



## 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.

## Lab's Top 10 Stories Of 2013

In 2013, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory marked six decades of scientific and technical achievement for national security, energy, the environment and basic science.

Livermore technological innovation in such areas as high performance computing, micro-technology and energy also contribute to the nation's global economic competitiveness and quality of life.

In a press release, the Lab notes that because it is difficult to know the long-term impact of recent science and technology development, the following S&T advances are not listed in order of importance. They represent only a sampling of the S&T advances highlighted in press reports during the calendar year.

1. The National Ignition Facility (NIF), the world's largest and most energetic laser, achieves record fusion neutron yields.

2. Livermore scientists are involved in two international efforts that led to Nobel Prizes: the discovery of the elusive Higgs boson at CERN's Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland that led to the Nobel Prize for Physics being awarded for the prediction of the particle's existence; and the work of the international Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) that was recognized by the Nobel Peace Prize.

3. The artificial retina, which LLNL helped develop, receives FDA approval and is awarded "invention of the year" by Time Magazine and Popular Science. The retinal prosthesis has the potential to restore sight to millions of people suffering from eye diseases.

4. Livermore continues its global leadership in the development of high performance computing technology and its application to complex scientific problems in national security, climate science, bioscience and big data. One of the world's fastest supercomputers, Sequoia: set a simulation speed record; topped the Graph 500; and ran a simulation that earned a Gordon Bell Prize.

5. A Livermore team successfully leads an important test of a conventional precision warhead for the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD). The project is seen by the DoD as critical to the country's ability to defend its interests with precision weapons at hypersonic speed.

6. Livermore is selected to build an advanced laser system in the Czech Republic, as part of the European Union's Extreme Light Infrastructure (ELI). The \$45M project will deliver a petawatt laser operating at 3 Hz, with the capability

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# Miley Facing Decision on Happy Valley Traffic Circulation

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley will be faced with a decision about whether to seek reversal of a policy that for years has kept some of the south Pleasanton area's increasing traffic off a portion of Happy Valley Road.

Residents from a new subdivision of approximately three dozen homes at Golf Course Road and

Westbridge Lane have asked Miley to have the county or city engineers remove a sign that bans left turns from Westbridge Lane onto Happy Valley Road. Currently, traffic must go right, down Alisal street, at a T-intersection.

The sign, and another one that says "Right turn only to 680," require traffic to go down Alisal Street to

Sycamore Road, and then to Sunol Boulevard. The Westbridge residents have said that the Alisal-Sycamore route is much longer, and slows their trips to shopping and Foothill High School.

Golfers leaving the city-owned Callippe Preserve Golf Course are also affected.

On the other side of the issue are some Happy Valley

Road residents. They don't want more traffic on Happy Valley because of the noise, congestion, and potential danger to them, as well as to the golfers and Westbridge residents.

Alisal Street was widened and improved to be the safest route to Sunol Boulevard and I-680 for the area, said Happy Valley Road resident Frank Imhof.

Posts and poles are located very close to the road along Happy Valley. In addition the road has no shoulders, so it was not as conducive to widening as Alisal was, said Imhof.

The issue arose last July, after a woman cyclist was killed on Foothill Road by a car driver. Castlewood residents brought their concerns

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As 2013 came to a close, Livermore Valley vineyards displayed a final flash of color.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## Livermore Lacking 50 Meter Pool

Livermore is in need of better swim facilities, according to those close to the sport.

They point out that the City of Livermore currently has some of the fastest high school swimmers in the world competing on the Granada High School men's and women's teams. At least five young Livermore swimmers are expected to compete at the 2016 Olympic Trials. Yet, the city lacks adequate facilities that would allow these swimmers to further improve their skills, according to parent Cindy Eckel, whose daughter trains in Pleasanton.

Eckel points out that there are hundreds of swimmers in Livermore. The number of swimmers at the high school level has increased over the years. The pools at the high schools are old and inadequate for large meets.

Dublin, with a population of 44,000 people has a 50 meter pool; San Ramon, with 49,000 people provides two 50 meter pools; Pleasanton, with 67,000 people offers a 50 meter pool; and Tracy with 79,000 people has a 50 meter pool. Livermore, with a population 83,325, provides a 25 yard pool.

Coaches and parents would like to see the community put together an effort to provide the needed

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## Dublin Recognized for Programs to Promote Business

The City of Dublin was one of seven local public Bay Area agencies who received the inaugural "Red Tape to Red Carpet" award from the Silicon Valley Leadership Group for its work in helping build the economy and grow jobs through innovative government services.

Dublin received the small city award in the Business Retention and Expansion category for the City's Toolkit for Revitalization and Job Growth.

Dublin was lauded for a series of incentive programs that helped to address specific community needs, including its Sales Tax Incentive Program, Commercial Façade Improvement Program, Small Business Assistance Program, and the Sewer Capacity Assistance Program.

Dublin's efforts resulted in the creation of several hundred new jobs, and more than \$1.5 million of new revenues anticipated from these efforts. Dublin was one of 21 public agencies participating, submitting 33 applications involving innovative programs and services that have made a positive difference in the region.

The awards program was judged by an independent group of Silicon Valley experts.

For more information about the awards, go to the Silicon Valley Leadership Group website <http://svlg.org/silicon-valley-leadership-groups-turning-red-tape-into-red-carpet-award-winners-named-for-helping-grow-the-economy-and-jobs>

# A Look Back at the Last Six Months of 2013

During the final six months of 2013, Livermore hosted the inaugural Little League Intermediate World Series in August and received word later in the year that it would host the 2014 World Series. Pleasanton began to refine plans for development in East Pleasanton. County agencies voted to place Measure B on the November 2014 ballot. The measure includes \$400 million for a BART extension to Livermore. The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District selected a new chancellor for the district and a new president for Las Positas College.

### JULY 2013

Assemblymember Joan Buchanan recognized United States Army Specialist Belia Martinez of Livermore as the 2013 Veteran of the Year for the 16th Assembly District. Martinez served as a School

Board Trustee for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. In her role as the Program Coordinator for the Youth Employment Program for East Bay Community Services, she works with at-risk students, including those on probation, in foster care, or those who are teen parents. She works, in collaboration with youth probation officers, social workers, and school counselors, to maximize the opportunities for success for each student.

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) voted to create an ad hoc committee to look into a revival of Measure B1, the county transportation tax extension and increase, which failed at the polls last year. Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, whose district

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The team from Yabucao, Puerto Rico, waved flags as they marched down First Street during the parade welcoming participants in the Intermediate Little League World Series in Livermore.

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Sophie is resolved to find her forever family in 2014! The 3½-year-old calico would love to lead your daily feather wand workout. She knows life with a pet can help you relax, lower your blood pressure and stay healthy. No more excuses – adopt Sophie today! Valley Humane Society (VHS), located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm and Sunday from 11 am – 2 pm. For more information, call (925) 426-8656 or visit [valleyhumane.org](http://valleyhumane.org). Photo - Valley Humane Society/J. Xia

# 2013 ROUNDUP

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includes Livermore and Dublin, chaired the committee. Measure B1 would have provided \$7.8 billion over 30 years for roads, freeways and public transit, including \$400 million to pay part of the cost of a BART extension down I-580 to Livermore at Isabel Avenue.

The second reading of a Pleasanton ordinance defining various terms for ridgeland protection under Measure PP was delayed because of potential litigation by supporters of Measure PP. A letter from attorney Stuart M. Flashman sent to the council outlined the issues and requested that they leave Measure PP and the current municipal code intact. Flashman represented the Ridge and Hillside Protection Association. In the letter, he wrote, "In the guise of implementing the measure, the proposed ordinance actually attempts to modify and amend the measure without a vote of the people of Pleasanton."

The Board of Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District named Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D., to the position of chancellor. She would be the 5th chancellor of the district, which operates Chabot College in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore. She is the first African American Chancellor to lead the district.

Len Alexander, the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's Executive Director, announced his retirement at the end of the Bankhead Theater's 6th season on August 31st. Alexander joined LVPAC in 2005. During his tenure, the organization created the Bothwell Arts Center and built and opened the Bankhead Theater. Also, under his direction, LVPAC Presents, the Bankhead's signature artistic program, expanded each season.

The Student Education Loan Fund (SELF) celebrated 50 years. Since its inception, SELF funded almost 550 loans totaling \$700,000 to help Livermore residents attend trade school, community college, four-year college and graduate school. Applicants can borrow up to \$2,500, and are required to repay the loan within five years of finishing school.

The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) presented funds totaling \$95,000 to the Livermore School Board of Trustees. In addition to \$36,000 raised by the Bankhead Theater performance of Reach for the Stars, Make Time for Music concerts provided money, as did the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Foundation and Went Family Estates for a total of \$65,000. The money was allocated to finance the fifth grade elementary music program.

The 19th annual Livermore Valley Wine Auction held on May 11 raised \$280,000. The money would benefit ValleyCare Foundation, Open Heart Kitchen, Happy Talkers, Bankhead Theater and Livermore Valley Education Foundation.

Richard Rankin was selected as the leader of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's (LLNL) Industrial Partnerships Office (IPO). One of Rankin's announced goals for the Lab's IPO was to assist in transforming the office's focus to a wider, more business development-oriented perspective. In addition, he indicated that he would like more closely to couple IPO with the Lab's scientific and engineering programs and the local economic development community.

ABAG and MTC were set to approve a nine-county Bay Area plan created to establish policies designed to help curb pollution emissions and promote balanced jobs and housing growth between now and 2040. The plan has been in the making for several years. Opponents said that the new plan would take planning control away from cities



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory welcomed 93 year old Phyllis Rothrock, granting a long time wish of hers to tour the Laboratory. Rothrock is a resident at Heritage Estates, a retirement community in Livermore. Residents are encouraged to make a list of wishes. Rothrock's was to tour the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Nick Williams, tour guide and science presenter, asked for Rothrock's assistance in performing a chemistry experiment, called "Elephant's Toothpaste" which is a popular demonstration in the LLNL Fun with Science Program.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

A canopy of oak trees was the setting for the annual Art in the Oaks show in Livermore. The event is hosted by the Livermore Art Association and Alden Lane Nursery at the nursery. During the event, visitors viewed completed art, watched artists create new work, sampled wines and listened to musical entertainment.

and counties. They called it social engineering. ABAG representatives stated that the documents leave planning up to cities and counties. The numbers set in the plan are goals.

Under the leadership of Alameda County, 19 Bay Area public agencies joined together to collaboratively purchase renewable energy for public facilities. The Regional Renewable Energy Procurement Project (R-REP) was designed to bring clean, renewable energy to over 120 sites including community centers, libraries, fire stations, medical facilities, city halls and educational facilities. Approximately 20 megawatts of

power will be developed for projects in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties through the installation of solar panels on rooftops and carports, fuel cell power generation systems, and rooftop solar thermal applications.

East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) directors approved a list of 16 parks for inclusion in the district master plan. Two of the parks are in the Valley - Tesla and Chain of Lakes. Both were first put on the list in 1997. Tesla is currently planned for off-road vehicle use. The park district does not own any land at the sites, but having them on the list includes them in the discus-

sions, if opportunities arise to acquire land. Changes took place at Stoneridge Shopping Center in Pleasanton this year. One of the biggest announcements was the arrival of lululemon athletica. This will be the first location in the Tri-Valley area for the yoga-clothing retailer. Stoneridge Shopping Center also welcomed a number of other new shops including White House I Black Market, Clark's, Pandora jewelry, PINK, LOFT, Spencer's Gifts and Kids Foot Locker.

ValleyCare Health System signed up to co-sponsor the Intermediate Little League World Series. Livermore, Granada Little League, and California District 57 Little League hosted the inaugural Intermediate Little League World Series July 30 through August 5, 2013 in Livermore. Plans were to kick off the event with a parade in down-

town Livermore. Teams from around the world — one local host team, five more U.S. teams and four international teams were scheduled to play 19 games, culminating with the Championship game broadcast live on ESPN. In a major move to ensure water availability and quality, Zone 7 Water Agency directors authorized the purchase of 5,000 acres of watershed land east and west of Lake Del Valle for \$19 million. The deal, if completed, would guarantee that Zone 7 controls the watershed's use and condition. The land is located on the east and west sides of Lake Del Valle, where the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) operates recreational facilities. Duerig said that an MOU was reached with EBRPD in April concerning any impact on EBRPD land and facilities.

The Livermore City Council voted not to sponsor a stage of the 2014 Amgen Tour of California bicycle race. Councilmembers suggested that the city might consider hosting smaller events with a local focus, rather than continue with Amgen. According to City Manager Marc Roberts, holding the event on a Saturday, as it was in 2013, led to a modest increase in business. In some cases, businesses reported a negative impact with fewer patrons.

Pleasanton City Councilmembers reviewed two designs that would allow Lions Wayside Park and Delucchi Park to function as a single park. The two parks are located along First Street. Lions Wayside Park, at First and Neal streets, hosts the Friday night concert series. Delucchi Park, between Neal Street and W. Angela, provides a place for pet adoptions during the weekly Farmers Market, as well as other activities. Proposed changes at the parks include the addition of pedestrian plazas to form gateways into the parks, a rose garden, a bandstand that would provide space for a wide range of performances, group picnic area, an adventure play area with a water feature, and a regional trail. The area currently used to seat audiences would be doubled in size to become a "great lawn area."

Dublin City Councilmembers approved creation of a human services commission to serve the community and also interact with their counterparts in Livermore and Pleasanton on issues that affect the whole Valley. Council discussion mentioned housing as a potential topic for the commission, as well as assistance for youth.

A joint meeting of the executive boards of ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) approved Plan Bay Area, an in-

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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## Small Businesses Targeted in Robberies

Pleasanton Police officers responded to a robbery on Dec. 23 at the UPS Store on Pimlico Drive. A white male adult, who appeared to be 40-45 years of age, approached a sales clerk and handed her a note demanding money. She complied. He grabbed the money and was last seen fleeing out the front door onto Pimlico Drive and heading eastbound toward Brockton Drive.

No vehicle was seen. The suspect was described as being 6'0" to 6'2" tall, weighing approximately 250 pounds, and wearing what appeared to be an Oakland Raiders beanie cap, blue jeans and a black jacket that was possibly leather. The suspect also used black gloves, wore sunglasses and appeared to have a reddish-blond beard.

The robbery and suspect description are similar to one that occurred at Behind the Door Beauty Supply on Hopyard Avenue on December 17, in that the suspect also produced a demand note to the employee and fled with cash from the register. In that case the suspect had also been seen wandering in the area for about ten minutes prior to entering the store.

Anyone with information that would assist in the investigation is encouraged to contact the Pleasanton Police Department at (925) 931-5100.

## Dublin Online Survey

The City of Dublin invites the community to participate in an online survey to provide their opinion about the city in which they live. The Community Survey has been developed to obtain feedback as part of the City's Branding and Marketing project currently underway. The Survey will help to inform the development of Dublin's brand. The Survey will be available through January 9, 2014, on the City's website, [www.dublin.ca.gov/branding](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/branding).

In the past year, the Dublin City Council identified a need to develop a

comprehensive branding and marketing plan for the community. More than a slogan or a logo, an effective brand focuses on a cohesive message and consistent feel that expresses the unique identity of Dublin, both to members of the Dublin community and to people located outside of Dublin.

"The goal of this effort is to develop an identity for the community that is consistent and realistic of how our residents and businesses feel about Dublin," said Linda Smith, the City's Economic Development Director. "We want the community to speak with a common voice and purpose when promoting Dublin as a community in which to live, a destination to visit, or a place to start or grow a business. This branding and marketing effort will give us the tools to achieve that."

The City has partnered with North Star Destination Strategies to complete the Branding and Marketing project. Work is already underway to develop the City's brand identity. Beginning in November 2013, a variety of research began, which included interviews, focus groups, and information gathering. The next step in the process is to obtain feedback about the community in the Community Survey. The brand will likely be unveiled in Summer 2014.

For more information about the Dublin Branding and Marketing project, please contact Linda Smith, Economic Development Director at [economic.development@dublin.ca.gov](mailto:economic.development@dublin.ca.gov) or by phone (925) 833-6650.

## Correction

The statement, "there are already too many controls on the size of a house on a lot," in a store about historic preservation in Pleasanton was incorrectly attributed to Jon Harvey. He did not make the statement at the City Council meeting or anything similar. Furthermore, it does not reflect his position regarding the controls of the size of homes on residentially zoned lots in Pleasanton.

## 28th Annual East Bay USA: 'Leading the Region Toward a Sustainable Future' Taking Registration

Information about the economic and technological issues and trends that will affect the bottom line for business in 2014, will be the theme behind East Bay USA. Leading the Region Toward a Sustainable Future. The business conference will be held on Thursday, January 23, at the Hilton Concord. Known in the past as Contra Costa USA, the event has been renamed to reflect the name change for the East Bay Leadership Council (formerly the Contra Costa Council), which is presenting the event with Chevron.

Each year East Bay USA offers a half-day program focused on both the region and the national economic and political landscape. "It gives attendees the opportunity to gain a broader perspective on issues that will affect them now and in the future," says Tom Terrill, Council president and CEO. "We gather a range of outstanding business, economic and technological thinkers and innovators, and ask them to share their knowledge and excitement about what lies ahead. It's always a thoughtful and informative exchange."

East Bay USA opens at 8 a.m. with registration, exhibits and networking. The program begins at 9 a.m. and runs through lunch, adjourning at 2 p.m. and reconvening at 5:30 p.m. for a reception and a 7 p.m. dinner presentation.

Geoff Colvin, award-winning thinker, author, broadcaster and speaker on significant trends in busi-

ness, and a longtime editor and columnist for FORTUNE magazine, will be the keynote dinner speaker. Colvin will offer his perspective on Washington and how the nation's financial issues connect to the regional economy.

Following the keynote, Colvin will be joined by Christopher Thornberg, founding partner of Beacon Economics, for a discussion moderated by emcee Ann Notarangelo of KPIX Channel 5 News.

Economist Thornberg will open the morning program with his views of current trends in the regional economy. A morning panel discussion about alternative transportation, technology and the marketplace will feature Chris Hedden and Michael Fischer of Cambridge Systematics and Chris

Weeks of Sunset Development/Bishop Ranch. The panel will be moderated by Randy Iwasaki, who heads the Contra Costa Transportation Authority.

A second panel on new technologies at work in the region will feature Rich Stump of FATHOM, Ulrik Grape of SEEO and Sean Chang of The Clorox Company.

Luncheon speaker will be Randy Haykin of Outlook Ventures, who will talk about getting technology to market, venture-capital hurdles and opportunities in the region.

Visit [www.eastbayleadershipcouncil.com](http://www.eastbayleadershipcouncil.com) for information and a registration link. To sign up as a sponsor or exhibitor, contact the Council office at [ts-hoaff@eblcmail.org](mailto:ts-hoaff@eblcmail.org) or call 925.246.1880.

## Auditor Praises Zone 7 for Staff's Accounting

An outside audit of the financial books of Zone 7 Water Agency for the fiscal year that ended June 30 shows that everything is in order.

Zone 7 accounting manager Margaret Chun summarized the audit for board members at their Dec. 18 meeting.

Tim Krisch, CEO of Maze Associates, which conducted the audit, told directors that there were "absolutely no findings" that would point to any deficiency or need for different oversight.

"That speaks highly of the staff. That's unusual. There are very few instances where

we don't come up with some recommendations," said Krisch.

Zone 7 board president Bill Stevens said, "I am not only pleased with the excellent audit results, but also happy to hear that our staff is doing such a great job at keeping our books, improving the agency's ability to present our financial story transparently, and allowing us to weather the economic storms we have been facing."

The board voted unanimously to accept the report. A copy is posted on the agency's website at [www.zone7water.com](http://www.zone7water.com).

## POOL

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facilities. They say it would not just benefit the elite swimmers. A 50 meter aquatic complex that could have joint use by both high schools could host swim meets, which bring business to local communities, offer programs for adult swimmers, and offer lessons. It would be large enough to help any year round team cultivate national and international level athletes. It could also be used in PE for the high schools and to run programs for at risk youth in Livermore.

Alex Silver, head coach of the Livermore Aquacowboys, notes that for the past twenty five years, swimmers from Livermore have left to practice with club teams in other cities including Pleasanton and San Ramon. Of the five national level swimmers who compete on Granada High School's team, only two practice year round in Livermore, the other three swim on a club team in Pleasanton.

Silver pointed out that as a 14 year old, Livermore resident Nick Silverthorn broke Michael Phelps' national record in the 400 IM and also held the national record in the 200 free. In 2013, Nick broke a 13 year old national record in the 100 breast, but finished behind Stephen Stumph of Compolindo, so does not own the record.

At 14, Maxime Rooney re-broke the national record in the 200 free. Trent Trump recently placed 6th at USA Junior Nationals and currently ranks 12th among 17 year olds in the nation in this event. He has been chosen to represent the USA in a dual meet with Japan in February. Bryce McLaggan, a summer league swimmer until his

Junior year, has placed in the top 40 at USA Junior Nationals. Rooney, Trump and McLaggan all live in Livermore.

Just recently, the Granada High School swim team finished second at the North Coast Section championships held at Campolindo High in Orinda. Nick Silverthorn, Maxime Rooney, Bryce McLaggan, and Trent Trump swam on Granada relay teams that broke the NCS records.

