVP by Nov. 15 to Ruby, 292-2000. Lunch in San Ramon, Nov. 28, noon, RSVP by Nov. 25 to Marsha, 830-8483.

Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment (Tri-Valley CAREs). Tri-Valley CAREs monitors nuclear weapons and environmental clean-up activities throughout the US nuclear weapons

complex, with a special focus on Livermore Lab and the surrounding communities. All are welcome at the monthly meeting at the Livermore Civic Center Library Thursday, November 15 from 7:30pm to 9pm. For more information call Tri-Valley CAREs at (925) 443-7148 or visit our website at <http://trivalleycares.org>

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

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Nov. 17, 25/43 miles, start 9:30 a.m. at Heather Farms in Walnut Creek, two routes one flat loop in Danville (Kathy Kane, 323-5611), the other a Mt. Diablo climb (Emma Olenberger, 707-479-2549). Sat., Nov. 17, 45-50 miles faster paced ride from Heather Farm, 9 a.m., over 3 bears, Gail Blanco, 872-1001. Sun., Nov. 18, 36 miles from Cull Canyon Rec. Area to Sunol via Dublin Canyon Rd., meet 10 a.m. Julie Hampton, 389-6738 or Dick Ward 510-685-7103. Wed., Nov. 21, 32 miles through Dougherty Valley, Blackhawk, Alamo and back to Danville, meet 9 a.m. at park and ride in Danville, Dick Ward, 389-6738. Anyone planning on going on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Livermore LetsBellyDance. Friday November 30, 7pm at the Dance Valley Theater, 2nd Street Livermore. Classes open to all adults, no need to pre-book, \$15 at the door. Please come prepared to dance bare foot or wearing ballet shoes. www.LetsBellyDanceUSA.com, or contact Sara direct on 925 456 4404 or at LetsBellyDance@Hotmail.com

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; Pleasanton Library offers assistant Thurs. 6 to 8 p.m. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400 (press 7 for Ref. Desk). Library programs are free and open to everyone. No registration required. Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 for information.

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

Lego-based robotics tournament will be held at Our Savior Lutheran School, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue on Saturday, November 17, from 9am-5pm. Stop by Our Savior Lutheran School's 3rd annual first Lego League Qualifier Tournament and see how Lego-based robotics can inspire children to use math, science and technology as they compete in the tournament. Admission is free.

GNON's having A Toy Drive. New unwrapped toys will be collected for the Toys for Tots program at the holiday party on Thurs., Dec. 6, 5 p.m. Girasole Grill Restaurant, 3180 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Cost is \$10/pp for members and \$15/pp for non-members. RSVP: To gnoners@gmail.com by December 4.

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

Pleasantonians for Peace, Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, Nov. 28, between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Call Cathie Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org

Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner, between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. over 1000 meals will be served and hundreds more delivered to those unable to attend. Transportation is available to give people rides to and from the dinner. Those in need of a ride or a meal delivered please call 455-9782. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street. For more information please call anytime or check out our web site at WWW.LCTD.ORG.

Dress a Girl Around the World Sew Fest: Sat., Nov. 17, 2012, 9am - 3pm, St. Michael Hall, 300 block of Maple Street, Livermore. Please bring sewing machine and creative imagination to help sew over 200 dresses in a single day for girls in developing countries. Also people needed to setup, clean up, iron, snip, sort, fetch and carry. Donations of colorful pillowcases and cotton fabrics appreciated. For more information, please contact Suzanne Slupesky: suzbeck@yahoo.com, 925-352-8447.

Assistance League® of Amador Valley invites all visitors to join this group of volunteers, reaching out to those in need in the Tri-Valley and having fun doing it. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Parkview, 100 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, see our website, www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org, e-mail assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com, or call (925) 461-6401.

Free computer training classes will be offered at the Livermore Library during November. Internet for Beginners class on Monday, November 19, 2012 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Searching the Internet on Monday, November 26, 2012 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Classes are hands on, first come first served and take place in Community Meeting Room B. For further information call 373-5505. The library is located at 1188 So. Livermore Ave.