Swimming has become increasingly popular, Silver stated. For example, there are now approximately 2,000 swimmers competing in the Valley Swim League's summer programs.

Over the past five years, Coach JD Avilla has grown the Granada High School team from 40 swimmers to 80 swimmers. Granada holds its practices in a 6-lane 25 yard pool. In comparison, when used for yards swimming, a 50 meter pool features 24 lanes. This amount of space could easily fit a team of 300 swimmers.

The Livermore Aquacowboys swim team, which has been active in Livermore for the past seven years, has grown from 13 swimmers to 140 swimmers, with another 300 swimmers involved in the summer league. Silver continued, there is a very real possibility that sometime in the near future, there will be 150 or more swimmers on Granada High School's team. With the current facilities, there will not be enough space for them. The facilities at Livermore High School are even worse. Livermore High School swims at a pool that is considered unsafe to use for swim meets. They have to rent another facility for

competitions.

Cindy Eckel states that the Livermore community has produced high level swimmers in spite of the lack of facilities available. The Robert Livermore Community Center offers limited access and does not have a 50 meter pool. The 25-yard pool at the Livermore Valley Tennis Club is home to the Livermore Aquacowboys (LAC) and the Fireballs, which continues to be a strong swim team under the direction of Coaches Alex Silver, Lisa White, Leslie Dabney and Teresa Davis.

The Aquacowboys have had to spread out their team to other facilities because of the growing team membership and limited facilities. The LAC Sr. group practices at the Sunset Cabana Club. In the summer the Sr. group travels to the Olympic Pool at Cal High in San Ramon for long course training for a limited time in the early mornings in the summer. Last summer, LAC rented lanes at the May Nissan pool. Eckle says that the lane rental for the LAC team to use the Robert Livermore Community Center (RLCC) is much higher than what the Pleasanton Seahawks pay to rent from the city of Pleasanton at its Aquatic Center.

Eckel says that swimmers from Livermore travel to several other cities for larger meets all year round. Among the meets are the Junior Olympics and Far Westerns. Each draws large numbers of swimmers from a wide area. The hotels, and restaurants in the host city are filled to capacity when these big events are held. This kind of facility would be a wonderful asset to our community of Livermore," Eckle states.

Swimmers train 6 days a week. Some swimmers take on double sessions and are in the water as early as 4:30 am. Eckel concludes, "There are many athletes who would benefit from such a 50-meter facility. Livermore residents deserve to have a training facility in Livermore."

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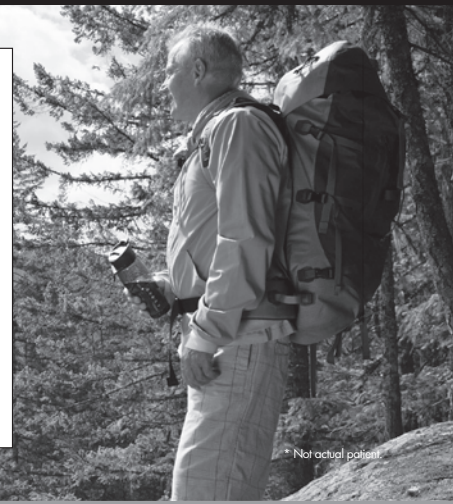
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# EDITORIAL

## Golden Eagles

The 2013 Christmas Bird Count in Eastern Alameda County held in December found 25 golden eagles.

According to the Ohlone Audubon Society's conservation chairman, that represents the highest number of nesting golden eagles in one location in North America.

Sand Hill Wind Inc. proposes to replace 79 conventional turbines with 40 newly designed "shrouded" wind turbines in the Altamont area.

Peter Pawlowski, director of business development for Ogin, which created the shrouded turbines, said that the firm's product will help reduce raptor deaths in the Altamont. The towers are lower than 200 feet. By comparison, new conventional three-bladed towers currently installed in the Altamont are more than 400 feet tall. Because the towers are smaller, their blade sweep is smaller, which is important in saving birds.

However, a report on goals proposed by Sand Hill with regard to future "takes" of birds leaves golden eagle deaths at 100 percent of the baseline. In other words, golden eagles would continue to die at the current rate.

The status of the wind turbines was discussed during a hearing in front of the East County Board of Zoning. Board members suggested that information regarding the baseline for bird deaths in the Altamont is outdated. They proposed a fresher, wider look at better ways to protect birds, including new technology.

We agree. Wind power is an important alternative source of energy. However, the continued loss of birds, such as golden eagles, make it less attractive. Every effort should be undertaken to preserve both the birds and the source of energy.

## HAPPY VALLEY

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about Foothill Road safety to Miley at a regular meeting of his Pleasanton advisory committee in July.

Miley's committee meets from time to time at the Palm Pavilion on the county fairgrounds. He represents Pleasanton, and also unincorporated land nearby.

Happy Valley residents heard about the Castlewood residents' visit to Miley, and took their concerns about Happy Valley safety to Miley. Their issue was speeders, who were not being ticketed by police.

To ticket speeders, police must use a radar gun. That requires a safety study to determine the proper speed limit. Eventually a 30 mph limit was established on Happy Valley Road.

However, when police went out to ticket speeders, they also handed out citations to people who were ignoring the sign that bans left turns, said Eileen Ng, Chief Assistant to Supervisor Miley.

The left-turn sign enforcement led the West-bridge residents to come to Miley's committee meeting in November, and ask for an end to the left-turn ban, or a way to modify it. A suggestion that the sign should exempt local residents was rejected, because it would not be legal, said Ng.

Imhof said that the left-turn ban was written into the annexation agreement, which brought the golf course and the Westbridge subdivision into the city.

However, he said he had seen only a preliminary draft, not the final on which the annexations rests.

Ng said that point concerning the annexation agreement is not clear. She and others with the county will research the record.

The sign banning left turns has been up for years. Anyone building a home in Westbridge, or any golfer, should have been aware of it when first coming to the area, said Imhof.

Imhof compared the situation to the purchase of a home near an airport, when "three years later, (the homebuyers) complain about airport traffic."

A way out of the dilemma is for the city to build a bypass road that it promised as part of the annexation and development of the golf course.

The city is committed to building the road. However, a developer that would have constructed houses and paid for a big segment of the road, gave up development plans during the recession, said city manager Nelson Fialho.

Since a judge said that the city did not have to build the road all at once, the city intends to wait for more development to pay for the road, so it will be phased in, said Fialho. Meanwhile, no one has shown the city any interest in building in the south Pleasanton area, said Fialho.

Westbridge resident Basil Besh said, "It's unfortunate that the bypass road

won't be built in the foreseeable future. However, that can't be used as a pretext to discriminate as to which neighbors are allowed to use which public roads. They are built with taxpayer dollars, and belong to all taxpaying citizens."

Miley has heard from proponents and opponents of the change, but still must consult county records, including the annexation

agreement and another traffic study on a road to the golf course, which still must be completed. Traffic was logged only in one direction, and needs to be counted in the other direction, too, said Ng.

Miley hopes to be able to make the decision at a scheduled Feb. 13 meeting at 7 p.m. at the Palm Pavilion on the fairgrounds, said Ng.

## LAB STORIES

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to achieve 10 Hz repetition rates.

7. Researchers at Livermore help make important discoveries in space and planetary sciences, including solving the riddle of black hole spin using measurements taken by the Nuclear Spectroscopy Telescope Array (NuSTAR). LLNL was involved in both the design and testing of NuSTAR's X-ray optics.

8. Livermore researchers continue to play an important role in the study of climate change, notably identifying a causal connection between human activities and changes in global precipitation patterns.

9. Using data from nuclear testing in the 1950s and 60s, LLNL scientists discover that, in contrast to long-held assumptions, the brain makes new neurons into adulthood.

10. The Laboratory captures five R&D 100 awards, so-called "Oscars of invention," for technologies ranging from improved electron microscope resolution and new materials for aerosol experiments to an integrated suite of supercomputer "miniapps" and improved high-power fiber lasers.

Honorable mentions:

- A newly discovered meteorite mineral is named for LLNL cosmochemist Ian Hutcheon -- Hutcheonite.

- Livermorium goes down in the history books -- this became official in 2012 but the celebration in the U.S. with Russian collaborators was held in 2013.

- Retired Livermore engineer Nick Williams takes top honors in the written category of the Flame Challenge science contest run by Alan Alda with his explanation of "what is time?"

## MAILBOX

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### No to Blended Rail

Robert Allen

Livermore

Former BART Director

I've been working on the railroad,

Retired with 30 years.

High speed rail could be successful,

Though not as yours appears.

"Blended Rail" is not the answer:

Its perils rule that out.

Better, safer go to Oakland

On Amtrak's East Bay Route.

From the south to San Jose;

Much later all the way

To a Bay Rail Hub beneath BART's line.

San Francisco, hey,

Take BART across the Bay.

Much better is this route

of mine!

The judge was right. We

voted in 2008 for "Safe, Reliable High Speed" rail, but

"Blended Rail" is Neither

safe nor reliable.

It would have been much

better, shorter, faster, safer,

and cheaper along I-5 from

LA to Pacheco Pass; and the

Amtrak route from San Jose

north. The first HSR could be

just to San Jose, with cross-

platform transfers to Caltrain

and to Capitol Corridor.

### Thank You Helene Renaud LCTD Donation Coordinator

I have been the Donation Coordinator for the Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner (LCTD) for the past 15 years.

I am so grateful for the support we receive from local businesses and organizations. I would like to thank following: LARPD, Bothwell Arts Center, Livermore Sanitation, DSL West, Costco Wholesale, Lighthouse Inc., Sanctuary Ultra Lounge, Trinity Fresh Produce, Cattleman's Steakhouse, Livermore Henchmen, Laura Bowly Design, CSE Retiree Council #5042, St. Charles Borromoe Church, First Presbyterian Church, Packing Innovators Group, Tri-Valley Auto Body, Knodt's Flowers, Livermore Lodge I.O.O.F. #219, Strizzi's Restaurants, Weinerschnitzel, H&H Sales, Bankhead Theater, Granada High School DECA, Melo's Pizza & Pasta, Piccola Casa, Windmill Farms, Trader Joe's, Shari's Restaurant, Haight Excavating, Anita's Mexican Restaurant, Native Son's of the Golden West Parlor #96, Secure Taxes Inc, Jifco Fabricated Piping, Andrews & Carlo CPA's, Grocery Outlet, Shames Construction, Railroad Cafe, Del Prado Bunko, The PJF Group, Hindu Community & Cultural Center, California Water Service and all the individuals who make this wonderful tradition continue. To you all I send a heartfelt thank you and Happy Holidays.

### No to Drones

Rich Buckley

Livermore

The Amazon delivery service (and other mer-

chants) may rethink their ideas about using drones when local communities pass anti-drone ordinances under pressure from the public. If Amazon's Bazon doesn't get that message, perhaps his attention will be focused when a few hundred thousand of his \$400+ per year user accounts boycott Amazon altogether.

One of the biggest money making promotions on line right now is selling an authentic-looking "Drone Hunting License." Congressional challengers who go strong on anti-government spying rhetoric will start popping out of the woodwork very soon and find themselves elected — same for county sheriff's. People are fed up with this stuff from Presidential foreign policy collateral damage implications down to NSA spy and lie campaign, local sheriffs, and police all giving lip service to how wonderful life will be with drones.

Like Judge Napolitano said, the first person to shoot down an uninvited drone over their own property with a 2nd Amendment weapon, will be a national hero: <http://tinyurl.com/lpzhacd>

### OHV Is Recreation Too

Matt Musgrove

It's funny how the majority fighting for the opening of the Tesla Property to OHV use and the minority pushing against it, happen to have similar goals in mind when it comes to escaping the city and connecting with nature. I am disappointed to hear the opposing side ignorantly attacking our form of recreation and maliciously labeling us. For those attending the Carnegie General Plan meeting this past November, us off roaders outnumbered those against us 10-1, yet we feel as if our voices have not been heard. They are not only wrong on many levels, but if some of them actually spent time around the families and participants within the off road community with an open mind, their assumptions about us and what we are fighting for would evolve.

Also living in a city, I get tired of the hustle and bustle of overcrowded freeways and the busyness of our fast paced society. To escape this madness I find myself

hiking, biking, and fishing in the abundance of East Bay Regional Parks that we are spoiled with in the Bay Area. But my favorite form of recreation is hands down off roading, particularly dirt biking. This is not for everybody, but there are tens of thousands in the Bay Area who enjoy this form of recreation.

The East Bay Regional Park District is the largest urban regional park district in the United States, with 65 parks. Meanwhile, the Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHVMR) division in California has only 8 parks statewide, and only one within the San Francisco Bay Area, which is Carnegie SVRA. Carnegie provides daily OHV recreation for thousands of families and off roaders across the Bay Area and beyond, but we are limited to only 1300 acres of terrain. Not complaining about what is available to us, because Carnegie is a very unique and special property, but it can become overcrowded quickly and safety becomes a concern.

The Tesla Property, which is adjacent to Carnegie and would nearly triple the size of it, was purchased by the OHVMR in 1996 with fees and taxes associated with OHV recreation (which should remain in control by those who purchased it, and be allowed to use it for its purpose). If opened to OHVs, they plan on expanding access not only to motorcyclists and ATV riders, but also to 4-wheel drive vehicles and the booming side-x-side UTV market. All of us Carnegiers have seen how much effort the State Parks department has put into rehabilitating riding areas, protecting sensitive regions of the park, and creating new and sustainable trails that allow us to enjoy and protect Carnegie so the following generations will be able to ride there in the future.

It seems unfair that there are people wanting us to "find another tract of land that is a little more out of the way," or just open the Tesla property to non-motorized recreation. The letters before mine advocating for its closure to OHV use were very poetic, and I could not agree more with what

they said concerning the beauty of our region and its rich history. But how they go about attacking our choice of recreation and the sustainability efforts of the State Parks department belittle us to mere hooligans who hate the environment. They are completely wrong and biased! Many others and I would be more than happy to share this form of outdoor and family recreation with those who do not completely understand it and challenge those misconceptions. It would only be fair to expose what Carnegie has to offer more than what they see driving by on Tesla Road; since many of us do hike, horseback ride, camp, mountain bike, walk our dogs, and fish in the numerous non-OHV regional parks in the Bay Area while not at Carnegie.

We are all so grateful to have Carnegie as a place to escape and enjoy our form of recreation. The importance of having a local riding area remains a priority to thousands of us dependent on its existence. Not all of us depend on Carnegie for economical reasons, but we need it to escape our crazy lives and to remain sane. For some it is an opportunity to bond with their kids, to reflect on life's troubles, a time of fellowship, a weekly exercise routine, or the need to connect with nature. Opinions should be welcome concerning Tesla Property's future, but criticizing our lifestyles and wishing to steal those freedoms from us off roaders will not be tolerated.

### Change Diet

Lucas Nelson

Livermore

With New Year's resolutions just around the corner, consider the popular trend toward a healthy, eco-friendly, compassionate meat-free diet.

According to Harris Interactive, 47% of American consumers are reducing their consumption of animal products. USDA projects this year's per capita chicken and beef consumption to drop by 8% and 17%, respectively, from their 2006 peaks.

Similar dramatic drops are projected for pigs and

turkeys. Milk consumption has fallen by a whopping 40% since 1970.

A number of celebrities are going vegan. They include Bill Clinton, Al Gore, Oprah Winfrey, Ellen DeGeneres, Jay Z and Beyonce. Microsoft founder Bill Gates, PayPal founder Peter Thiel, and Twitter founders Biz Stone and Evan Williams are funding plant-based replacements for meat and eggs.

Fast-food chains like Subway and Chipotle are responding to the growing demand by rolling out vegan options. Taco Bell has found that 43 percent of conversations about meat were negative. The Baltimore, Los Angeles, and San Diego school districts, serving more than a million meals a day, have adopted Meatless Mondays.

How about dropping animals from the menu for this New Year's resolution? Entering "Meatout Mondays" in a search engine brings tons of useful recipes and transition tips.

### Grateful

Wendy Weathers

Livermore

I am grateful to the community of Livermore for participating in the second annual "Make A Difference This Holiday Season" at the Winemaker's Pour House.

Twenty-nine very special community members rushed in to pick up cards from the Christmas Tree at the Winemaker's Pour House on Dec 11th in order to purchase thermal sets for the homeless. During that evening they enjoyed great food, wine, music and raffle prizes. I would like to thank The Winemaker's Pour House for hosting the event and their partner Dom's Outdoor Outfitters. Dom's offered a discount on the thermal sets.

I hope the community will look forward to making a difference during the holiday season for the homeless next year.

Best wishes for the New Year!

The Livermore Homeless Refuge is in need of volunteers for early mornings and graveyard shifts. For more information go to [www.livermorehomelessrefuge.org](http://www.livermorehomelessrefuge.org)

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## 2013 ROUNDUP

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Photos - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore celebrated the 4th of July as John Adams, this nation's second president, said it should be, "It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations . . ." Large crowds gathered at Las Positas College to view the fireworks in the evening. During the afternoon, there was entertainment, and fun for all.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre presented the musical "Oliver" at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. In the photo, orphans perform a musical number.

egrated strategy for land use and transportation designed to curb greenhouse gases and provide more affordable housing opportunities for a growing population. Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty and Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne both voted "no." Haggerty argued that a plan of this magnitude should have been voted on by the people. Thorne was concerned about loss of local land use control.

### AUGUST 2013

Alameda County Local Agency Formation Com-

mission (LAFCO) members began looking at what role the agency might have in preserving and enhancing agriculture and open space in the county. Staff was directed to return in the future with draft policies related to ag and open space preservation. Areas such as Doolan Canyon could be affected if LAFCO were to take a more active role in open space and agricultural preservation. Among the goals listed for Local Agency Formation Commissions in California are discouragement of urban sprawl, and preservation of

open space and prime agricultural lands.

The Livermore Library ability to add to its collection of materials reportedly suffered due to the 33% funding reduction over the past several years. That was just part of the information provided by Tamera LeBeau, the new Director of Library Services, during an update on library services presented to the council. She also announced that storytime sessions would be restored at the Springtown Branch.

The City of Livermore welcomed the participants

in the Intermediate Little League World Series with a parade down First Street. The parade featured Oakland A's mascot Stomper, cheerleaders from both Granada and Livermore high schools, the participating teams and the All-Star Challenger team that will represent District 57 in Williamsport, PA, later this summer. After the procession down First Street, a brief ceremony was held at the plaza in front of the Bankhead Theater. Team members received participation medals.

Three think tanks, the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF), the Heritage Foundation, and the Center for American Progress (CAP), prepared a report that looked at management of the national laboratories. "Turning the Page: Re-imagining the National Labs in the 21st Century Innovation Economy" made a series of nonpartisan recommendations that "if enacted are projected to increase research flexibility, allow for greater cooperation between the labs and the private sector, and promote a more cohesive and efficient research program within the Department of Energy (DOE)."

Michael Harris was selected as Livermore's Police Chief from a competitive pool of nearly forty candidates. He replaced Chief Steve Sweeney, who retired earlier this year. Harris came from the Modesto Police Department, where he achieved the rank of Captain, most recently acting as Operations Division Commander.

The inaugural Intermediate Little League World Series at Max Baer Park in Livermore was declared a big success. Derek Perez, communications representative for the Tri-Valley's Little League teams, stated that the 19 games of the World Series tournament drew roughly 36,000 people. Perez estimated that the crowd at the championship game at 6600. A team from Japan won the title.

The Livermore Police Department began a partnership with the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs and Prevention Advisory Council to increase alcohol safety and awareness among youth and young adults, targeting those 12 to 25 years of age. A federally funded

grant of \$380,000 would be distributed over a period of three years to assist the Livermore Police Department.

The Pleasanton City Council approved 345 apartments and a 39,000 square foot retail center on a 16-acre site at the southeast corner of Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard. The council vote was unanimous. Home Depot at one time had proposed building a second Pleasanton store at the site. The proposal met with strong opposition. The apartment proposal drew only one speaker in opposition.

A recently discovered mineral can't be seen with the naked eye. Hutcheonite, recently named after Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory meteorite researcher Ian Hutcheon, can be seen only with high powered scanning electron microscopes. It is less than one-tenth the width of a human hair and appeared to be similar to 11 of the other newly discovered minerals found in the meteorite Allende.

A Veterans Intern Program Recognition and Celebration ceremony held at Las Positas College marked the completion of the program's pilot year and recognized the partnership that allows local veteran students to obtain hands-on work experience. The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), East Bay Community Services (EBCS), and Las Positas College's Veterans First Program collaborated to develop the Veterans Intern Program.

The 148th Scottish Highland Gathering & Games marked its 20th year at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. On Labor Day weekend in 1994, the gates first opened to the sound of hundreds of bagpipes and drums and the participants first looked at their new home after more than 30 years in Santa Rosa.

The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), the state's new approach to education funding, was still in the refining stages. However, there was a little bit of updated news for the Pleasanton Unified School District. Deputy Superintendent Luz Cázares told trustees that what she estimated in June as \$923,000 in "new, ongoing dollars" has grown

to \$1.1 million, based on the latest information.

Requests for Dublin to ban sales of safe and sane fireworks were rejected by councilmembers. However, they did call for a report that they said would help the city educate people concerning fireworks safety.

The swearing in ceremony for Livermore's new Chief of Police, Michael Harris, was held August 21 at the Robert Livermore Community Center. He suc-

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## Corbett Is Author of New Laws

Senate Majority Leader Ellen Corbett, whose 10th District includes the Valley, wrote bills that went into effect on Jan. 1.

- SB 12 creates a "made in California" program in the governor's Office of Business and Economic Development. It is designed to encourage awareness of consumer products and foster those made in California.

The designation label could be used only on products that are participating in the "Made in California" program.

- SB 109 requires more exits from limousines in the passenger compartment, and mandates their operators to instruct riders about the vehicle's safety features. Among the instruction requirements is to tell passengers how to communicate with the driver after the limo is underway.

Corbett was moved to write the bill because of two Bay Area limousine tragedies. In May, five women were killed on the Haiyard-San Mateo Bridge. In June, there was a second incident in Walnut Creek, in which 10 elderly women narrowly escaped serious injury.

- Corbett's SB 107 is designed to ensure that funds from the Violence Against Women Act will continue to be used to reimburse local law enforcement for the cost of forensic medical examination for victims and survivors of sexual assault.

- SB 130 is intended to ensure that witnesses or victims of crimes are given necessary support during the difficult and traumatic experiences related to testifying in court.

- A clarification of laws on sexual harassment is included in SB 292. The new law says that sexually harassing conduct under the Fair Employment and Housing Act does not need to be motivated by sexual desire in order to be classified as sexual harassment.

- Another new law, SB 454, will allow electric vehicle owners to use a variety of payment methods to charge batteries. Corbett said that the law supports the state's goal of reaching 1.5 million zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) on California roads, and convenient access to ZEV infrastructure by 2025.

Corbett also announced plans to introduce bills that will safeguard elders who are living in care homes that may be going out of business. An incident in Castro Valley in October, in which people were left virtually to fend for themselves when a care facility shut down, highlighted the problems that can develop.

Corbett also said she will introduce legislation that supports the BRAIN Initiative, which aims to map every neuron in the human brain. Corbett explained that the BRAIN initiative can help accelerate new technologies that will provide more jobs for Californians.

The initiative is sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. The intent is to discover new ways to treat, prevent and cure brain disorders, such as Alzheimer's Disease, schizophrenia, autism, and traumatic brain injury.

## Pleasanton Changes Rules in Effort to Improve Wireless Service

The Pleasanton City Council approved changes in a citywide ordinance governing wireless carriers with the goal of improving cellular voice and data coverage throughout the city by expanding wireless carriers' ability to locate new facilities.

The problem is gaps in coverage.

The unanimous vote, at the final meeting in December, supported staff recommendations, with one exception. Staff suggested retaining a 300 foot buffer around certain facilities and a 200 foot buffer from existing homes if a facility were on a water tank. The council disagreed and reduced the buffer area to 200 feet everywhere.

The motion was made by Cheryl Cook-Kallio, who stated, "Three hundred feet is an arbitrary number."

Mayor Jerry Thorne asked what standards were used to select the 300 foot buffer area. He pointed out that radio frequency impacts have been "debunked."

The buffer was set in 1998 when a group of stakeholders provided suggestions, which the council adopted.

Thorne commented, "It appears we are giving ourselves the right to grant exceptions to laws we can't enforce anyway."

No one spoke against the proposed changes.

In 2012, the city surveyed local businesses to better understand the needs of

the business community. Results from that survey showed that local businesses felt strongly that the city was deficient in its telecommunications infrastructure, particularly cellular and broadband service.

Residents have voiced concerns regarding the lack of cellular coverage (voice and data).

The city's current wireless ordinance creates large areas where wireless facilities are prohibited. For example, without regard to aesthetics, the current ordinance prohibits facilities in or within 300 feet of all of the following: the property lines of undeveloped, approved, or existing residences in residential or agricultural or PUD zoning districts with a residential or agricultural zoning designation; existing or approved public or private schools and childcare centers; existing or approved senior care/assisted living facilities and nursing homes; and neighborhood parks, community parks, or regional parks, as designated in the general plan.

Julie Harryman, assistant city attorney, told the council that as a result, carriers have difficulty meeting the needs of businesses and residents because the city's current ordinance is overly restrictive. The 300 foot buffer results in gaps in coverage.

Harryman explained to the council that federal law does not allow the city to regulate locations based on

the effect of radio frequency. The city cannot favor one carrier over another, nor can it prevent a wireless carrier from closing a significant gap in service coverage. However, the city can consider aesthetics in siting.

She pointed out that the city's current regulations may have resulted in more facilities than necessary as carriers try to close coverage gaps; exposed the city to lawsuits if a carrier cannot close a gap; and produced unattractive changes to architecture of a building in an effort to conceal a facility.

The new ordinance prioritizes sites where carriers can locate facilities. First, carriers must locate a new facility in the Commercial, Office, Industrial, or Mixed Use zoning districts. If a carrier can show that it is not feasible to locate in one of those districts, it must then locate in the Agricultural, Public, or Public and Institutional zoning districts. The proposed ordinance maintains "buffer zones" around certain uses for those facilities that are camouflaged instead of concealed. Camouflaged facilities "must be located a minimum of 300' away from the following: existing dwelling units, but not accessory structures; senior care or nursing homes and assisted living facilities; public or private schools for children (including nursery schools); and neighborhood parks, community parks, or regional parks.

The third priority would

be to locate facilities along Iron Horse Trail between Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue. Finally, new facilities are prohibited in all other zoning designations with one exception. New facilities will be permitted on parcels containing a City water tank or on an adjacent parcel) so long as certain requirements are met. Facilities must be located within 200 feet of a City water tank and at least 200 feet away from any existing dwelling unit.

Harryman stated that opening up water tank sites as possible locations for carriers has many benefits. First, it may provide a means for a carrier to close a significant gap in coverage in sections of town that do not contain any of the allowed zoning districts. Second, as a landlord, the city would receive lease revenue from the carrier. Third, as the landlord, the city has an additional means of control regarding the aesthetics of the proposed facility, as well as any proposed modifications or expansions of the facility.

If none of the sites listed in the new ordinance allows a carrier to close a coverage gap, the city can grant an exception to any requirement in the ordinance, if the applicant can show that strict compliance with the code would violate federal or state law.

An e-mail sent out by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce stated, "To the city's credit, staff has been

working to rectify the problem: Pleasanton's antiquated cellular and broadband ordinance. Interestingly, it's not just the business community that's frustrated with poor cell service, but families trying to connect with each other on a daily basis from such locales as the library, schools and sports fields. It's also problematic for those who abandoned home land lines and are exclusively mobile."

Barbara Leslie, director of external affairs for AT&T, stated that the company has significant gaps in coverage in Pleasanton. She provided statistics that show that mobile data use has grown 30,000 percent since 2006. People are removing land lines at the rate of 700 a month. California is the highest consumer of data and wireless technology.

Thorne stated that by not encouraging the location of wireless facilities, the city may put its business park at a disadvantage. He suggested that the city encourage contractors to provide more access to wireless technology.

Councilmember Karla Brown said that she doesn't want to be able to see towers. She said in conducting research, she is pleased with the examples of how towers can be concealed.

Councilmember Kathy Narum added, "I'm ready to go into the 21st century and have my phone work everywhere in the city, which it currently does not."

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Pleasanton National Little League, representing District 57, took on Georgetown Little League team, representing the Central Division, on opening night at the Intermediate Little League World Series. Hall of Fame pitcher Tom Seaver threw out the first pitch. Seaver won 300 games during his big league career. Pleasanton won. In the photo, Seaver gets a high five from Pleasanton catcher Mitch Benson.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Toasting the annual grape harvest during the "Blessing of the Grapes," held this year at C. Tarantino Vineyards, were (from left) vineyard owner Chris Tarantino, Pastor Stephen Wilde, Winegrowers executive director Chris Chandler and Rabbi Laurence Milder.

ceeded interim Chief Randy Sonnenberg, who took over after Chief Steve Sweeney retired earlier this year.

The completion of new restrooms at Sycamore Grove Park in Livermore was marked by a "first flush" ceremony. The restrooms were part of a larger update planned by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District for the park that includes an interpretive nature education.

### SEPTEMBER 2013

Livermore and Pleasanton schools continued to record high districtwide API scores, with Pleasanton at a 909 average and Livermore at an 839 average. The scores were down a bit from last year. Pleasanton's tally in 2012 was 915, and Livermore 847. The state wants to have all districts and each school performing at 800 or above, so both districts are in good shape to meet that requirement. On the other major "report card" concerning school districts, Livermore and Pleasanton again lagged behind the rising standard on the Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) report. The standard is expressed in percentage of students districtwide who are proficient or above in math and English Language Arts (ELA). The mandate for testing comes from the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. If districts don't hit their mandated goals, they must go into Program Improvement (PI), which requires more districtwide procedures for focusing on learning improvement. The current school year will be the third for Livermore and the second for Pleasanton in districtwide PI.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) announced plans to offer a new, free preschool program. Through a grant from First 5 Alameda County, LARPD's Play to Learn pilot program aims to decrease the academic gap seen in low-income areas. In the new Play to Learn class designed for children ages 2.5 to 4, parents or caregiv-

ers attend with the child and take part in a variety of activities such as art, music, cooking and storytelling — all with a focus on play as a tool for learning necessary school skills.

The City of Pleasanton's Paratransit Service (PPS) introduced program changes designed to facilitate convenience for Pleasanton users. The program added stops for the popular Downtown Shuttle Route (DTR) that includes the Dollar Tree store, Wal-Mart Neighborhood Grocery, and the new Gateway Shopping Center on Bernal Avenue.

The division of the state parks department that promotes off-road vehicle recreation wrote a letter of complaint to East Bay Regional Park District demanding that it remove the undeveloped Tesla property from its master plan. The division, formally called the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division, charged in the strongly worded letter that it is "inappropriate" and "purposely misleading" for East Bay Regional Park District to label Tesla "potential parkland" in its planning documents. The Off-Highway Division owns Tesla and intends to develop Tesla for off-road purposes, based at least in part on divided public input. its own master plans.

The Independent newspaper celebrated its 50th anniversary. In recognition of the event, the Livermore City Council issued a proclamation. Mayor John Marchand presented the proclamation to Independent publisher Joan Seppala and associate publisher David Lowell. Marchand stated, "The Independent is an icon in our community. It has provided local information and advocacy the community has needed to make good decisions." He lauded the newspaper for its commitment to the city and the community, open space and the quality of life.

As Pleasanton continues to mature, a report found that redevelopment and infill development would be needed

to accommodate economic growth as greenfield locations dwindle. The aging employment centers are inconsistent with evolving worker preferences. Those were two of the challenges in continuing Pleasanton's economic competitiveness. Key advantages found in the study included strong employment growth, an innovation economy, easy accessibility, and high-value commercial spaces.

Valley Humane Society (VHS) volunteer John Flotten was honored by the Bay Area chapter of the American Red Cross as a Community Service Hero. John coordinates VHS's AniMeals and Canine Comfort Pet Therapy programs. Under his leadership, AniMeals, which distributes dog and cat food and animal supplies to eligible low-income families, grew from distributing a few thousand pounds of food each year to more than 30,000 pounds annually. He also oversaw the recertification for Canine Comfort dogs and handlers. The program forges relationships with new facilities, schedules therapy visitations, and mentors new teams.

Dublin City Manager Joni Pattillo announced her plans to leave her post at the end of the calendar year, after a 25-year career in local government. Pattillo spent the last five and a half years as Dublin's City Manager.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), through Lawrence Livermore National Security LLC (LLNS), was awarded more than \$45 million to develop and deliver a state-of-the-art laser system for the European Union's Extreme Light Infrastructure Beamlines facility (ELI-Beamlines), under construction in Dolní Brežany near Prague in the Czech Republic. The agreement will deliver a laser system with performance far more advanced than current laser systems in the world, allowing the ELI-Beamlines facility to undertake research in areas as diverse as medical imaging, particle acceleration, homeland se-



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Relay For Life of Pleasanton was held on July 27 at Pleasanton Middle School. On hand were 34 teams with 320 participants who helped to raise over \$90,000. The event is held over a 24 hour period during which members of each team take turns walking around the track. In addition, to the relay walk, there is a survivors lap and a luminaria ceremony. All cancer survivors take the first lap around the track to celebrate victory over cancer. The ceremony honors people lost to cancer, those who have fought cancer in the past and those whose fight continues.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

The Fireman's Muster held in downtown Pleasanton featured a bucket brigade, vintage fire trucks, hose pumping contests, an area for children to spray a water hose, live music and safety awareness booths. The Muster was the culmination of a series of events celebrating the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department. A bucket brigade contest was held between city councilmembers from Pleasanton, Dublin and Danville, with Danville winning. In the photo, representatives from Dublin, including Mayor Tim Sbranti (right), councilmembers Abe Gupta and Don Biddle and city attorney John Bakker.

curity and quantum physics, opening up applications in many areas of industry, as well as cutting-edge academic research.

The Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday approved the formation of a 7-member ad hoc committee to oversee the creation of a master plan for the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery. The city purchased the then Pleasanton Memorial Gardens in 2007. It has added a new entrance sign, removed debris and undertaken landscape maintenance. It also added 400 new plots.

The City of Livermore launched an innovative program expected to reduce its energy costs, stimulate the local economy and create local jobs, engage the city's residents and students, and save taxpayers more than \$10 million over the next 25 years, without any up-front outlay of capital funding by the city. With the help of Chevron Energy Solutions, the city installed solar generating capacity at three sites: the Civic Center, main library and airport. In addition, over 6,000 streetlights were retrofitted with new LED technology produced by Livermore-based Bridgelux, which will reduce energy use.

The Pleasanton school board voted unanimously to ask the city to reserve a site for an elementary school as part of the city's East Pleasanton Specific Plan. There was no guarantee that the district would use or need the parcel. However, trustees wanted to have the land reserved in case it is needed.

The Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) voted to incorporate specific language defining prime agricultural land using state policy to be used in determining how LAFCOs proceed with annexations. Prime agriculture land, as defined by the state and adopted by LAFCO, states that it is an area of land, whether

a single parcel or contiguous parcels, that has not been developed for a use other than an agricultural use. The panel also voted to hold a workshop with the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association and the county Agricultural Advisory Committee to learn how each group enhances agriculture. BART began a process of refining a matrix for measuring future projects by using five weighted criteria. Livermore residents told the BART board they think a Livermore extension scores high in all categories. Among the categories considered were equity, the economy, and the environment.

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's inaugural Lobster Clambake fund-raising event welcomed a crowd of nearly 550 guests. LVPAC chairman Phil Wente opened the evening by thanking donors for their generosity and setting a goal of \$100,000 for the event.

Zone 7 Water Agency directors raised connection fees for developers by 2.26 percent. They also learned that the agency's future Chain of Lakes will come into its possession 28 years later than previously expected, a development that could add an unknown amount to future water costs. Zone 7 assumed for years that the gravel quarries would be mined out by 2030, and turned over to the agency free. Companies found much more gravel below the surface than was originally thought. In addition, extraction has been slowed, because of the financial recession, so the mining firms announced they are applying for permit renewals.

Livermore will form an advisory panel to assist in the redesign of the Mills Square Park. The panel will also consider commissioning a Livermore-themed piece of public art to be placed in the park. Mills

Square Park is located at the southeast corner of South Livermore Avenue and First Street. The art would commemorate the discovery of the element Livermorium.

The City of Pleasanton unveiled the results of a one-year renovation to the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center. The renovation included the relocation of the diving pool into the existing 25-meter pool by way of an "L" shaped design; replastering of the two pools; installation of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access to the two pools; deepening of the 25-meter pool for future and potential competitive use; replacing the existing decking; and new plumbing, electrical, heating and filtration systems for the pools.

### OCTOBER 2013

The results of an experiment using Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's National Ignition Facility suggested that researchers are making impressive progress toward the long-sought goal of achieving "ignition" in targets filled with fusion fuel. The experiment produced a record energy output, as reflected by the number of neutrons generated, according to an email to program staff and Laboratory managers from Ed Moses, principal associate director for NIF and Photon Science. More importantly, Moses said, the mechanism that generated the powerful energy burst appeared to be the self-sustaining thermonuclear fusion process that defines ignition.

The 2013-2014 school year marked the Golden Anniversary for Granada High School. Granada was established as the second public high school in Livermore as a response to significant population growth in the 1960s. It officially opened for its first class in 1963.

New and ongoing fundraising activities continued

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to engage a broader segment of the community in support of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC), resulting in both added commitments and increased year-on-year donations. The Inaugural Annual LVPAC Lobster Clambake surpassed the \$100,000 target that the LVPAC Board set for the event's first year. LVPAC's membership reached an all-time record of 575 members.

A recent purchase option expanded the Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park to beyond 9,000 acres when the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Board authorized the purchase of 231.57 acres directly to the east of Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park and west of the Pleasanton's Alviso Adobe Park. The land was owned by Castleridge Property.

Brock Roby was announced Friday as the 2013 recipient of the annual Pleasanton Mayor's Award. Mayor Jerry Thorne said of Brock Roby that he had organized a Pleasanton E-Soccer (Exceptional Children Soccer). He is also president of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, chairs the city's Human Services Com-



Harvest Park Middle School's leadership class organized a Pink Day for Breast Cancer Awareness in October. Students gathered for a commemorative photo.

mission, and serves on the Pleasanton Advisory Board for Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley and on the East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force. He served on the Pleasanton Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee from 2008

to 2010. Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory remained open. However, the possibility increased that it would close its doors if the shutdown in Washington continued, according to unofficial sources at the Lab.



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Livermore High School varsity football game, students, teachers and fans were able to purchase a strip of duct tape for \$1 and duct tape the school principal, Alberto Solorzano, to a wall as a fund-raiser for Jr. Prom. Jr. Class leadership representative, Gabrielle Quintana, came up with the idea and approached Mr. Solorzano for his consent, which he gave. Pictured are some of the students applying tape to the principal.

The Laboratory operated temporarily using funds carried over from the last fiscal year, 2013, which ended September 30, to the current one.

The Dublin City Council cleared the way for developing a 24-acre linear nature park along the Iron Horse Trail. Natural features will predominate at the north end of the park. Activity spaces are to be located at the park's south end, near a parking lot for 14 cars.

Pleasanton planned to begin updating its housing element with the goal of completing it by January 15, 2015. Janice Stern, planning manager, told the council, "There will be less emphasis on finding potential housing sites." Many of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) numbers assigned to Pleasanton for the 2015-2023 planning cycle were accommodated under the current housing element. Pleasanton's assigned housing numbers for the next cycle include 2053 units; 1500 in the 23 to 30 units per acre range and 553 single family homes. Because of earlier rezonings, Stern stated that Pleasanton would only need to find sites for 325 multi-family units and 344 single family homes. "We are looking to East Pleasanton for some of the 669 units."

The Livermore City Council approved an ordinance designed to provide the city with a stronger tool to stop drug activities that are having a negative impact on a neighborhood. The ordinance authorizes the city attorney's office to initiate a civil abatement proceeding only upon referral from the Livermore Police Department. It is intended to be a tool of last resort to be used only when conventional law enforcement is unsuccessful in eliminating the continued use of a property for illegal drug activities.

Three Democrats and one Republican announced plans to run for the 16th Assembly district seat of Assemblymember Joan Buchanan (D) that will be vacated after the 2014 election. Dublin

Mayor Tim Sbranti, Danville Mayor Newell Arnerich, and Orinda Councilmember Steve Glazer are the Democrats. The Republicans are represented by Catharine Baker, a Dublin resident who works for a law firm based in Pleasanton.

In an effort to arm high school students with the skills they will need to compete for and land important high-tech jobs - especially those in the shifting manufacturing field - Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore piloted its first-ever Design-to-Manufacturing Academy (DMA) event. It consisted of three half-days and involved several members of Sandia's technical staff and 15 high school students from Livermore, Dublin and Oakland. Students learned, through step-by-step modules, what it takes to manufacture a small part for a robot.

The Pleasanton City Council okayed eight options, ranging from 1000 to 2270 units, to be included in the environmental impact review of proposed development in east Pleasanton. The 1110 acre study area is located on the eastside of Pleasanton. Zone 7 controls 704 acres. About 100 acres being planned for development are located outside the urban growth boundary (UGB) approved by Pleasanton voters. Each of the eight plans offered a different aspect that will provide the council with information on a variety of issues when it comes time to select the final plan. Number of units, mix of units and location, school site and park locations varied.

Sophomores in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, instead of heading to early morning classes, took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The school district partnered with the Pe-

drozzi Scholarship Foundation to fund taking part in the College Board's PSAT/NMSQT Early Participation Program - an initiative designed to increase access for, and involvement of, all students in the college-going and career-planning process.

The Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District selected Barry A. Russell, Ph.D., as the sixth President of Las Positas College in Livermore. Russell served as the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs in the office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges in Sacramento.

Kevin Laue, a 23-year-old graduate of Amador Valley High School, was featured in the movie, "Long Shot." It's about how he overcame great odds to become a Division I college basketball player, despite being born with only one hand. The 6-11 Laue made a name for himself in the Valley a few years ago playing a center on Amador's team. Then he went on to a scholarship at Manhattan College, where he played basketball and earned a degree in business in three years.