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

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 Pat at 447-8254 for more information.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Tri-Valley Parent Resource and Support Group is a twice-a-month parent support group for parents with children to age 18 diagnosed with or suspected of having bipolar or other mood disorders. It meets First and third Tuesdays of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite #114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in, no registration required and is free. Suzi Glorioso by phone: (925) 443-1797 or by e-mail: glorios4@comcast.net

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, Services on Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Children's Sunday School & Chapel at 10:15 a.m. All are most welcome to come and worship with us and to enjoy our hospitality. For more information call the church office 925-462-4802.

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

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

Tri-Valley Church of Christ at 4481 East Avenue, Livermore, worship service 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Sundays, all are welcome. 925-447-4333 (a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

Unity of Tri-Valley Church, 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley. More room for all the new classes, small groups, new children's and teen programs, and Sunday services (at 10 a.m.). All are welcome. Rev. Harriet Hawkins, minister. (925) 829-2733. www.trivalleyunity.com Check out Unity of Tri Valley on Facebook.

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

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

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

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Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children's church

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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 Scola at 447-9800.

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

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

St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, Services on Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Children's Sunday School & Chapel at 10:15 a.m. All are most welcome to come and worship with us and to enjoy our hospitality. For more information call the church office 925-462-4802.

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

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

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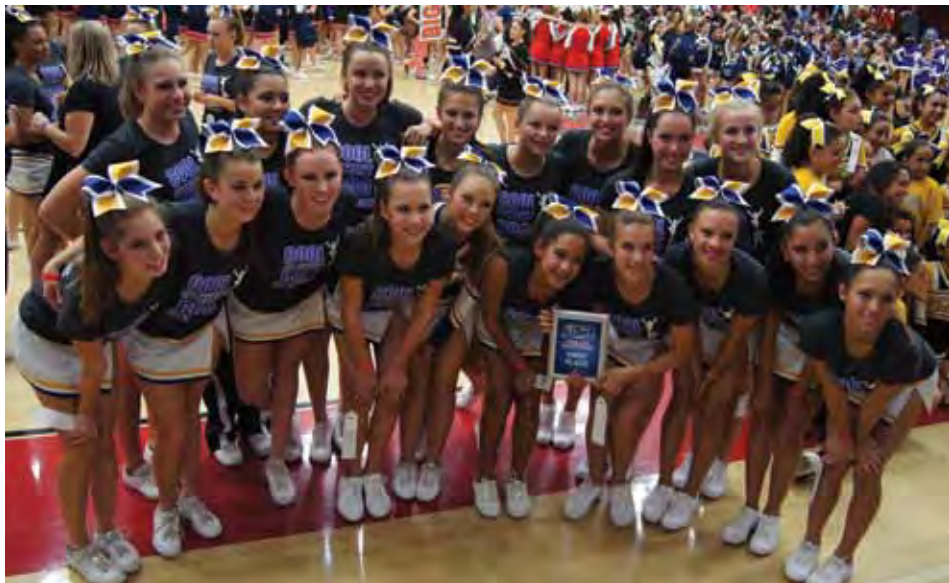
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Foothill Cheer Brings Home Awards

All four of Foothill High School's competition cheer teams qualified for USA Nationals Sunday at the USA Regional Competition held at James Logan High School in Union City.

Both show cheer squads also took first place in their divisions, as did the intermediate group stunt team. The advanced group stunt team took second place. The varsity show cheer-intermediate team competed against seven other Bay Area teams in their division, the junior varsity show cheer-novice team competed against five other teams and the intermediate group stunt team competed against two other teams.

"What a way to begin the season," exclaimed Coach Kim DeJoy at the end of the day. "The goal was to qualify for nationals and place as well as possible but the girls exceeded that by a mile."

This competition was the first in a series of six

competitions in which the teams will compete during the next five months on their quest for back-to-back national titles when they return to USA Nationals in March 2013. The teams will travel to Los Angeles mid-December to compete in the next USA Regional. You can support them on their journey by following them at www.facebook.com/FHSFalconCheer.