The Livermore City Council approved the purchase of 81 acres in Doolan Canyon. The site is adjacent to 117 acres already owned by the city creating an almost 200 acre parcel at the entrance to the canyon. The price of the new property is \$840,000. Half of the funds were to come from the open space fee established as part of the Altamont Landfill settlement, the other half from the city's transfer of development credit (TDC) in lieu fee.

A proposal to conduct a feasibility study to determine the cost and location of a facility that would house history, art and science met with approval by the Livermore City Council. Staff was

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## Pleasanton Unveils Spring 2014 Activities Guide

Pleasanton residents can register for a wide array of activities and programs offered in the Spring 2014 Activities Guide published by the City's Community Services Department. Residents will find the latest copy of the activities guide in their mailbox in the coming days, offering programs, classes and activities for all ages. To view the guide online, please visit [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/pdf/CoP\\_Spring14\\_ActGuide\\_web.pdf](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/pdf/CoP_Spring14_ActGuide_web.pdf).



plants, learn how to build emergency shelters and much more. Dress with the weather in mind and pack a lunch and water each day.

"Girls Getting Out" is another new class for kids ages 9 to 13 who will enjoy an afternoon Girl Power hike. Participants will explore the Bernal Creek and ponds

and discover the fascinating plants and wildlife that call the park home in a moderate level hike led by Megan Kummer.

Meanwhile, adults can participate in the new Open Gym Pickleball program offered each Sunday morning at the Pleasanton Middle School gym, where new players are always welcome. Pickleball is described as a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. It was the first new sport added for competition in the National Senior Games in 20 years.

For more information about these and all of the classes in the spring activities guide, contact the Pleasanton Community Services Department at 931-5340.

## SPORTS NOTES

### Cyclone Wrestling

Livermore's Cyclone wrestling club competed at the Bay Area Wrestling Association Championships at Serra High School in San Mateo this past Sunday.

Leading the way was 7th grader William Eads. William finished in first place and had 3 wins, 2 by technical fall. His first place finish qualified him for the prestigious Tournament of Champions in Loomis next March. Teammate Mya Waechter, 7th grade, had a long, good day with 6 matches. She finished in 3rd place and had 1 pin. 8th grade captain Coben Turk placed for the second tournament in a row. He had 1 pin and finished in 3rd place. 7th grader Ethan Montesinos wrestled well all day. He had 1 pin and finished in 3rd place.

Moving up a division and a weight class, 7th grader Brandon Archer showed tremendous heart, but fell short of placing by one match. The club will be competing this Sunday in Turlock at the T. O. C. qualifying tournament at Turlock High School. The Cyclone wrestling club practices at Cyclone MMA in Livermore.

### LGSA Evaluations

LGSA Evaluations: LGSA player evaluations will take place on January 11 at Joe Michell. All players in age groups 8U through 14U must attend an evaluation. Players must be registered prior to January 11, on-site player registration will not be available at evaluations. Visit [www.LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org](http://www.LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org) for more information.

### Track and Field

Athenian Athletics Track Club invites athletes ages 7-18 to participate in fall and winter practice sessions to prepare for the 2013-2014 Track and Field season as well as training for the upcoming Winter season series of competitions at Cal Berkeley and Los Gatos High School.

Practices will be held on a voluntary/drop-in basis Monday through Friday. Club participants will have the option of competing for either (or both) AAU and USATF Track and Field events. For practice time and location, please visit facebook page, and group under Athenian Athletics. Any questions please feel free to contact Coach Rik Richardson at 925-518-9356 or e-mail [atheniantrack@hotmail.com](mailto:atheniantrack@hotmail.com).

### Bocce Kits for Rent

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is making bocce ball kits available for rent to the public.

Bocce ball kits can be checked out for a week at a time from the Robert Livermore Community Center. The kits are available at the front counter from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Rental for one week is \$20, plus a \$40 refundable deposit by credit card or cash - a total of \$60. The \$40 deposit is refundable if equipment is returned in good condition. Kits are rented on a first-come, first-served basis; reservations are not available in advance. Rental of a bocce ball kit does not guarantee a bocce ball court will be available.

The Robert Livermore Community Center is located at 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Bothwell Park is located at 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. For more information, call 925-373-5700.

### Lacrosse in Livermore

Learn to play the fastest game on two feet. Registration for the Livermore Phantom Lacrosse Spring 2014 season is still open but spots on teams are filling fast. Boy's rules teams are forming for players born between September 1, 1998 and August 31, 2006. Boy's rules team are open to both boys and girls. The season runs early-January through May. For more information and to register on-line go to [www.phantomlacrosse.org](http://www.phantomlacrosse.org).

### Livermore Half Marathon

The new Livermore Half Marathon will run on March 29, 2014, according to event producer Project Sport.

Runners will pass through our downtown, into the vineyards and finish on First Street.

Local leaders have been working with Project Sport to conceptualize a springtime event mixing fitness with entertainment. The result will be the 13.1 mile run followed by a downtown festival of local wineries, craft beer, artisan chefs, specialty boutique shopping and live music.

Registration for the Livermore Half Marathon is underway. Pre-registration will continue at \$69 through January 3. Entry will approach its full price of \$89 as race day nears. Register at [livermoremarathon.com](http://livermoremarathon.com).

### Triathlon Club

Tri-Valley Triathlon Club will hold its 2014 Kick Off Meeting on Wednesday, January 15.

It will be held at TriNow Fitness in Dublin starting at 7 p.m. New, current and continuing members are invited to attend. Meet the coaches and sponsors.

A free race entry will be among the prizes given away (must be present to win).

For information, go to [www.trivalleytriclub.com](http://www.trivalleytriclub.com)

### Outlaws 13U Baseball

The Livermore Outlaws Baseball Club is currently holding team tryouts for the Spring season travel team.

Practices and evaluations are now being held in Livermore. The Outlaws are in their fourth year of operations and the coaching staff has over 40 years of combined baseball coaching experience. All competitive players from the Tri-Valley area are welcome to attend an open practice. Please contact the Outlaws to schedule an evaluation at [Outlawstravelball@yahoo.com](mailto:Outlawstravelball@yahoo.com).

### Mavericks FastPitch 12U

The Mavericks FastPitch 12U Livermore team is still looking for a few more girls to round out its roster for 2014. The focus for this coming year is player development, play time and growth as an A-team. The coaching staff is committed to applying their positive coaching philosophies to foster a safe and ideal growing environment. To schedule a private tryout or to learn more about the Mavericks organization please contact us at [MavericksFastPitch@hotmail.com](mailto:MavericksFastPitch@hotmail.com) or visit [www.mavericksfastpitch.com](http://www.mavericksfastpitch.com).

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Meets: 4th Tuesday, 4:30 pm, Civic Center Library Board Room, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. Next meeting: January 28, 2014.

Applicants to City Advisory Bodies are required to attend at least one meeting of the Advisory Body applied for prior to the interview and must reside within the City limits. For an application or more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 925-960-4200 or online at [www.cityoflivermore.net](http://www.cityoflivermore.net).

Applications are due to the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 pm, Friday, January 31, 2014.

# 2013 ROUNDUP

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Rain didn't dampen the spirits of those attending the 'Splatter' event in Dublin at Emerald Glen Park. The event included food, wine, and art. There were works of art created in produce, bubbles, words and paint. Wine and food tasting took place in a special pavilion.

directed to prepare a report and return to the council for further discussion and a decision.

In a surprise move, Parney Albright resigned as director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory at the end of October to pursue "broader interests and contributions to the U.S. national security enterprise." Albright had served as Laboratory director since December 2011. Bret Knapp, principal associate director for weapons programs at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), was appointed acting LLNL director and LLNS president.

Kendra Monica was voted Livermore High School's 2013 Homecoming Queen. Kendra, an 18-year-old developmentally disabled senior, has performed for four years on the school's special ed cheerleading squad, the Shooting Stars. As nominees waited to learn who had been elected queen, not even advisors knew that a secret plan had been put in place to ensure Kendra was selected. It wasn't needed.

## NOVEMBER 2013

The Pleasanton Library celebrated its sliver anniversary with a series of special events culminating with a dance gala at the library. The library opened at 400 Old Bernal Ave. in 1988. Since then, circulation has risen from 35,000 items per month then to 120,000 items now. The library serves a population of more than 14,000 youths. More than 12,000 of them are registered cardholders.

Sacramento Superior Court Eugene Balonon ruled against the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) in its request to declare an agreement with the City and the former Redevelopment Agency an enforceable obligation. Balonon found that the State Department of Finance was within the law when it determined the agreement was not an enforceable obligation. At issue in the lawsuit filed by LVPAC was a 2011 Disposition and Development Agreement (amended DDA) to develop a 2000-seat performing arts center that was executed by LVPAC, the City, and the former Redevelopment Agency. LVPAC stated that the DDA was an enforceable obligation because it was a "valid contract containing

enforceable obligations." The judge noted that LVPAC had not sold the bonds as the DDA required. LVPAC argued that the state had blocked LVPAC from selling bonds and that; LVPAC should not be penalized for the state's action.

The Pleasanton City Council approved a feasibility study and authorized staff to prepare environmental documents to address both the state and federal governments' regulations regarding the use of recycled water. Pleasanton was the only Tri-Valley community that did not have an integrated built-out recycled water system. The city's feasibility study, which looked at potential customers, costs, and benefits, was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board, which will allow the city to apply for loans and grants to implement the program. The study had not yet been endorsed by the Bureau of Reclamation.

The Livermore City Council approved hiring a firm to conduct the environmental review (EIR) for Sunset Development proposals. Sunset Development had filed applications with the City of Livermore to redevelop two office properties to residential uses. Demolition of existing office buildings would be required for the proposed change in use. Both sites would have to be rezoned to allow for the new use. Neighbors of the sites have been opposed to the change in use. They worried about traffic, school overcrowding, and the loss of neighborhood serving businesses.

Officials gathered to mark the opening of the Stoneridge Drive extension, a cooperative effort that involved Pleasanton, Alameda County, Dublin, and Livermore. The extension to El Charro Road now provides a link to Jack London Boulevard in Livermore. The \$13 million project covers 2.7 miles of roadway and 1.2 miles of bicycle lane. Two parallel bridges cross the Arroyo Mocho.

The Dublin City Council approved a general plan amendment (GPA) and related planning changes for a 189-acre development on part of the Camp Parks site. The approval will permit up to 1995 residential units, commercial space ranging from a minimum of 75,000 square feet to a maximum

of 200,000, an elementary school site for 900 students, and a community park that is seen as the future location of the Valley Children's Museum. The entire project's 189 acres is bounded by Scarlett Drive to the west, Dublin Boulevard to the south, Arnold Road to the east and 5th Street to the north on the Camp Parks base. The development is expected to be constructed in five phases.

Save Mount Diablo secured its top priority acquisition, the 1,080 acre Curry Canyon Ranch. The land was purchased from the estate of Ettore and Geraldine Bertagnolli for \$7.2 million. The organization has three years to raise the funds to permanently protect the land. The property is surrounded by Mt. Diablo State Park on three sides, including half of its nine mile boundary.

Unlike an earlier plan, the latest proposal to build housing for low income seniors in Pleasanton met with approval on the part of the city council and members of the public. The project, comprised of 185 units, will be constructed on two adjacent sites totaling about 6.5 acres. The new units replace 90 aging and outdated homes at Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens. Kottinger Place is owned by the city. Pleasanton Gardens is owned by a non-profit. Pleasanton Gardens management would transfer the land, its section 8 contracts and available financial reserves to the city. In exchange, the city agreed to house current Pleasanton Gardens residents in the new development at the current rental payments.

It was announced that the Little League Intermediate World Series would return to Livermore in 2014. The Series for 11-13 year olds will be played July 29 to August 4 at Max Baer Park.

Foothill High School in Pleasanton inaugurated its bio-med career track with a ribbon-cutting attended by parents, students and the two teachers who are leading the classes. Approximately 150 students attend five sections every day. All four grade levels at the high school were represented.

Livermore middle school students will enjoy a full slate of competitive sports, thanks in part to the The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF), which



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The 39th annual Foothill High School Band Review was held October 26 in Pleasanton. The review showcased 55 bands competing in parade and field show events, as well as in concert. Pictured is one of the bands marching down Main Street during the parade competition.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Members of the Before School Running Club at Junction Avenue K-8 School in Livermore were given tips on stretching and running by volunteers from Nike. Close to 25 runners met Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at the track during the school year.

awarded \$7,000 to middle school sports programs in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. The money will help cover the cost of boys' and girls' fall and winter sports teams. Barons Jeweler contributed over \$4,000 of the funding, even though the business is located outside the Livermore school district.

The off-road division of the California Parks Department issued a "preferred concept" planning document for the Tesla site that would turn it into a comprehensive off-road-vehicle park, expanding the recreational opportunities that now exist at the smaller Carnegie site next door. Tesla is owned by the Parks Department, whose Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division is expected "to acquire, develop, and operate state-owned vehicular recreation areas," according to its official literature.

A new coalition called, "Money Out, People In" aimed to take big money out of politics. The grassroots effort include educating the public and elected officials about the importance of removing big money influence. One of the coalition members, the Livermore-Amador League of Women Voters (LWV), presented a forum on the subject at the Livermore Library. The local LWV followed the lead of the California LWV in adopting campaign finance reform as one of its priorities.

The state estimated that Zone 7 Water Agency would receive only 5 percent of its normal allotment next year, based on current levels in reservoirs and dams. If the worst scenario becomes a reality, there is a two year water supply in the underground basin. The impact of not receiving the normal allotment would be that the basin could not be replenished.

The search process for



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley kicked off the renovation of a home located at 457 Andrews Street in Livermore. When completed, it will be fully renovated, made accessible for disabled persons and sold to a Veteran's family. Congressman Eric Swalwell (pictured) participated in the project. The City of Livermore is supporting Habitat's Veteran's Homeownership program through a loan fund to acquire existing single-family homes in Livermore, especially targeting those which are foreclosed, vacant or in need of significant rehabilitation.

the 12th director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and president of Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS), began. The effort will be led by a search committee and a screening task force, both of which include LLNL colleagues, academic leaders from UC and other higher education institutions, along with noted scientists and administrators knowledgeable

about LLNL, its scientific work and its role as a DOE/NNSA laboratory. In addition, an ex2ecutive search firm was hired.

The Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC) launched a new program designed to engage youth in the arts. It is anticipated that over 1000 youth would eventually be served by the program. The goal is to develop an appreciation of arts

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## SHORT NOTES

### Volunteers Sought

Volunteers are sought to help with a project at Quarry Lakes in Fremont on January 4.

The East Bay Regional Park District will have approximately 800 Christmas trees at the Lake. The trees will be tied to chains and then anchored to the bottom of the lake.

Boy Scouts, Bass Club and other volunteers will help with the project.

There will be a continental breakfast and tri-tip lunch.

Mike Riehl is the project advisor. Those wishing to participate can contact him at mike@riehls.com or 443-2913.

### Polar Bear Slide

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District will hold its annual Polar Bear Slide on January 4.

The event will take place from 11:30 a.m. to noon at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue,

Livermore. Hot chocolate will be waiting for those brave enough to take the slide.

There is no charge to participate. For information, go to [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us)

### Retired Teachers Luncheon

The January California Retired Teachers Association CalRTA luncheon will be held on Tuesday, January 21 at 11:30 at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin.

Bonnie Weiss will be the guest speaker.

Weiss first talked about Jerome Kern ('06), then Fred Astaire ('12) and at the January luncheon her presentation will remember Gene Kelly, an American dancer, actor, singer, film director, producer, and choreographer. Kelly was known for his energetic and athletic dancing style, his good looks and the likable characters

that he played on screen. He is perhaps best remembered for his performances in 'Singing in the Rain' and 'An American in Paris.'

Weiss is a seasoned theatre educator, writer, radio and cabaret producer. She teaches musical theatre appreciation for Bay Area Classic Learning Road Scholar (Elderhostel) programs and for S.F. State, Santa Clara, and Dominican University OLLI. She also lectures at retirement communities and other organizations throughout California.

Please call (925) 462-7495 for more information about the meeting.

### Developmental Assets for Youth

"What's wrong with kids today?" If you believe that young people are key to shaping a better world then join First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, 2020 5th Street, in

asking the question: "What's right with young people today?"

On Sunday, January 19th at 12:15 PM, School Psychologist Linda Taylor will lead an introduction to the Developmental Assets. Developmental Assets is an inspiring and effective way of relating to young people that focuses not on their problems, but on their strengths. It is based on extensive research on resiliency in young people. The 40 Developmental Assets are building blocks that young people need to grow up healthy, caring, and productive.

This is not a parenting workshop, although parents will be inspired by this message. This is not specifically a workshop for people who are in youth oriented professions or for those who have previously volunteered with youth, although youth workers will be inspired also.

The public is invited to register to join this inspiring discussion. Registration is available after church in Fellowship Hall

on Sundays, or online at [www.fpcpl.us](http://www.fpcpl.us)

### Live Scan Opens In Livermore

AAA Live Scan is hosting a Livermore Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting at noon on January 7.

Owner of Live Scan is Beverly Castillo. The business is located at 1576 2nd St. #E, (corner of P and 2nd), Downtown Livermore.

Services provided are Live Scan / Fingerprinting, Notary, and I.D./Passport Photos. Also available is mobile service for groups of 10+.

Office hours are M-F 10a-5p. Sat & Sun available by appointment.

Beverly, a local Livermore resident, has worked in this industry for a number of years and says she is excited to now open her own facility.

Information can be found at [www.aalivescanlivermore.com](http://www.aalivescanlivermore.com).

### Excel Classes

The Pleasanton Library is presenting Excel classes in beginners and intermediate levels. Gain skills for career advancement, learning formatting, and more. Classes are taught by a finance professional with over 10 years of experience.

After a break for the holidays, a new class series is scheduled for the New Year. Sign up for one or two following sessions to be held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Library: Wednesday, January 8: Beginners Excel; Wednesday, January 29: Intermediate/Advanced Excel.

Registration is required, as space is limited. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400, extension 4.

All library programs are free and open to all.

## OBITUARIES

### Open House Celebration of Life Planned for Bob Baltzer

Robert Baltzer, who passed away in early December was well known and liked around the community. He served in the Air Force for 16+ years, and was a LLNL employee for over 25 years.

Many people knew him from recent activities in local politics, the Bankhead Theater, Friends of the Vineyards and more.

It was his wish that no ceremony or funeral occur. However, his family and friends will be gathering at his home at 944 El Caminito, Livermore on Sunday, January 5th anytime from 1pm-4pm for an Open House to drink a toast, tell a story, or just enjoy photographs and memories together.

### Travis Gainous

Travis Gainous passed away on December 21, 2013.

He is survived by his two daughters, Lisa Neri and Tina Bilodeau, five grandchildren, and four granddogs. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife Linda.

Funeral services were held Friday December 27 at Callaghan's Mortuary. Burial followed at St. Michael's Cemetery

### Marie Frances Coe

On December 20, 2013 our loving "Mom", Marie Frances Coe, went to her

heavenly rest peacefully, with her family by her side. Marie was a tireless and devoted

wife, mother, and grandmother whose family was the center of her life.

Born March 20, 1920 in Parkersburg, West Virginia the second of eight children of the Doyle family, Marie worked for American Viscose Company crafting material for use in the Second World War while beginning her married life with William Hersel Coe in 1938. Later she worked in food service for Borg-Warner Corp. while raising her family. She often volunteered time at the local schools, her church and the Lions Club in Parkersburg and everyone at these various organizations looked forward with delight to her wonderful cooking.

In 1969 Marie and her husband Bill moved to Southern California where together they began a successful career in property management with ICI. They first worked in Garden Grove, then San Clemente and finally at the Newport Terrace Apts. in Upland from which they retired in the late 1980s Marie's integrity and sense of caring won her praise and recognition from her employer and clients (many of her clients were still in touch long after she had retired).

Marie is survived by her

younger sisters, Anne and Dottie, her children Bill (Ruth) Coe of Garden Grove and Connie (Frank) Cannella of Livermore. Her cherished grandchildren include Robin (Dan) Jenks, Andrew Allen, Heidi (Tabi) Allen, Brian (Danielle) Cannella and Lauren Cannella. And, finally she was especially delighted with her great grandchildren, Joshua and Jeremy Jenks, Sophia Allen, Kaitlyn Cannella and Zachary Cannella whose arrival just 5 weeks ago brought her much joy at Thanksgiving.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband William Hersel Coe in 1990 and treasured grandson Timothy Daniel Coe in 1993.

Marie last resided in Heritage Estates in Livermore where she was treated like royalty by everyone. He family would like to say "thank you" to all those cherished friends who brought light to her life every day she was there. Gifts in lieu of flowers may be given to Hope Hospice of the Tri-Valley or In Touch Ministries. Her final resting place will be in Southern California.

### Warren MacLeod Annis

Warren MacLeod Annis passed away on December 21, 2013, from natural causes.

At the time of his death Warren had been living in Livermore for 2½ years after residing in the same house in Pleasanton since 1950.

Warren was born on October 21, 1920, in Duluth, Minnesota, the last of six children of Roderick Dhu Annis and Ethel Foss Annis. He attended Duluth, MN schools, graduating from Central High School and Duluth State Teacher's College (now the University of Minnesota at Duluth) with a degree in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. After graduating college in December of 1943 Warren attended the Naval Reserve Midshipman's Officer's Training School (aka "90 day Wonder") at Columbia University in New York, NY, graduating as an Ensign on June 29, 1944.

On July 3, 1944, he mar-

ried Fannie Lambert, his college sweetheart, on his way to his assignment to the Amphibious Base at Coronado, California. Warren was then deployed to the USS Menard, APA 201, and sailed in the South Pacific arena during World War II, participating in the landing at Okinawa on April 1, 1945. His ship also transported the first occupational troops into Nagasaki, Japan, after the dropping of the atomic bomb.

After World War II, Warren came to Pleasanton, California in 1948 to work at the Jackson Perkins Company's rose growing grounds as timekeeper and eventually became Office Manager.

In March of 1956, he joined the late Ernest W. Schween in the insurance business, taking over the business in 1963 upon the death of Mr. Schween. Warren had an insurance office, a building he owned, at 99 W. Neal Street, Pleasanton, CA, for nearly 30 years.

During his retirement, Warren delivered "Meals on Wheels" for 18 years and he also worked in his wood-working shop, becoming an expert at the woodworking skill of intarsia, a form of wood inlaying that is similar to marquetry. Warren loved playing bocce ball at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Fannie and Warren also traveled the world during their time together.

Warren was the Charter Secretary of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton in 1965 and served as that club's President in 1968-69. He also served on numerous committees over the years. In 2011, Warren was awarded the first Lifetime Membership ever given by the club. A club scholarship, which Warren helped found in 1967, was named after him, becoming the "Warren Annis Service-Above-Self Scholarship."

Warren also served as Secretary of the Pleasanton Water District in the 1960's and 1970's as Pleasanton was experiencing significant growth. The Pleasanton Water District was ultimately taken over by Zone 7.

Warren is survived by his children, Larry (Carolyn) of Pleasanton, CA and Jim (Gini) of Reno, NV, his grandsons, Greg Annis of Oakland, CA, Keith Annis of Lima, Peru, Kevin (Megan) Annis of Reno, NV, and Brian Annis of Burbank, CA, and his great grandchildren, Connor and Hailey Annis.

He was predeceased by his parents and five siblings and his wonderful wife of 68+ years, Fannie.

There will be a heartfelt Celebration of Life for Warren on Sunday, January 19, 2014 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA at 2:00PM. Warren asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to: The Warren Annis Service-Above-Self Scholarship c/o The Rotary Club of Pleasanton Foundation, P.O. Box 352, Pleasanton, CA 94566 or Children Incorporated, 4205 Dover Road, Richmond, VA 23221.

### Travis Ryan Haney

Resident of Livermore, CA

Travis was born on December 3, 1980, and passed away in the comfort of his home on December 14, 2013 in Livermore, CA. He was 33 years old. Travis loved to go camping, fishing, and boating. Basically anything outdoors was right up his alley. He recently visited Yosemite, another favorite spot of his. Travis will be remembered for his kind heart and energetic personality.

Travis is survived by his fiancée Julie Kokanour, his parents Patrick Haney of Livermore, Deborah Haney of Pleasanton, and his brother Thomas Haney of Livermore.

A Celebration of Travis' Life will be held on Friday, January 3, 2014 from 10AM to 12PM at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550

### Leona Perez

Jan. 17, 1934 - Dec. 24, 2013

On December 24, 2013, the Lord took our beloved mother to be closer to him. She passed away on one of her favorite holidays. She loved dancing to Cumbias with her husband and having family gatherings. Leona was a wonderful hard working person who raised nine children.

She was born in Denver, Colorado one of twelve children. She was not only our mother but also a wife, aunt, sister and grandmother (NANA) to 27 grandchildren and great grandmother to 12 great grandkids.

She leaves behind a sister, Carmen Morales of Texas, a brother Amos Segundo of Nevada, her devoted and loving husband Andres Perez, as well as her children - Steven Duenas of Arizona, Virginia Martinez

from Roseville, Margaret Gonzalez from San Juan Bautista, Manuela Flores from Oakley, Olga Cascos of Nevada, Maria Medina from Manteca, Fred Anaya from Brentwood, Sylvia Anaya from Livermore, and Roger Anaya from Stockton. She will be missed but forever in our hearts.

Her funeral mass was celebrated on December 31st 2013 at St Michaels Catholic Church 458 Maple St. Livermore. She was laid to rest at St. Michaels Cemetery in Livermore, California.

### Thomas Arthur Brewer

Sept. 12, 1941 - Dec. 6, 2013

Resident of Livermore

Tom Brewer, 72, passed away at home following

a three year battle with lung cancer. Tom was born to Thomas Albinas Brewer and Pauline Sligar in Bell,

CA. The family moved to Billmore, Missouri in 1946 where Tom's dad operated a commercial moss farm until 1951 when the family returned to Bell, CA.

Tom graduated from Cal State Los Angeles in 1965 with a degree in Accounting and Real Estate and was very active in the Theta Chi Fraternity. He interrupted his graduate work to enter the US Air Force in 1966. Tom married the former Carlota Franklin in 1967. Tom was stationed in Maine and transferred to RAF Alconbury, England where he worked in the Finance Branch of the Comptroller Division reaching the rank of Captain. He was honorably discharged in 1973.


Tom and Carlota settled in Boston, MA where he went to work for Touche Ross & Co. as a Senior Accountant. They moved to Los Gatos, CA after the birth of their daughter, Amy, in 1976. Tom received his Certified Public Account license in 1977 forming his own firm, Brewer, Grose and Company with a former col-

league. Tom also completed his Masters Degree in Taxation and became a Certified Fraud Examiner during that time. The company operated for 18 years with Tom selling his portion of the business to Vavrinek, Trine, Day and Co., LLP in 1995 where he worked as a partner until his retirement in 2011.

After Tom and Carlota divorced in 1997, Tom met his wife, Patricia and together they spent the next 16 years enjoying hiking, traveling, entertaining their friends and family, gardening, fishing and spending time with their children and grandchildren. Tom also loved golf and politics. Tom's sparkling blue eyes, easy laugh, kind nature and dry sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Jeanie. Tom is survived by his wife, Patricia and daughter Amy (Jeff) Sandy. He also leaves behind two stepdaughters, Jennifer Morris and Alison (Steven) Curtner and seven grandchildren, Siena, Katerina, Tanner and Lauren Sandy, Ryan Morris, and Jack and Audrey Curtner. Tom is also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Tom's Life will be held at Ravenswood Estate in Livermore on Saturday, January 4, 2014 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society. Burial will be private at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Sutter Creek, CA.



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# 2013 ROUNDUP

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Pleasanton hosted the annual Veterans parade and ceremonies on Nov. 3 in the downtown. The official Veterans Day holiday was Mon., Nov. 11.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Officials gathered to mark the opening of the Stoneridge Drive extension, a cooperative effort that involved Pleasanton, Alameda County and other communities in the region. The extension to El Chorro Road provides a link to Jack London Boulevard in Livermore. The \$13 million project covers 2.7 miles of roadway and 1.2 miles of bicycle lane. Two parallel bridges cross the Arroyo Mocho.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

The annual Holiday Parade in downtown Pleasanton featured a variety of festive entries ranging from floats filled with children to prancing horses. Following the parade, the annual tree lighting ceremony took place in front of the Museum on Main.

it opened in 2006 on Eighth Street in Livermore. 2013 saw a 75 percent increase in visual arts classes alone, filling the calendar and making the booking of new rentals challenging. With studios, as well as space for classes, workshops, rehearsals, displays, and events, the Bothwell can support a wide range of visual artists, as

well as teachers of the arts. The BART Board of Directors backed away from a proposal to include a downtown alignment as part of the project level environmental impact report (EIR) for a BART extension to Livermore. Several directors had

suggested that the study include a BART extension to downtown Livermore, a route rejected by the city's residents. Board member Tom Radulovich from San Francisco argued that the route through downtown to Vasco Road represented a

21st century project, taking people to places where they want to go rather than having to take a bus the last mile.

Senator Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) announced the formation of a new legislative caucus focused on

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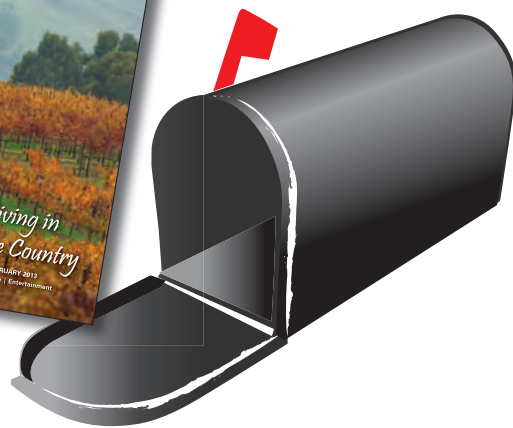
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and culture. Groups belonging to LCAC pledged fifty free tickets per performance for students. The program builds on LVPAC's existing youth programs.

The Alameda CTC Commission voted to return to voters with a transportation sales tax measure in November 2014. If approved by 66.67% of voters, it will implement the Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) that was developed with significant public input. The 2014 ballot measure will not extend the tax in perpetuity. Among the items on the TEP is \$400 million for a BART to Livermore extension.

The Livermore City Council approved construction of an administration building, including a restaurant and a long term ground lease for a fixed base operator (FBO) at the Livermore Airport. The vote was unanimous.

### DECEMBER 2013

Under new leadership, the UC Livermore Laboratory Retirees Group planned to continue its legal action aimed at forcing the University of California to restore retirees to UC health care programs. Marty Crowsing-shield, who retired in 1999 after 31 years at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, took over as president of the group after its original leader, Joe Requa, stepped down for health reasons. The lawsuit was filed in Superior Court in Oakland in 2010, two years after operation of the national laboratory was reassigned to a for-profit consortium. The suit has been going through the court system.

A new animal welfare organization, Paws In Need, received tax-exempt status from the IRS. This 501(c)(3) non-profit all-volunteer organization provides financial assistance for spay and neuter surgeries plus necessary one-time medical treatment of community animals

(feral, stray or owned) in the Tri-Valley area (Livermore, Pleasanton, Sunol, Dublin, San Ramon and Danville). Paws In Need plans expansion of the availability of financial assistance for spay and neuter surgeries to the general public. The goal is to reduce the number of animals that come to local shelters, which costs taxpayers millions of dollars each year.

The Livermore Public Library unveiled its very own Overdrive eBook and Digital Audiobook platform. This new platform allows Library card holders to borrow popular digital media anytime, from anywhere, for free, by visiting the Livermore Public Digital Library website at: <http://livermore.lib.overdrive.com>.

The Dublin City Council gave unanimous approval to Regency Centers' plan for The Village at Dublin. The plans featured a Whole Foods, Nordstrom Rack, other stores, and restaurants. The land is located on the southwest corner of Dublin Boulevard and Hacienda Drive, across the street from Hacienda Crossings.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory employees, along with Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS), raised \$3.3 million to give to charities within their surrounding communities. Laboratory employees pledged \$2.3 million to the HOME Campaign (for Helping Others More Effectively). In addition, Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC, which manages the Lab for the U.S. Department of Energy, announced it would donate \$1 million in matching funds. The funds for the match come from the fee LLNS receives to manage the Laboratory, not the Department of Energy funds for the Laboratory's operations.

The Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore came to the close of its busiest year since

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485279

The following person(s) doing business as: Diab & Suliman DBA Strings Italian Cafe, 2205 Las Positas Rd, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1)Wassim Suliman, 557 W. Viento St, Mountain House, CA 95391 (2)Farouk Diab, 1107 W. March Ln, Stockton, CA 95207  
This business is conducted by a General partnership  
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/01/2004.  
Signature of Registrants :s/: Wassim Suliman  
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This business is conducted by a General partnership  
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/01/2009.  
Signature of Registrants :s/: Wassim Suliman  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485193

The following person(s) doing business as: Advanced Acupuncture Centre, 1478 Second Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jens Maassen, 1060 Bluebell Dr, Livermore, CA 94551  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
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Signature of Registrants :s/: Jens Maassen  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485579

The following person(s) doing business as: CrossFit NST, 5860 W. Las Positas Blvd #7, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): West Las Positas Associates, LLC, 7077 Koll Center Pkwy #110, Pleasanton, CA 94566  
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/: Patrick J. O'Brien, Managing Member  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485586-7

The following person(s) doing business as: (1)Intellifos, LLC (2)Intellifos, 333 Lloyd Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Intellifos, LLC, 333 Lloyd Street, Livermore, CA 94550  
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Signature of Registrants :s/: Jo Ellen Neuman, Manager  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485645

The following person(s) doing business as: THE QUAD, 5860 W. Las Positas Blvd #7, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): CAT G Enterprises, LLC, 5860 W. Las Positas Blvd #7, Pleasanton, CA 94566  
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/: Channing Azzolino, Managing Member  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485678

The following person(s) doing business as: Grafco Mini Mart, 1309 Portola Ave, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Harbans Singh, 352 Greenpark Way, San Jose, CA 95136  
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/: Harbans Singh  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 6, 2013. Expires December

6, 2018.  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485705

The following person(s) doing business as: Crav N Corn, 5334 Starflower Way, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): JJJ Family Foods LLC, 5334 Starflower Way, Livermore, CA 94551  
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/: Jennifer M. Vergen - Owner/CEO  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 9, 2013. Expires December 9, 2018.  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485382

The following person(s) doing business as: A Beautiful Gathering, 1826 Broadmoor St., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Amanda Bea Gagliardi, 1826 Broadmoor St., 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 10/01/2013.  
Signature of Registrants :s/: Amanda Bea Gagliardi  
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### ANIMALS

#### 2) CATS/ DOGS

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# 2013 ROUNDUP

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poverty and inequality in California. The mission of the Ending Poverty and Inequality in California (EPIC) Caucus would be to reduce the number of people living in poverty and to increase economic opportunity for all Californians.

Jamie Yee Hintzke began her sixth year on the Pleasanton school board as its new president. Joan Laursen was selected to serve as vice president.

Jackson Avenue Elementary in Livermore received a Thriving Schools grant from Kaiser Permanente. The grant of \$23,000 will help with projects that promote health and wellness for the students, staff, and families of the school. The aim is to create a culture of wellness

in the school community.

With support from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) Board of Education, Del Valle High School incorporated an on-campus Culinary Academy, serving students with an additional educational option. The goal of the Culinary Academy is to provide students with a hands-on approach to developing entry level skills in the food service profession.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory won the age discrimination phase of a lawsuit alleging that 130 Laboratory employees were laid off improperly in 2008. An Alameda County Superior Court jury found that Laboratory managers had acted in good faith and

followed their own policies and the law with regard to the ages of the laid off employees. The verdict came seven months after another jury awarded \$2.7 million to the same plaintiffs on the grounds that the layoffs violated their employment contracts. Presiding Judge Robert Freedman of Alameda County Superior Court scheduled a hearing February 5 to discuss how the various complaints and claims might proceed in the future.

The City of Dublin and the Army will create a military heritage center at the new main gate of Camp Parks off Dougherty Road at Mariposa Lane. The museum will occupy 2400 square feet at the Camp Parks Visitors Center, where there



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

The City of Dublin's 30th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was held at the Dublin Civic Center. Three young residents stopped to admire the brightly lit tree.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Volunteers assembled bicycles to be given out as Christmas Gifts through Turning Wheels. Finished bicycles were sorted by Lisa Russell in preparation for delivery.

will be parking available in a shared lot. There will be enough room for storage of the collection's items, as well as their display. The Army has granted Dublin a permanent loan of the materials associated with Camp Parks. The collection includes such items as a sailor's hammock, a "guard shack," a bed and night stand from the Camp Shoemaker hospital, and photos, clippings and notebooks.

The Pleasanton City Council approved changes in a citywide ordinance governing wireless carriers with the goal of improving cellular voice and data cov-

erage throughout the city by expanding wireless carriers' ability to locate new facilities. There have been problems with gaps in coverage. No one spoke against the proposed changes.

Results for raptors in the annual Christmas Bird Count in Eastern Alameda County on Dec. 20 showed 25 golden eagles in the bird population, giving it the highest number of nesting golden eagles in North America, said Rich Cimino, Ohlone Audubon Society conservation chair, who coordinated 90 volunteers for the count.

Alameda County was in the forefront of California population growth. Jobs and affordable housing were cited as the reasons. A report issued by the California Department of Finance said the state added 332,000 people between July 1, 2012 and July 1 of this year, a growth rate of 0.9 percent that is the highest since 2003-04, before the recession. According to the report, Alameda County not only topped all other counties in terms of total population increase, but also its 15,000 new arrivals from other states and countries led the rest of California in terms of net migration.

## EBRPD's Land Acquisitions Add to Protected Open Space

The East Bay regional Park District (EBRPD) Board approved acquisition of three properties in 2013 that will be important additions to the overall system of protected open space within Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

North of Livermore, 79 acres known as "Eddie's Flat" adjacent to the western boundary of Brushy Peak Regional Preserve will be purchased for \$550,000, to be made with \$250,000 grant funding from the Alameda County Altamont Landfill and Resource Facility Open Space Advisory Committee, and \$250,000 grant funding from the Dougherty Valley Settlement Agreement. The \$50,000 balance of the purchase price will be provided by another funding source, and is scheduled to be completed by May 19, 2014.

"Acquisition and permanent protection of Eddie's Flat will aid in important resource protection goals by maintaining open space, protecting and restoring endangered species habitat, preserving viewsheds, providing for possible future restoration of a portion of Alameda Creek, and extending the Altamont Hills wildlife corridor," said Board Vice President Ayn Wieskamp. "Additionally, this will provide opportunities for trail connections from Brushy Peak to Vasco Road."

The property lies within the Alameda Creek Watershed and the Livermore Vernal Pool Region. According to the Tri-Valley Conservancy North Livermore Priority Landscape Area Resource Conservation Plan, an intermittent, seasonal tributary of Altamont Creek in the northwest corner of the property may support vernal pool fairy shrimp.

The plan also identifies Eddie's Flat as important for protecting and expanding wildlife corridors in the North Livermore area. Acquisition of this property will expand the habitat corridor created by the contiguous preserved open space of Brushy Peak Regional Preserve, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District's Brushy Peak Open Space, Contra Costa Water District's Los Vaquero Reservoir watershed lands, the

Park District's Vasco Caves Regional Preserve, and the recently acquired Vasco Hills and Byron Vernal Pools properties, a 28,000-acre combined wildlife corridor.

Both the resource conservation plan and the East Alameda County Conservation Strategy identify the southern portion of Eddie's Flat as containing the Alkali Sink vegetation community. High salinity soils in this area may support special status animal and plant species, including longhorn fairy shrimp, Palmate-bracted bird's-beak, Livermore tar plant and San Joaquin spearscale. A Eucalyptus grove along the property's northeast boundary may provide nesting habitat for raptors including the Golden Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk and Coopers Hawk. The property is located in an area known to support special status species such as the California red-legged frog, California tiger salamander, San Joaquin kit fox, burrowing owl, tricolored blackbird and the horned lark.

"With the 58-acre Gillrie property in the Castro Valley area and surrounding Palomares Ridge, we will preserve ridgeland viewsheds, and will help to link the adjacent Five Canyons Palomares Ridge Open Space to Don Castro and Cull Canyon Regional Recreation Areas

as part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail alignment," said Park District Board Member Carol Severin.

The Gillrie property will be acquired for its \$1M appraised fair market value, plus acquisition costs, and will be placed in land bank status until a land use plan is approved. Funding is to come from Measure WW funds for the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

This property is a critical link in the Bay Area Ridge Trail between Chabot Regional Park and Garin Regional Park. More than 300 miles of the planned 550-mile Bay Area Ridge Trail have been completed, with 60 miles of this trail corridor located within Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. This acquisition will allow the Park District to reroute a section of the Bay Area Ridge Trail away from the nearby suburban residential development in order to provide a more natural setting and spectacular views of the San Francisco Bay and surrounding East Bay hills. The property can be accessed directly from Five Canyons Parkway via an

easeover Five Canyons Owners' Association open space property.

The topography of the property is steeply upslope, rising from approximately 300 feet at its lowest elevations along its western boundary on Five Canyons Parkway to 800 feet at its eastern property edge along Palomares Ridge. The property offers significant views from its upper elevations with vistas reaching San Francisco to the west, the Peninsula to the south and the surrounding East Bay hills, including Fairmont Ridge, in the more immediate foreground. Nearly the entire property is comprised of California grasslands and will require grazing for fuel management. A steep ravine creates a seasonal drainage running east to west that is densely wooded with oak and bay trees and a variety of native shrubs.

In the City of Richmond, the Park District is finalizing acquisition of the 362-acre, unimproved property located on the eastern edge of Wildcat Canyon Regional Park off San Pablo Dam Road. To be acquired for

\$1,450,000 "as is," at approximately fifty percent below its appraised fair market value required approval of the transaction by the United States Bankruptcy Court. Negotiation for the property began in 2010, and acquisition by the Park District was affirmed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in September 2013. The property closed escrow November 13.