Coached by Head Coach Kim DeJoy, the Varsity Show Cheer team includes: Amanda Arnold, Zoe Cristobal, Sarina DeJoy, Bailey Downum, Michelle French, Camille Hamlin, Alakoka Kailahi, Keri Kodama (captain), Amber Marquez, Emily Palange, Gabriella Scalise, and Natalie Wright.

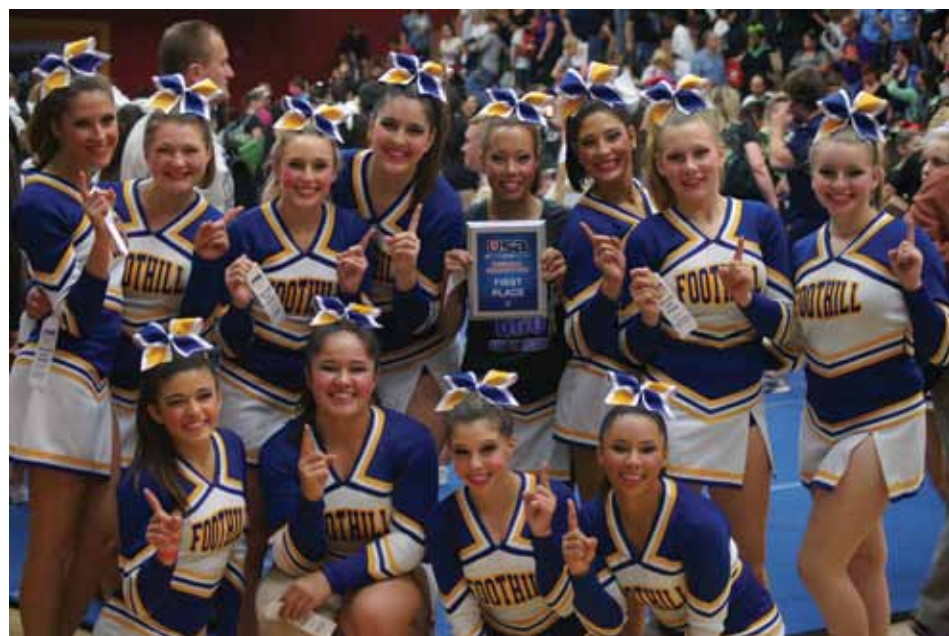
Coached by Karen Maurice and Megan Moore, the JV Show Cheer team includes: Cassidee Banks, Kailyn Coleman, Mackenzie Curran, Mitsu Dill, Shauna Dunlap, Jenna Edsen, Karina Galvez, Mor-

gan Greenup, Emma Loll, Maddy Maas, Sara Moore, Brie Morrissey, Erin Page, Jordan Robinson, Taylor Sanchez (captain), Anika Simons, Sabrina Stermer and Noelle Viscaina.

Coached by Megan Moore, the Advanced Group Stunt team includes: Zoe Cristobal, Bailey Downum, Michelle French, Gabriella Scalise, and Natalie Wright.

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The road to USA Nationals is 10 months long and takes an extremely high level of commitment from the athletes and families. Foothill sports must fund 100% of their program costs, so Foothill competition cheer is extremely grateful for the support of the many sponsors who are helping to defray expenses and send Foothill's nationally ranked teams to USA Nationals.



Pictured is the Foothill High School Varsity Show Cheer team.



During October, the Granada High School cheerleaders held fundraisers to promote Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Showing their spirit with pink socks, pink bows and pink pom poms throughout the month, the team held various fundraisers to help the cause. At the junior varsity and varsity football games the team sold a variety of desserts, pink breast cancer bracelets, pink ribbons, pink lollipops, and raffled off a picnic basket which included dinner for four and VIP seats for its annual homecoming game. On Friday, October 26, during the JV and varsity half-time, people whose lives had been touched by breast cancer were asked to come down to the field and were given a pink balloon. After a moment of silence, they were encouraged to tie the balloon to the fence. This December, the Granada cheer team will be donating over \$800 which was raised for a breast cancer organization