"This is a large area of beautiful oak woodlands and non-native annual grassland. It will allow the Park District to protect significant habitat,

prevent further development of the hillside, complete the operational boundary of Wildcat Canyon Regional Park, and provide public access opportunities from San Pablo Dam Road," said Board Treasurer Whitney Dotson.

The property will be placed into land bank status until a Land Use Plan Amendment for Wildcat Canyon Regional Park can be completed.

More information about the East Bay Regional Park District is available at [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org).

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# Variety of Music Performances on the Calendar

## Family of Classical Musicians Perform Schubert, Beethoven

Wyrick Chamber Players, the widely respected Bay Area classical mu-

sic family, will perform together in a concert at the Firehouse Arts Center

in Pleasanton on Sunday afternoon, January 12, at

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Wyrick Chamber Players



This year IGN's North American tour features Pino Forastiere, Mike Dawes, Quique Sinesi and Brian Gore.

## International Guitar Night Will Visit the Bankhead Theater

LVPAC Presents welcomes the return of International Guitar Night to the Bankhead Theater on Wednesday evening, January 22, 2014. The annual event highlights the remarkable range of talent and musical diversity in the acoustic guitar world as four internationally-acclaimed guitarists perform both individually and in collaboration during a single night of outstanding music.

Credited as "one of the most important showcases for the contemporary guitar" by The San Francisco Chronicle, International

Guitar Night (IGN) is a long-standing Bay Area tradition known for its friendly and informal ambiance, as well as its exceptional guitar performances. This is the third year IGN has appeared at the Bankhead Theater during its annual tour across the United States and Canada. Tickets for the single performance at 7:30 p.m. on January 22nd range from \$25 to \$45 for adults and \$15 for students.

For each tour, IGN founder Brian Gore invites a new cast of guitar luminaries to join him for special evenings of solos,

duets, and quartets that highlight the dexterity and diversity within the world of acoustic guitar. Brian founded IGN in 1995 as a forum for the world's finest guitarists/composers to play their latest original songs and share musical ideas and talent with their peers. This year IGN's North American tour features Pino Forastiere, Mike Dawes, Quique Sinesi and Brian Gore.

While it has grown in stature to become one of the most important acoustic guitar showcases in the world since it was started

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## GUITAR NIGHT

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almost 20 years ago, International Guitar Night has retained an informal ambiance. Sponsored by Acoustic Guitar Magazine, IGN is the only production of its kind to have grassroots origins. It was originally founded as a series of small concerts featuring local acoustic guitar masters in a small Bay Area club, but quickly grew and eventually went on tour across North America. Its success is attributed largely to founder and guitarist Brian Gore's ability to elicit a warm spirit of collaboration between diverse guitar virtuosos who typically tour solo and often hail from different musical genres. The camaraderie on stage, described by one guitarist as a wonderful opportunity for a cultural exchange between peers, creates a rich musical experience for audiences as well.

Brian Gore has been acclaimed as a guitar poet, one of the most interesting and influential guitar stylists today with a unique blend of classical and percussive techniques and a strikingly beautiful tone. Gore's three guests for IGN 2014 are acclaimed for their creative and sometimes unusual collaborations with artists of different genres, making them the ideal performers for an event of this kind. Italian steel string guitarist

Pino Forastiere has brought his classical guitar background to collaborate on projects from jazz and rock, to electronic and pop. He is revered for his unique mix of melody, improvisa-

tion and hand percussion.

Mike Dawes from England is hailed as one of the world's finest young fingerstyle guitarists. Since his debut single in 2012, he has toured every continent, his energy and charisma combining with a virtuoso style acclaimed for its subtle nuances.

Considered one of Argentina's most important guitarists, Quique Sinesi plays the 7-string Spanish guitar, piccolo guitar and charango, combining elements of tango and folklore with jazz, classical and world rhythms in his dynamic music.

Now in its seventh season at the Bankhead Theater, LVPAC Presents offers audiences the opportunity to experience a range of acclaimed performers in music, dance and other performing arts. Next month Grammy Award-winning guitarist Sharon Ibsin unites her classical technique and stylish approach to jazz in "Guitar Passions," an evening of Latin music on Wednesday, February 26, 2014. Ibsin and jazz master Stanley Jordan will join with the Brazilian style of Romero Lubambo in an eclectic and contemporary mix of the musical influences of Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina, Colombia and Spain.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets may be purchased at the box office, online at [www.bankhead-theater.org](http://www.bankhead-theater.org) or by calling 373-6800.

### Public Invited to Concert Presented by Young Musicians

The Livermore High School chapter of Tri-M, a national music honor society, is hosting a winter concert on Friday, January 10th at 7 pm in the Livermore High School theater.

This concert features student musicians from Livermore and Granada High Schools. Admission is free, but donations are welcome, benefiting Livermore music.

Livermore High School is located at 600 Maple Street.



Dorian Michael

## Guitarist to Perform at Livermore Library

Guitarist Dorian Michael will play a mix of fingerstyle instrumentals and a big bunch of blues at the Livermore Public Library, Sunday, January 12 at 2pm.

Dorian performs original instrumental tunes, traditional American roots music with a deep foundation in the blues, a little Celtic and Brazilian and maybe a tune on the ukulele for good measure.

For over 45 years Dorian has been playing his unique blend of blues, jazz, folk, and rock and roll. His playing is both exciting and lyrical as he travels with enormous ease through the possibilities of the guitar.

The library presents this concert free to the public.

The library is located at 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

## Livermore Valley Opera Gala to Celebrate 22nd Anniversary

Livermore Valley Opera's 22nd Anniversary Celebration is set for January 25 at the Ruby Hill Golf Club in Pleasanton.

The black tie optional event begins at 5 p.m.

The 22nd Anniversary celebration will begin with Mumm's champagne and a concert of music performed by four leading stars singing arias from the world's most well-known operas. Special guests include two artists from LVO's upcoming opera, Rossini's *Cinderella* (*La Cenerentola*) and two Tri-Valley rising opera stars:

Tenor Marco Stefani played football and baseball like most kids growing up in Pleasanton. He plays the charming Prince Don Ramiro in Rossini's opera *La Cenerentola*.

Baritone Daniel Cilli has garnered praise for his "cultivated, sonorous vocalism" and "strong, beautiful, impeccably produced voice" (*Opera News*). Daniel appeared in our recent *La Traviata* production in the role of Baron Douphol.

Returning by popular demand, Eugene Brencoveanu's baritone voice and distinguished stage presence have elicited accolades in both North America and Europe. He won the Tony Award in 2003 for the role of Marcello in *La Boheme* on Broadway. (*San Francisco Classical Voice*)

Kathleen Magee, soprano, grew up in Livermore. Ms. Magee "has consistently caught the attention of critics with her 'sparkling characterizations and sweet singing'" (*Oswaldo County Today*). Her long list of performances: *La Rondine*, *Le nozze di Figaro*, *La Traviata*, *L'Elisir d'amore*, *Carmen*, *Don Giovanni*, *The Marriage of Figaro*, *The Magic Flute*, *Die Zauberflote*, *Gianni Schicch*, and the list goes on.

After the concert, guests will be served a three-course dinner and Livermore Valley wines in the elegant Ruby Hill Ballroom.

Unreserved seating is \$140 per person; reserved seating, \$155.

The evening culminates with a brief live auction and raffle. This includes the Diamond and White Gold Bracelet Raffle: An elegant one-of-a-kind 3.38 ct. diamond and white gold bracelet designed and donated by Lance Cavalieri Jewelers, Livermore. The appraised value of this item is \$8,846. Bracelet to be raffled on-line and at the Anniversary Celebration. Winner does not need be present to claim bracelet.

Among the auction items are a private recital in the winning bidder's home with Carmen's sensational Toreador and director Eugene Brancoveanu and LVO conductor and artistic director Alex Katzman. One week stay in a time share at romantic Solmar Beach in beautiful Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. One night stay in Vancouver, Canada with opera tickets, float plane ride of the harbor, aquarium, art gallery and dinner at the # 1 restaurant, Hawksworth. Dinner at a local firehouse with firemen and 12 other meals at local top restaurants.

Proceeds from the Livermore Valley Opera 22nd Anniversary Celebration will benefit the numerous opera events sponsored by Livermore Valley Opera.

To purchase tickets, or for additional information, go to [www.livermorevalleyopera.com/](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com/)

## WYRICK PLAYERS

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2:00 p.m. The program includes Beethoven's string quintet in A Major, and the epic quintet in C Major by Franz Schubert. The Wyrick Chamber Players are joined by special guest artist and long-time collaborator violist Nancy Ellis.

Wyrick Chamber Players consists of the entire Wyrick family: husband and wife Peter Wyrick and Amy Hiraga, and their daughters Mayumi Hiraga Wyrick, and Mariko Hiraga Wyrick.

San Francisco Symphony Associate Principal Cellist Peter Wyrick has held that prestigious position since 1999. In addition, Mr. Wyrick pursues an active career as soloist, chamber musician, recording artist, and teacher. Born in New York to musician parents, Mr. Wyrick entered the Julliard School at the age of eight, making his solo debut at age 12 with the Hudson Valley Philharmonic.

His solo outings with numerous orchestras include many with the San Francisco Symphony, a few highlights being Leonard Bernstein's "Meditation," the Haydn Sinfonia Concertante, and Tan Dun's Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon Cello Concerto.

As a chamber musician, Mr. Wyrick has enjoyed collaborations with YoYo Ma, Joshua Bell, Jean Yves Thibaudet, Yefim Bronfman, Lynn Harrell, Jeremy Denk, Julia Fischer, and Edgar Meyer among others. During his stint as member of the acclaimed Ridge String Quartet, that group's recording of the Dvorak Piano Quintets on the RCA label won the French Dia-

pason d'Or and was nominated for the 1993 Grammy Award for Best Chamber Music Performance.

As an orchestral musician, Peter Wyrick has served as Principal Cellist of the Lincoln Center Mostly Mozart Orchestra, and Associate Principal of the New York City Opera Orchestra, as well as senior roles in many festival orchestras world-wide. He was honored to be one of the last students of venerated cello teacher Leonard Rose at the Julliard School, and plays on a David Tecchler cello, made in Rome circa 1724, on generous loan from Jacques and Barbara Schlumberger.

San Francisco Symphony violinist Amy Hiraga is also a seasoned performer, with countless orchestral, solo, chamber music, and recording engagements to her credit.

Prior to her current position with the SF Symphony, Ms. Hiraga was violinist with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, Orchestra of St. Luke's, the New York Chamber Orchestra, and the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. She has performed as soloist with the Seattle Symphony, Aspen Philharmonia, Solisiti of New York, Northwest Chamber Orchestra, and the St. Luke's Chamber Ensemble.

An avid chamber musician, Ms. Hiraga's chamber music resume includes Caramoor, Bard, Olympic, Chamber Music West, and Santa Fe Chamber Music Festivals, as well as the Chelsea Ensemble and the Partita Ensemble, and she has recorded for Stereophile, Muse, and Lapis Island labels. Her teachers include Emanuel Zetlin in

Seattle, and Dorothy DeLay at the Julliard School.

Mayumi Hiraga Wyrick and Mariko Hiraga Wyrick grew up surrounded by music and musicians, and family lore has it that the first question Mariko asked a guest at a dinner party was "What do you play?" Both were "bitten by the music bug pretty early," according to father Peter, with Mayumi starting violin at age four, and Mariko beginning cello studies at age six, and both displaying obvious talent from the get-go.

Both Wyrick siblings have participated in numerous prestigious master classes in both solo and chamber music performance.

Violinist and elder sibling Mayumi Hiraga Wyrick is a student of Nicholas Kitchen at the New England Conservatory of Music.

Before moving to Boston, she studied with Axel Strauss at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and was a member of the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra as well as the San Domenico Orchestra da Camera with whom she has performed Saint-Saëns Concerto No.3 and the Brahms Double Concerto. She is a past winner of the Marin Music Chest scholarship award and won the instrumental award for the Robert Mondavi Young Artists Competition in 2007. As a winner of the American Fine Arts Festival competition, she performed at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall in New York City.

Cellist Mariko Hiraga Wyrick studies at the Julliard School of Music with

Joel Krosnick, in addition to serving as a new member of the American Ballet Theater Orchestra. Among many performance accolades, Ms. Wyrick is four-time winner of the Marin Music Chest scholarship award, and has also performed in Weill Recital Hall as winner of the American Fine Arts Festival competition. Her previous teachers included Michael Grebanier, Mark Kosower, Irene Sharp, Sieun Lin, and David Kadarauach.

Guest artist Nancy Ellis, viola, has been a member of the San Francisco Symphony since 1975, and received her training at the Interlochen Arts Academy, Oberlin College, and Mills College, where she studied with Nathan Rubin. A few of Ms. Ellis' career highlights include her membership in the San Francisco Contemporary Music Players, Music from Marlboro, and as part of a quartet performing with rock icon Van Morrison.

Wine concessionaire Cellar Door will be open in the atrium lobby one hour before curtain and during intermission.

Reserved seating tickets are \$20, \$15, and \$10, and can be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by calling the 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and two hours prior to the performance. Youth ticket pricing is also available for this concert.

Free parking available in adjacent lot.

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# BANKHEAD THEATER

# Postcard from the Lincoln Highway

By Frank Rainer

By the year 1913 the 20th century had already marched through one eighth of its span and yet the “War to End All Wars” had not yet been imagined. Clearly, the prediction that virtually everything that needed to be invented had already been done was naively simplistic, as evidenced by those of us who have spent most of our lives working with lasers or computers a half a century later.

Although motor vehicles had already made an appearance in Europe well before the turn of the century, it was still less than two decades since the first horseless carriage was commercially fabricated in America. Even by the turn of the century there were fewer than 10,000 motorcars in the USA. However, their number had mushroomed to over one million by 1913, about one for every hundred people. With the exception of streets in larger cities paved with cobblestones or bricks, most roads in the hinterlands were just marginally improved from the dirt trails that the pioneers negotiated with great hardships in Conestoga wagons during the previous century on trails named Santa Fe, Oregon, California or Mormon. Since 1869 the most practical method of transport across North America was by railroad. The shortcut around Cape Horn by ship was still a year away with the opening of the Panama Canal. The Wright brothers’ first flight by aeroplane had occurred just ten years earlier, and it would be two more decades before commercial flights would transport passengers across the continent in a day or two. It took another 1.5 decades before such flights were available non-stop.

Although Henry Ford did not invent the automobile, he did perfect the assembly line. By 1913 it had morphed into a conveyor-based system producing a completed vehicle every three minutes. Alas, in those days most paints took far too long to dry so that fast-drying Japan Black Lacquer was the only practical paint available to keep up with the fast pace of auto production.

As the number of cars being fabricated approached the millions, the one thing America lacked was a decent set of roads on which to travel extended distances. The first motor car trip across the continent a decade earlier took 64 days from San Francisco to New York City, faring not much better than the trusty old ox-drawn Conestogas on the pioneer trails. Talk had already been going on for several years to develop a practical system of roads in America, but it took two auto pioneers, auto-parts magnate, Carl Fisher and the president of the luxury Packard Motor Car Co., Henry Joy, to spearhead the formation of the Lincoln Highway Association (LHA) in Oct. of 1913. It took three years to complete a series of sections to be defined as the Lincoln Highway (LH) spanning almost 3400 miles from NY to CA.



Over the years the original route was straightened out a bit, making it somewhat shorter, but all of the various alignments in subsequent years almost doubled the total miles to almost 5900 that at one time or another constituted the LH. “The Main Street Across America” was not fully paved for almost twenty years. By that time the US government had already taken control over the development of a national, numbered highway system. Much of the LH was absorbed primarily by US Highways 30, 40 and 50 and ultimately covered up by sections of the Interstate Highway system. The original LHA disbanded at the end of 1927. A year later the Boy Scouts of America installed 3000 concrete markers across the country featuring brass medallions of Lincoln to demarcate the LH. The LHA was to be reactivated in 1992 in order to preserve its heritage in American history.

Ironically, nowadays, the boring numbered highway names spurred on an even more recognized name throughout the world. Route 66 from Santa Monica, CA to Chicago, IL gained fame as the “Mother Road” by TV and song even though it was at least ten years younger than the LH. Yet, even now, tourists from Europe still recognize it and fly to Chicago just to rent Harleys and ride that highway in large convoys. Of course, it has officially ceased to exist since 1985 but is now referred to as Historic Route 66. For us in Livermore, the old Historic Lincoln Highway has significance since the historic route passed through out

fair town. By 1915 the equally historic Duarte Garage served the motorists that drove through on what is now Portola Ave.

Thus, almost half a century after the LH’s inception, my wife, Sigrid, and I embarked on a drive across the USA for me to attend the 50th anniversary of my high-school graduation back in Port Chester, NY.

I’ve travelled to every country in the world and we together have motored across North America more than twenty times, from Alaska to the Maritime Provinces of Canada, from the Yukon River to the Panama Canal. Typically we have spent numerous weeks on each drive, but we have actually zoomed across the continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific in as few as 1.5 hours. Of course, the drive is not that long in Panama.

Technically, we embarked on our current journey from Livermore on Easter Sunday in 2011, heading west of all things along the surface roads that had at one time constituted the LH in the Bay Area to San Francisco. A century ago that required a ferryboat trip across the San Francisco Bay where then numerous alignments in The City would lead to the terminal marker of the LH in San Francisco’s Lincoln Park, across the road and just east of the Legion of Honor. We opted to drive the Bay Bridge that is even now just history as its replacement has finally been completed. Easter was a special holiday for us as we continued our drive to visit with family in Santa Rosa, but also because it was on Easter Sunday, 45 years earlier, that I first laid eyes on a cute girl in church back in Rochester, NY. By coincidence, her home was in Livermore where I was to embark for a summer job at the old Rad Lab. Just a little over a year later, after a first date to the Fastest Rodeo in the West, we would be joined in wedded bliss as world travel partners.

On Tuesday, April 26, 2011, we headed in the eastbound direction, but stopped first at the Duarte Garage for my inevitably required photos. Since, 2013 marked the centennial of the LH, you may now spot the occasional red-white-and-blue Historic Lincoln Highway signs that have proliferated along the original old route. We repeated a portion of the drive this past year covering alternate alignments and even encountering the eastbound convoy of vintage automobiles as they drove via Livermore to celebrate the LH’s centennial in the center of the country in Kearney, NB. A more detailed, state-by-state description of our travels is available for interested readers.

However, since a picture is worth a thousand words, we will save you a half million words and invite you to come join us as we present a slideshow of our drives on The Lincoln Highway: America’s First Byway. It will be presented at the Livermore Civic Center Library on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014 at 1:30 pm as part of the Livermore Public Library’s Armchair Travelers program.



# Pat Paulsen Vineyards—why not?

by Harry Stoll

Ebullient Gigi Benson and droll Monty Paulsen pour the wine and pour on the charm at the Pat Paulsen Vineyards tasting room, which is new to the Livermore Valley—but the boyfriend/girlfriend are not new to the business. The winery and tasting room is located at Tesla Vintners, along with Ehrenberg Cellars, and host, The Singing Winemaker. Gigi takes care of the marketing. Monty is the owner and makes the wine, and keeps connected to small growers and wineries. Their two styles form a premier blend.

Pat Paulsen Vineyards began in Sonoma in 1976 as the enterprise of Monty's father, Pat Paulsen, the deadpan comedian, who infamously made a mock run at the presidency in 1968. When asked about it, he said, "Why not?"

The winery produced well thought of wines. However, in 1991, for a ton of reasons, including an ailing Pat Paulsen, the vineyards were sold, but as Monty points out, "We didn't sell the name." With many small vineyards and wineries being gobbled up by giant corporations, Pat Paulsen Vineyards is going the opposite direction. Monty earned degrees in English and enology from UC Davis, and an MBA from Duke. He was head of operations and wine-making at Alameda-based Rosenblum Cellars. Alas, interstellar giant Diageo bought it and Monty departed. What he took with him was his relationship with growers and wineries.

Peripatetic Paulsen makes wine at several locations, consults with wineries in West Texas, and will often barter, getting grapes and giving wine.

He makes sure his associates receive credit. He runs a program called the Guest Vintner Series. The Pat Paulsen Vineyards newsletter announces that Pat Paulsen Vineyards and Guest Vintners won nine medals at the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition. It names vintners Dwight Busalacchi and Stefanie Jackson. He goes out of his way to praise the grapes grown by Katie England and Ken Shaw at the England-Shaw Vineyard, near Winters in Yolo County. A barrel tasting of Syrah made from those grapes revealed the typical sharpness of an early barrel tasting, but a careful consideration reveals the awaiting greatness.

He shows his industry knowledge, with no hint of showing off, in comments such as one about Meritage, an organization charging for use of that name and requiring a wine to contain at least two of the six Bordeaux varietals. "It sounds like heritage, but my Heritage line isn't a made up name." He wonders why the British term "Claret," for Bordeaux blends isn't used much. Clearly, claret from him is on the way. He points out that although many wine drinkers might not be excited about a bronze medal, it does put a wine a cut above other wines. He is pleased to receive bronze medals.

Pat Paulsen Vineyards



Gigi Benson and Monty Paulsen with some wine appreciators in the welcoming tasting room.

presents a plentiful line of wines, including American Gothic, an homage to Grant Wood's classic American painting. But the faces are those of founder Pat Paulsen and wife Jane Paulsen. Instead of the barn, the background is their Asti tasting room. This was for the 1984 vintage and maybe it was chosen as a spooky allusion to the George Orwell novel of a scary future. Today, Monty has created another vintage of American Gothic Red.

When asked if he was named after Monty Python, he replies, "My proper name is Montgomery. My mother picked it out of a catalog." That's an oblique reference to former mail order giant Montgomery Ward. Although he often drops

in such easily missed quips, he's all business when it comes to grape buying and wine making. He obtains grapes from all over California and makes a Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon retailing for \$18. Prices for Paulsen wines range from \$11 to \$44. You're going to find something to please palate and purse.

He uses grapes from Dwight Meadow's Jesse's Vineyard in Lodi and Steve Welch's vineyard in Franklin Valley, near Martinez—dropping in the tidbit that Welch plans to open a tasting room there. He often mentions other growers, while not avoiding talking about his own lines. Here are a few of his wines, all under the Pat Paulsen Vineyards label.

**2009 Odyssey Reserve Red Blend Paso Robles** (\$28). This is a trip. Monty's montage is mostly Syrah and some other Rhône varietals, for a dreamy creamy delight. Stick your nose somewhere over the rainbow of the glass edge for the aroma of berry, which follows into your maw, with the requisite amount of white pepper.

**2010 Heritage Selection Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley** (\$18). A Napa Valley cab at this price is a prize. Such an aroma. What a velvet texture and flavor. Monty gives us a full wine, perfect with hearty foods and good times. This cab is luxurious, but not unctuous on the first place finish.

**2009 Parthenogen-**

**esis Reserve Red Blend California** (\$28.99). Practice pronouncing this word to wow them in the tasting room, by holding up the bottle and saying, "Oh, yes, Parthenogenesis is the method whereby grape buds come to life self-propagate, combining male and female in one perfect fruit." This blend of Bordeaux varietals is from grapes grown in Mendocino, Napa, and Sonoma counties. Taste it and you'll be the one wow wow wowing.

The very pleasant tasting room is sited in the replica of a Livermore Valley water tower. It's cozy, not small. A blended orange and brown cat curls on a chair by the door. The tasting room is conveniently located at Tesla Vintners, on Tesla Road, mere minutes from many tasting rooms. Property owner Steve Powell, "The Singing Winemaker," intends to build a winery that will accommodate several vintners. An eclectic collection of statuary is on the grounds.

Monty likes Livermore because the winemaker is often pouring wine in the tasting room. That's a fact at about half of the Livermore Valley's wineries. Pat Paulsen Vineyards is a good fit.



**Pat Paulsen Vineyards**  
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Livermore  
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Open Saturday and  
Sunday,  
12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

# The Livermore Valley Wine Museum Project Recalled

In the early 1980s, local historian Janet Newton suggested that a museum be located at the Ravenswood Historic Site to commemorate the pioneer wineries of the Livermore Valley. Friends of the Vineyards (FOV) needed a project to counter the negative “no growth” image the group had acquired in the fight to stop ComputerLand from developing the Ruby Hill property, then the site of the Stony Ridge winery.

Ravenswood, originally the country estate of Christopher A. Buckley, the Blind Boss of San Francisco politics, had recently been donated to the Livermore Area Parks and Recreation District (LARPD) by developer Masud Mehran. Buckley had grown grapes and operated a winery on the property in the latter part of the 1800s and early 1900s, making it the ideal location for the museum.

The FOV board approved the concept, which was then presented to the directors of LARPD. Larry Faltings, chair of LARPD, and board member Tot Green endorsed the idea, which won unanimous approval. General Manager Bill Payne, staff members Doug Bell and Brian Tibbits worked with the FOV planning committee to draft a Memorandum of Understanding.

Project coordinator Patience Rogge asked Jean Wente and Jim Concannon to serve as honorary co-chairs of the effort to build the Livermore Valley Wine Museum.

San Francisco architects Bull Volkmann Stockwell were chosen to design building, and produced an artist's rendering and scale model of the proposed museum. Daniel Quan prepared designs for the exhibits.

A fund-raising goal of \$1,000,000.00 was set, and a number of events were held over the next several years to pursue it:

Hank Schneider donated the proceeds of the sale of the contents of the Stony Ridge tasting room in Pleasanton; Downtown Livermore Days presented an auction; FOV staffed wine booths at fairs in the Tri-Valley area; the annual Vintners Ball was organized; the Scotto family donated proceeds from the new Stony Ridge winery dedication; Wente Vineyards dedicated a special bottling of Raboli Red to the museum fund; and FOV contracted with the Golden Circle Seniors of Livermore, led by Marie Brenton to produce a series of exquisite quilts for the prizes of annual raffles.

Major donations were received from Mrs. Estelle Buckley and Sofie Schmmelfennig, while volunteer fund-raising efforts included a group of FOV members making grapevine wreaths for sale at Retzlaff Vineyards, sale of dish towels with a museum motif, a local cook producing “Gram's Jams” from Livermore Valley grapes to sell, and Pennsylvania Dutch funnel cakes prepared by Pi Mathews and sold at street fairs.

The Adopt a Vine program was ongoing throughout the years. The plan was to feature the names of major donors on a wall in the museum, not to assign a specific vine to each benefactor.

Publicizing the project to gain support for the Livermore Valley Wine Museum elicited major creative efforts on the part of the volunteers.

Bill O'Neil organized an archaeological dig at Buckley winery site and self-published a report on the event.

Georgianne Schinazi designed the museum logo, and the first quilt. Oneida Stowe Dravidizus designed the label for the Raboli Red bottles, which was used as the motif for one of the prize quilts. Gloria Taylor conceived the idea for furnishing the Ravenswood cottage during the Livermore Valley Wine Harvest Celebration, an antique shop in Pleasanton loaned furniture, Macy's display crew staged the cottage, and the Goodwill Bags of the East Bay modeled vintage costumes to animate the scene. Liz Pratt Birkett produced and narrated the local access TV show “Wine Not?” with support from Jim Burt of Viacom and several dedicated volunteers.

People who played instrumental roles in the effort to build the Livermore Valley Wine Museum were: Barbara Stear, Barry Schrader, Bridget Borchers, Pat Hoening,

Virginia Bing, Archer Futch, Dale Turner, Claudia McCormick, Bob Hitchcock, Larry Clouse, Keith Wardin, and many more.

Along the way, problems arose which frustrated all the efforts to build the museum. Because Ravenswood is on the Register of Historic Places, the museum couldn't be built on the ruins of Buckley winery, so the site had to be moved to the adjacent lot. The idea never caught on in the community, and a consultant's feasibility study contracted by FOV showed that there was not sufficient interest to pursue the plan.

The fund was liquidated and all that remained of the \$60,000 raised was donated to LARPD for enhancements at Ravenswood as agreed in the Memorandum of Understanding.



**Darkling Beetle and Australian Walking Stick are among the insects students were able to interact with.**

## Students Meet Insects at Rancho Las Positas Elementary

Rancho Las Positas Elementary School third grade students experienced savenature.org's Insect Discovery Lab thanks to the PTA.

The one-hour Insect Discovery Lab showcased arthropods from around the globe. The students were able to handle, touch, and/or observe a giant thorny phasmid from Malaysia, the eastern lubber grasshopper from Florida, an Australian walking stick, a giant hissing cockroach from Madagascar, a whiptail scorpion from Arizona, a darkling beetle from California, and a giant African millipede.

The presenter discussed the biomes that these organisms thrive in and the adaptations that they have made to survive in those habitats. She also compared and contrasted the anatomy of insects and arachnids.

Instructors say that the students were thrilled and amazed that there are living insects and other arthropods larger than their hands.

Additional information can be found on the website [savenature.org](http://savenature.org).



Class members pose for a picture.

## 4th Grade Lydiksen Elementary School Class Raises \$511 for Shepherd's Gate

A fourth grade Lydiksen Elementary School class in Pleasanton, taught by Mrs. Donna May, chose to dedicate their Holiday Party on December 20 to raise money for Shepherd's Gate in Livermore.

The students invited their families to the restaurant themed party where the students entertained their guests by reciting their own poetry. They also prepared a full breakfast menu, complete with prices. The event was fully staffed by

the students as well. The breakfast was a great success. The class raised \$511, which they personally presented to Ms. Catie Aznoe of Shepherd's Gate following the breakfast.

This was a culminating activity for the 4th grade class math unit on menu studies. Parents and teachers noted, "We are proud of our 4th grade class for all of their hard work and for donating their class party to such a great cause."

## Four Lawrence Livermore Lab Researchers Named 2013 APS Fellows

Four Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientists have been selected as 2013 fellows of the American Physical Society (APS).

- Physicist Charles Cerjan was cited by the Division of Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics for "seminal contributions to time-dependent Schrodinger equation propagation algorithms and their application to particle scattering and intense field dynamics, the development of laser-produced plasma sources for advanced lithography and the investigation of the basic mechanism of magnetic multilayer material response and its application to magnetic storage devices."

Cerjan joined LLNL in 1983 and has contributed to soft-X-ray lithographic source development, magnetic materials for hard disk drive applications, intense laser field effects and, most recently, nuclear diagnostic analysis on the National Ignition Facility (NIF). His research interests include

novel laser field effects, mathematical physics and developing effective numerical techniques. He received his bachelor's degrees in mathematics and chemistry from the University of Minnesota and a master's and Ph.D. in chemical physics from Harvard University.

"I have been associated with many diverse projects at LLNL, but one recurring theme has been the universally impressive expertise of the scientific and engineering personnel," Cerjan said. "It has been an honor and pleasure to count many of my co-workers as good friends. I look forward to more exciting research and fruitful collaborations across the broad range of Laboratory projects."

- Marilyn Schneider, group leader for the Physics and Life Sciences (PLS) Directorate's Radiative Properties Group and the functional group leader for the Radiation Physics and

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## ART &amp; 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.

**Landscapes, Peggy & Alan Frank**, paintings and photographs, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Nov. 13-Jan. 6.

**"Where We Live,"** the beauty of the Livermore Valley, is the theme of an invitational art show at Prudential California Realty. Artists displaying work are Carolyn Ramsey, Nova Starling, Bette Goosman and John West. The show will be on display at the new office at 1983 Second Street through January 13, 2014. The public is invited to view the show during regular business hours or by appointment. For information, contact Cher Wollard at 784-4679 or [cherw@cherw.com](mailto:cherw@cherw.com).

**Pollock-style action painting** on canvas at Bothwell Arts Center, Jan. 21, at 2466 8th Street, Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

**Just Add Water & Black on White**, art exhibition, Harrington Gallery, Jan. 22-Feb. 22. Reception 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 22. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**"Multiply by Six Million: Portraits and Stories of Holocaust Survivors,"** an exhibition showcasing photographer Evvy Eisen's 15-year-long project to create portraits of Holocaust survivors living in California and to collect their personal histories. Museum on Main, Jan. 8-Feb. 28. The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum's web site at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or call (925)462-2776.

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

**Livermore Art Association, Pleasanton Art League**, meeting 7:30 p.m. Mon., Jan. 13, Cultural Arts Building, 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Guest artists: George Allen Durkee, landscapes in oil. No admission charge. [\[moreartassociation.org\]\(http://moreartassociation.org\) and \[www.pal-art.com\]\(http://www.pal-art.com\).](http://www.liver-</a></p>
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**Classes at the Figurehead Gallery:** Figure Open Studio: Long Pose, on the Third Saturday of the month 1/18, 2/15, 3/15, 4/19, 5/17, 6/21 with Jacob Hankinson, Ozell Hudson, or Carolyn Lord. 9 am - 1 pm. \$30. Painting the Figure with a Limited Oil Palette, Weekend Workshop with Carolyn Lord, Sat., 1/11, 11 am-5 pm, Fee: \$150. Introduction to Figure Drawing, Level 1, Instructor: Carolyn Lord, Mon., 1/20 - 3/31, 7-9 pm, (10 Lessons), No Prerequisite, Fee: \$250. Introduction to Figure Drawing, Level 2, Instructor: Carolyn Lord, Mon., 1/20 - 3/31, 9-11 am (10 Lessons), Prerequisite Level 1, Fee: \$250. Intro to Perspective Drawing, Level 1, Instructor: Carolyn Lord, Fri., 1/24 - 4/4, 7-9 pm (10 Lessons) No Prerequisite, Fee: \$250. Intro to Perspective Drawing, Level 2, Instructor: Carolyn Lord, Fri., 1/24 - 4/4, 9-11 am (10 Lessons) Prerequisite Level 1, Fee: \$250. Clothed Figure Drawing, Instructor: Ozell Hudson Jr., Tues., 1/14 - 2/11, 7-9 pm, (5 Lessons), Fee: \$125. Composition, Instructor: Ozell Hudson Jr., Wed., 1/15 - 2/12, 7-9 pm, (5 Lessons), Fee: \$125. Please register at [www.figureheadgallery.com/classes.html](http://www.figureheadgallery.com/classes.html) or call Ken Ball at 925-353-0419.

**Show and Tell**, Artists are invited to a monthly function at the Bothwell Arts Center, called "Show & Tell." 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. Artists bring finished or unfinished work to show and if desired, receive a critique from the group. Refreshments are brought by the artists, and a donation of \$5.00 is desired although not mandatory. Contact for this event is D'Anne Miller at [danne\\_miller@att.net](mailto:danne_miller@att.net), or Linda Ryan at [LRyan@Livermoreperformingarts.org](mailto:LRyan@Livermoreperformingarts.org)

**ACC / Art Critique & Coffee** meetings now at New Leaf in Pleasanton's Vintage Shopping Center on Bernal & Vineyard. Brings together professional, local and emerging artists meetings each Friday at 10:30 a.m. to share latest work, fine tune each piece with gentle critiques and share tips, techniques and opportunities. Join the mailing list and receive the latest news on when and where the next meeting will be held. [PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com](mailto:PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.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 e-mail Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 - [microangelo@earthlink.net](mailto:microangelo@earthlink.net).

**Preschool Art classes:** Thursday mornings 9:45 - 10:45. Children aged 3-5 are welcome to join this class. Classes cover drawing, painting, print-making, sculpture and ceramics. For further information please contact Thomasin Dewhurst at (925) 216-7231 or [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasin_d@hotmail.com) or visit <http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/>

**Art Classes**, For children, teens and adults. Beginner to advanced. Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics taught by highly experienced artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst. Weekday and weekend classes, Homeschool classes, Special classes during school breaks offered. Please phone (925) 216-7231 or email [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasin_d@hotmail.com) for further info.

**Piano and keyboard lessons**, For children to adult. Beginner to early intermediate level. Half-hour private classes or small group classes offered. Twice-yearly recitals. Please phone (925) 216-7231 or email [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasin_d@hotmail.com) for further info.

**PPL/Pleasanton Poetry League**, now meeting the 1st Thursday and 3rd Wednesday of each month 7:00 at The Corner Bakery Cafe in Pleasanton. Join us as we challenge ourselves to poetically relay our thoughts, emotions and experiences through poetry. Become a member & share your work - Contact [PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com](mailto:PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com) for more info on Theme Challenges, Membership & Opportunities.

**Ukulele Circle**, Meetings held the 2nd and last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 2222 Second St., Suite 2, Livermore. Please confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at [www.GalinasMusicStudio.com](http://www.GalinasMusicStudio.com). Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs.

**Nature Photography Hike along the**

**Callippe Preserve Trail** on Saturday, January 11, 2014 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Hosted by Community Services Department of the City of Pleasanton. Participants must be 18 and older. Learn more and register at [www.pleasantonfun.com](http://www.pleasantonfun.com)

**Colored Pencil Classes "Basics and Beyond,"** Instructor Maryann Kot. Starting at 9:30 a.m., Mon., Jan. 6th for five weeks and also 6:30 p.m. on Tues., Jan. 7th for five weeks. Classes will be held at the Bothwell Arts Center 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Sign up at Way Up Art and Frame, Livermore 925-443-3388. View Maryann's artwork at [www.maryannkot.com](http://www.maryannkot.com)

**New Art Workshop: Fun-Tangles.** Instructor Maryann Kot. One day Workshop - Sat., Jan. 18th 10 am to 3 pm. Fee \$45. Fun-Tangles incorporates pen and ink drawing in repetitive patterns with colored media to enhance the design. Workshop will be held at the Bothwell Arts Center 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Sign up at Way Up Art and Frame, Livermore 925-443-3388.

## WINERY EVENTS

**Wine Wednesdays**, Livermore Valley wineries will be hosting "Wine Wednesdays" each Wednesday through October. One featured winery will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. to help guests "wine-down" from the work week or just grab a taste of wine before going out to dinner in the Tri-Valley. Check for the winery listings at [www.lvwine.org](http://www.lvwine.org).

**The Winemaker's Pour House**, Live music: Jan. 2, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Natalia Sings!; Jan. 3, 7-10 p.m., Better Days; Jan. 4, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Toucan Jam; Jan. 7, 6-9 p.m., Glenn Osur at the Piano; Jan. 9, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Natalia Sings; Jan. 10, 7-10 p.m., Timmy G & Dueling Guitars; Jan. 14, 6-9 p.m. Glenn Osur at the Piano; Jan. 16, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Natalia Sings; Jan. 18, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Chris Lebel; Jan. 21, 6-9 p.m., Glenn Osur at the Piano; Jan. 23, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Natalia Sings; Jan. 24, 7-10 p.m., Tumbledown House; Jan. 25, 8-9:30 p.m., Comedy Show; Jan. 26, 4-7 p.m., Steve Kritzer & Friends; Jan. 28, 6-9 p.m., Glenn Osur at the Piano; Jan. 30, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Natalia Sings; Feb. 4, 6-9 p.m., Glenn Osur at the Piano; Feb. 6, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Natalia Sings.

2241 First St., Livermore. [www.winemakerspourhouse.com](http://www.winemakerspourhouse.com) or

215-2656.

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

**Chris Bradley's Jazz Band** appears regularly at: The Castle Rock Restaurant in Livermore/ on Portola Avenue-- the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from 7:30-9:30--Dance floor, full bar, small cover.

**Happy Birthday, Elvis!** The Firehouse Arts Center celebrates Elvis Presley's Birthday Weekend with The Early Elvis Tribute Show featuring returning hit group Jim Anderson & The Rebels. Saturday, January 4 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, January 5 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$15, \$20, \$25; child \$12; senior \$22; group discounts available. Tickets available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

**Ricky Nelson Remembered:** Live at Firehouse Arts Center. Matthew and Gunnar Nelson, Ricky's twin sons and multi-platinum recording artists in their own right, in concert at the Firehouse Arts Center on Friday, January 10, at 8:00 p.m. Featuring hit songs like "Hello Mary Lou," "Poor Little Fool," "Travelin' Man," "I'm Walkin'," "I Gotta Feeling," "Teenage Idol," "Garden Party" and many more, RNR showcases his life with never-before-seen interviews from artists he influenced, including Paul McCartney and Chris Isaak. Reserved seating tickets are \$40-\$50; available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

**The Special Consensus: Bluegrass with an attitude!** Firehouse Arts Center, Jan. 11, 9 p.m. 2012 Grammy-nominated acoustic bluegrass band returns to the Firehouse. Four-man bluegrass in classic vein, with modern edge, spotless vocals, and boundless energy. Opening act: duo of singer/songwriter Melody Walker and picker extraordinaire Jacob Groopman with their unique 'Americali,' Americana with a California twist. Tickets \$12, \$17, \$22; available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

**Wailin' Jennys**, folk harmonies. Sat., Jan. 11, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Wyrick Chamber Players.** Acclaimed family of classical musicians comes to intimate Firehouse Arts Center. Selections include the Beethoven A Major and Schubert C Major string quintets. Guest artist Nancy Ellis. Sunday, January 12, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets \$10, \$15, \$20; youth discounts available. Tickets available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

**International Guitar Night.** Wed., Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Upright Citizens Brigade Touring Company**, Jan. 31, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. [www.sanramonperformingarts.com](http://www.sanramonperformingarts.com) or 973-3343.

**Celtic Nights**, Tues., Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Some Enchanted Evening**, sounds of Broadway. Fri., Feb. 14, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Valentine's Day With the Incomparable Clairdee**, Feb. 14, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Del Valle Concert Series**, 8 p.m., February 15, Euclid String Quartet: a top prize winner at Osaka International Chamber Music Competition. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**In The Mood**, music of Glenn Miller, The Andrews Sisters, Dorsey, Shaw, Goodman and Sinatra in a nostalgic, patriotic, upbeat swing-era musical revue. 19 on stage: Big Band plus six singer/dancers including some high flying boogie woogie with authentic music arrangements, costumes and choreography. Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Pink Floyd Concert Experience:** An Evening of Pink Floyd starring House of Floyd. Fri., Feb. 21, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Livermore-Amador Symphony**, American Idols, Copland, Hanson, Schubert, winners of Competition for Young Musicians. Feb. 22, 8

## ART &amp; ENTERTAINMENT



**Puppetry in "Die Fledermaus," to be performed by the Lamplighters Music Theatre at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.**

p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Guitar Passions**, evening of Latin inspired jazz. Wed., Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Richard Marx**, Grammy Award winning songwriter. Thurs., Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Cyrille Aimée**, jazz vocalist, Fri., Feb. 28, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Under the Streetlamp**, Feb. 28, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. [www.sanramonperformingarts.com](http://www.sanramonperformingarts.com) or 973-3343.

#### ON THE STAGE

**Grace**, Douglas Morrisson Theatre presents Staged Reading of "GRACE" by Craig Wright, a darkly comic play about the changing nature of faith and belief. The fifth DMT Bare Bones series in the 2013-2014 season: edgier pieces by contemporary writers. Jan. 7, 8 p.m. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. \$10 open seating. (510) 881-6777; [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org)

**The Matchmaker**, Role Players Ensemble. Jan. 17-Feb. 8. Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. <http://roleplayersensemble.com/>

**The Drowsy Chaperone**, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Jan. 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31; and Feb. 1, 2014. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**A Chorus Line**, Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre, Jan. 24-Feb. 9 Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Mercy Watson to the Rescue**, Bay Area Children's Theatre, Feb. 22 and 23, March 1 and 2 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. [www.sanramonperformingarts.com](http://www.sanramonperformingarts.com) or 973-3343.

**Civic Arts Stage Company Presents The Secret Garden**, Feb. 28-March 9. Fri. 7:30 p.m., Sat. 2 and 7 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

#### COMEDY

**Made-to-Order Fairytales: Creatures of Impulse**, the City of Pleasanton's award winning teen improv troupe, and the Pleasanton Public Library present 5 completely different interactive programs for children ages 5-10. Creatures of Impulse will take suggestions from children to create fifteen to twenty minute improvised fairytales. Programs: Friday, January 3, 2014,

11:00-11:30 a.m. and 11:45-12:15 p.m.; Saturday, January 25, 2012, 2:00-2:30 p.m., 3:00-3:30 p.m., and 4:00-4:30 p.m. All programs are free, and no tickets required. Free parking. Library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton.

**Colin Quinn, 'Unconstitutional'**, Jan. 17, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Second City**, comedy, Sun., Feb. 23, 7 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

#### MOVIES

**Classic Films at the Pleasanton Library**, 7 p.m. first Thursday of each month through June 5, 2014. Las Positas College and the Pleasanton Public Library present "Make 'em Laugh" Series" Hosted by Candy Klaschus, film historian and Coordinator of the Humanities Program at Las Positas College. A brief talk about each film is presented prior to the screening. Refreshments are served. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 925-931-3405. Admission is free. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

#### DANCE

**Friday Evening Group Dance!** Learn how to dance with great instructors from It's All About Dancing, new dance every week from Salsa, Tango, Swing and more. Group lesson starts at 7:30, followed by open dance until 9:45 in our new location at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore; 925-449-9292. \$15.

**Livermore School of Dance presents "Steppin' Up"** performed by the Jazz, Tap & Hip Hop Companies. 2 and 7 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 4 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Proceeds will benefit Sleep Train Foster Care children and families.

The performance will have a fusion of four different acts: Broadway Tribute, Salsa Fever, Urban Funk, and a piece dedicated to the children. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

#### CHORAL

**Broadway Chorus**, Sings Your Favorites, Jan. 10, 11, 12, Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre community chorus. Tickets 462-2121.

#### OPERA

**22nd Anniversary Celebration, Livermore Valley Opera**, January 25, 5 p.m. Ruby Hill Golf Club, Pleasanton. Formal concert followed by dinner and an auction. Black-tie optional. [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com) or 960-9210.

**Die Fledermaus**, Lamplighters Music Theatre production. Feb. 8, 8 p.m. and Feb. 9, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

**Political Issues Book Club** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs in both the national and international arenas. Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history, sociology, science, the climate, and religion. Contact Rich at 872-7923, for further questions  
**We're Talkin' Books! Club** is a member-centered book group led by a small group of book club veterans, with reading selections based on member recommendations and consensus. No homework required—share your insights or just listen in! Contact Susan at

373-1282 regarding the *We're Talkin' Books! Club*.

**Poetry at Ravenswood**, Jan. 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. Featured poets will be Sam Pierstorff and C.O. McCauley. The guest poets will read at 2 p.m. followed by an open mic after a short break. Admission is \$5. Light refreshments served. Ravenswood Historic Site is located at 2657 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Look for the sign. For information, contact Connie Post at [connie@poetrypost.com](mailto:connie@poetrypost.com) or 925-323-0884.

**An Evening with Mark Twain**, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. Museum on Main 2014 Ed Kinney Speakers Series, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors, \$5 members, and \$3 students/teachers with ID. Tickets may be purchased at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. Tickets purchased by phone will be available for pick up at Will Call in the lobby of the Firehouse Arts Center on the evening of the event. Tickets may be available at the event subject to availability. Cash, check, Visa and MasterCard accepted.

#### Livermore Reads Together Kick-off

**Event**, Jan. 26, 2 p.m. Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Afternoon with Laurie R. King, author of *The Beekeeper's Apprentice*. Chosen as one of the 100 Favorite Mysteries of the 20th Century, *The Beekeeper's Apprentice* presents Mary Russell, a fifteen-year-old American orphan, who meets Sherlock Holmes in 1915 in Sussex Downs. Holmes, who spends his quiet days studying beekeeping and dabbling in detective work, takes the spirited Russell on as an apprentice. In her, Holmes finds his perfect partner in detection. [www.cityoflivermore.net](http://www.cityoflivermore.net) or 373-5500.

**Mike Montemerlo**, Rae Dorough Speaker Series, 7:30 p.m. Tues., Jan. 28: Google Self-Driving Car Project - A Glimpse of the Future. Mike Montemerlo is a Staff Software Engineer at Google working on self-driving cars. He received his B.S. and M.S. in Electrical/Computer Engineering and PhD in Robotics from Carnegie Mellon University. \$30, \$15 for students 21 and under. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**An Evening with Hugh Liang**: Eyewitness to the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake & Fire, Feb. 4, 7 p.m. Museum on Main 2014 Ed Kinney Speakers Series, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors, \$5 members, and \$3 students/teachers with ID. Tickets may be purchased at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. Tickets purchased by phone will be available for pick up at Will Call in the lobby of the Firehouse Arts Center on the evening of the event. Tickets may be available at the event subject to availability.

**Kissin' the Chocolate Blues**, a live celebration of Black History Month with Faith Alpher as Dr. Maya Angelou with musical entertainment by Pleasanton's Debra Knox. Tues., Feb. 11, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Monte Carlo and Auction Evening**, Feb. 21, 7 to 11 p.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Fund-raiser for Safe and Sober Grad Nights for Livermore and Granada high schools. \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door. [www.granadagradnight.com](http://www.granadagradnight.com) or [www.lhsgradnight.org](http://www.lhsgradnight.org).



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The four Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientists selected as 2013 fellows of the American Physical Society (APS) are (from left) Charles Cerjan, Ian Thompson, Eric Schwegler and Marilyn Schneider.

## FELLOWS

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Spectroscopic Diagnostics Group in the NIF High Energy Density (HED) Science and Technology Organization, was recognized for "outstanding contributions to X-ray measurements in laser-produced plasmas" by the Topical Group on Instrument and Measurement Science.

Schneider joined LLNL in 1986 and has been involved in a variety of areas for both the Defense Sciences and Inertial Confinement Fusion Programs, including basic atomic physics studies at the Electron Beam Ion Trap (EBIT), opacity measurements using high-power lasers, interface instability studies and the development of hot hohlraums and ignition-scale hohlraums. Her research interests include the science of interfaces, the physics of thermal X-radiation sources and radiation transport in HED plasmas. She received her bachelor's degree in physics from Barnard College, Columbia University and a master's and Ph.D. in physics from Cornell University.

"My thesis adviser, Watt W. Webb, greatly influenced me by setting a high standard of excellence for experimental work. I have tried hard

to keep that standard and my colleagues here in PLS and at NIF have made that, if not easy, at least exciting and fun," Schneider said. "I feel honored to work with such creative, intelligent and dedicated people."

• Eric Schwegler, group leader for Quantum Simulations in the Condensed Matter and Materials Division, was cited in the Division of Computational Physics for "important contributions to the development of linear scaling electronic structure theory, and the use of first-principles methods to examine the properties of aqueous solutions, nanomaterials and matter under extreme conditions."

Schwegler received his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of Minnesota, following undergraduate degrees in computer science and chemistry from Southwestern University. In 1998, he joined LLNL as a postdoctoral researcher, and in 2005 he was appointed as the Quantum Simulations group leader.

"I am quite honored to be selected as a fellow," Schwegler said. "I have benefitted greatly from all the people I have worked with and the environment

and opportunities here at the Lawrence Livermore have certainly had a tremendous impact on my career as a scientist."

• Ian Thompson, theoretical nuclear physicist in the Nuclear Theory and Modeling group, was cited by the Division of Nuclear Physics for "the development and application of all-order treatments of nuclear-cluster dynamics in peripheral reactions; leading to a new understanding of halo nuclei within a few-body framework."

Thompson joined LLNL in 2006, after serving as professor of physics at the University of Surrey, England. He is a fellow of the U.K.'s Institute of Physics. He has been involved in the study of multistep inelastic, transfer and breakup reactions and how they connect to the production and decay of compound nucleus states. His textbook "Nuclear Reactions for Astrophysics" was published in 2009, and he contributed the chapter on Coulomb Functions to the new NIST Handbook of Mathematical Functions. He received a bachelor's degree in physics from the University of Auckland,

New Zealand; a master's degree in computer science from Massey University, New Zealand; and a Ph.D. in theoretical nuclear physics from the University of Auckland.

"It has been an interesting challenge moving from a university to a laboratory environment when I came here in 2006," Thompson said. "But here there are good opportunities for applications, with more ambitious collaborations and larger-scale calculations."

The four researchers join two recognized earlier this year, for a total of six LLNL 2013 fellows. In the past 30 years, nearly 100 LLNL employees have been elected APS fellows.

APS fellowships are awarded after extensive review and are considered a distinct honor because the evaluation process, conducted by the fellowship committees of individual divisions, topical groups and forums, relies on nomination and recommendation by one's professional peers. Election to APS fellowship is limited to no more than one half of 1 percent of APS' membership for a given year.

## BULLETIN BOARD

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**Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club**, will meet on Thursday, January 9, 2014, 7:00pm at Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Dan Resor, a local pruning expert, will demonstrate basic hands-on pruning techniques. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Bev at 925 485 7812 or visit [www.lavgc.org](http://www.lavgc.org).

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club**, Sat., Jan. 4, 15-23 miles, first conditioning ride for Cinderella Classic, meet 10 a.m. at Dublin High School, Karin Ball, [kbal2@yahoo.com](mailto:kbal2@yahoo.com). Sun., Jan. 5, 40 miles, Castro Valley, Skyline, Pinehurst loop, meet 9:30 a.m. Steve Kowalewski, 510-246-2815. Wed., Jan. 8, 38 miles, Lafayette, Pinole, meet 9:30 a.m. at the Olympic trailhead, Gail Blanco, 872-1001. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated** presents special guest speaker, Thomas Vaillancourt, who will speak on the latest developments in Obamacare. Mr. Vaillancourt is a concerned citizen actively volunteering in the Republican Party; East Bay TEA Party; and SCORE; and works with people in small businesses. The purpose of this presentation is to concentrate on the big picture: how it will affect every man, woman, and child in the United States; our freedoms and individual liberties. Join us on Thursday, January 9, 6:30 p.m. for dinner and presentation. Dinners are \$30 for members, \$34 for guests. Contact [Rebecca.potts@comcast.net](mailto:Rebecca.potts@comcast.net) or phone 925-294-4013 by January 6th.

**Depression Support Group**, Discussion includes: What is happening to your body; how to combat the imbalance; things you can do to help yourself. Sessions will begin January 2014, in Livermore. Space is limited. Meetings run from 1-2 hours, twice a month (group will be closed after 2nd meeting). To reserve a space or for more information email [depart14@comcast.net](mailto:depart14@comcast.net).

**Dress a Girl Around the World**, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Next Sew-Fest is Saturday, Jan. 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. St. Michael's Hall, Livermore. Help is needed sewing, ironing, cutting. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) There is a lot of fabric and pillowcases, so there are many kits ready to sew. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, please arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or [suzbeck@yahoo.com](mailto:suzbeck@yahoo.com)

**59th annual Crab Feed**, Livermore Rotary Club, Friday, January 31, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the Aahmes Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Avenue, Livermore. The event features a crab dinner and dancing to live music by the Gabe Duffin Band Tickets \$45 per person. Please call for special pricing for groups of 8 to 10 people. To order tickets call Debbie Peck

(925) 447-4300.

**Pleasantonians 4 Peace**, is sponsoring a candlelight Vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, January 8, Wednesday, at 7 PM. Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. A Peaceful War Protest will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, January 22 between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Call Cathe Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at [mjs7882@gmail.com](mailto:mjs7882@gmail.com); or [kdowding@pacbell.net](mailto:kdowding@pacbell.net). [www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org](http://www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org)

**Beginner internet and e-mail classes**, Free classes for absolute beginners who have never clicked a mouse, used e-mail, or surfed the net. Learn the basics in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Pleasanton Library, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Four one-hour classes in each series. Registration is required, as space is limited. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400, extension 4. Library programs are free and open to everyone. An ongoing program. Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 ext. 4 for information. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

**Free Diabetes Self-Management Classes**. 7 week series teaches how to manage diabetes with exercise, healthy eating and medications, and answer all questions about living with diabetes. Saturdays January 11 through February 22, 9:30-11:30, Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Class is open to adults of all ages (not just Seniors) with pre diabetes or type 2 diabetes. Please call the Alameda County Diabetes Program at 510-383-5185 to register. Space is limited.

**Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch of AAUW** will have Mary Knox, a Deputy District Attorney for Contra Costa County speak about Homicides, Drugs and Gangs on Thursday, January 30 at Diablo Country Club, 1700 Clubhouse Rd. Diablo at 11 AM. A three course lunch will be served. The public is invited. Mail checks in the amount of \$29 to DAW-AAUW, PO Box 996, Alamo, CA, 94507. For more information email [daw.aauw@gmail.com](mailto:daw.aauw@gmail.com).

**ClutterLess (CL)**, ClutterLess is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meeting 7 p.m. Regular meetings Mondays at the St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church. Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton. Just come or call a volunteer at 925-525-3992 or 925-200-1943 or visit [www.ClutterLess.org](http://www.ClutterLess.org). No meetings on holidays. Meeting free, optional \$2 to \$5 appreciated.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA.**, General meeting in Livermore, Jan. 7, 11 a.m., RSVP by Jan. 4 to Pat, 606-0407. Lunch in Pleasanton, Jan. 8, 12:30 p.m., RSVP by Jan. 5 to Barbara, 426-8876. Birthday lunch in San Ramon, Jan. 12, 1 p.m. RSVP by Jan. 6 to Marsha, 830-8483. Happy hour in Pleasanton, Jan. 16, 5 p.m., RSVP by Jan. 14 to Marge, 828-5124. Friendly bridge in Pleasanton, Jan. 18, 1 p.m. RSVP by Jan. 11 to Ruby, 462-9636. Lunch in Pleasanton, Jan. 19, 12:30 p.m. RSVP by Jan. 19 to David, 833-7647. Lunch in San Ramon, Jan. 25, RSVP by Jan. 22 to Bette, 510-357-7873.

# BULLETIN BOARD

**Birthright of Livermore needs volunteers:** Birthright Crisis Pregnancy Service in Livermore is looking for substitute office volunteers, board members, computer tech and website assistance. A grant writer, a CPA to review the books annually & assist with tax forms, a fund-raising chairman, publicity/advertising chairman and an administrative secretary are also needed. Office is open M-Tu-W-F, 10 am-2 pm and Th. eve. 6-9 pm. To discuss a variety of volunteer opportunities please call John M. Kupski evenings at 606-8230 (or Thursday evenings 6-9 pm at Birthright office 449-5887). Birthright offers free pregnancy tests, guidance, adoption and medical referrals, baby and maternity clothing, and more. Those in need of services, please visit the Livermore office at 1520 Catalina Ct., or call (925) 449-5887 during business hours. The 1-800-550-4900 Hotline number is staffed 24 hours a day. Please see our website at [www.birthright.org](http://www.birthright.org) for more information. All Birthright services are free and confidential.

**Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) Pleasanton,** meets Wednesdays 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton (not affiliated with the church). Information at [www.dbsalliance.org/](http://www.dbsalliance.org/) pleasanton or contact chapter leader, Al Pereira, 462-6415.

**Crab Feed,** benefit for St. Michael's/St. Charles CYO basketball. Sat., Jan. 25, Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore, 6 p.m. to midnight. All you can eat crab or chicken, pasta, salad, bread. Raffle prizes. Tickets \$40, at [www.smccyo.org](http://www.smccyo.org). Additional information at [njfromindy@yahoo.com](mailto:njfromindy@yahoo.com) or 216-2519.

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

**Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution,** meets the first Saturday of the month through May at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel of Asbury United Methodist Church, Livermore. Members are descendants of patriots of the American Revolution. DAR is dedicated to preserving American history, promoting patriotism and securing America's future through patriotism and better education. For information contact [jhlchapter@yahoo.com](mailto:jhlchapter@yahoo.com) or 784-1935.

**Arthritis/Chronic Pain Support Group,** Wednesdays, 4 to 5 p.m. Asbury Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Information, contact Barbara 503-449-3861, or email [bltrey@gmail.com](mailto:bltrey@gmail.com). Free will donations accepted toward room rent.

**Bereaved Mothers' Network of the Tri-Valley,** offering support, understanding and compassion to mothers who have suffered the loss (past or present) of a precious child. Safe, confidential, non-judgmental environment. Monthly meeting held at 7 P.M. on the first Tuesday of the month. Livermore Civic Center Library in Community Room "B." Small voluntary donations to help with meeting and outreach costs are appreciated. For further information reach Katie Strube at [katiestrube@comcast.net](mailto:katiestrube@comcast.net).

**Pleasanton Newcomers Club,** open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley. Activities include a coffee the first Wednesday of the month, a luncheon on the second Wednesday of the month, Bunco, Mah Jongg, walking/hiking groups, family activities, and monthly adult socials. Information, call 925-215-8405 or visit [www.PleasantonNewcomers.com](http://www.PleasantonNewcomers.com)

**Overeaters Anonymous.** All are welcome. No weigh-ins, free will donations for rent. Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Call Nora for further information at (925) 447-1676

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly),** self-help weight loss support group meets in Livermore on Mondays, 6:15-6:45 p.m., Weigh-in (private); meeting 6:45 p.m. All are welcome. Information, contact Phyllis at 443-5943.

**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.tamayoc@cril-online.org](mailto:abril.tamayoc@cril-online.org). All services are free.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.operationsam.org), email [operationsam@comcast.net](mailto:operationsam@comcast.net) or call 925 443-7620 for more information and the calendar of events.

**VFW Post 7265, Livermore,** invites Veterans of Foreign Wars, all military branches, to join the group. Any age veteran welcome to meetings held 1st and 3rd Mondays, 522 South L St., Livermore. Camaraderie, support, connections, advocacy, distinction and community service. Meetings on the 1st Monday begin at 7:30 p.m. and on the 3rd Monday at 8 p.m. Information, call 455-5039.

**Pleasanton Military Families** is

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

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

## RELIGION

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

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

**Unitarian Universalist,** 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Information 447-8747 or [www.uucil.org](http://www.uucil.org)

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

**Tri-Valley Cultural Jews,** affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (csjo.org). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 485-1049 or [EastBaySecularJews.org](http://EastBaySecularJews.org).

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

**Sunset Community Church,** 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church** Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Information, 447-8840.

**Our Savior Lutheran Ministries,** 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. worship (semi-formal); 10:30 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school. For information, call 925-447-1246.

**Asbury United Methodist Church,** 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m.

Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

**Calvary Chapel Livermore,** meetings Saturdays at 6 p.m. 5860 Las Positas Road, Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - [www.calvalrylivermore.org](http://www.calvalrylivermore.org).

**St. Matthew's Baptist Church,** 1239 North Livermore Ave., Livermore. Services on Sunday at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Prayer each Wednesday at 7 p.m. followed by Bible study at 7:30 p.m. 449-3824.

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

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

**Seventh-day Adventist Church,** 243 Scott Street, Livermore. 925-447-5462, services on Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m. [www.livermore.sda.org/](http://www.livermore.sda.org/) All are welcome.

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

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

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

**St. Innocent Orthodox Church,** 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details please see [www.stinnocent.net](http://www.stinnocent.net) or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

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

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church,** 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. Sunday Services: Contemplative Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:20 a.m. Choral Eucharist with choir 10:30 a.m.; child care for children under 5 available at 10:30 service.

**Tri-Valley Church of Christ** at 4481 East Avenue, Livermore, worship service 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Sundays, all are welcome. 925-447-4333 (a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

**Little Brown Church,** United Church of Christ 1411 Kilkare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. [www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org](http://www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org) 925-862-2580

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**Pathway Community Church,** 6533 Sierra Lane, Dublin. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. [www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org](http://www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org) (925) 829-4793.

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

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

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

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

**Valley Bible Church,** Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. Interpretation for the deaf at 9:00. 925-227-1301. [www.thecrossing.org](http://www.thecrossing.org)

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

**Cedar Grove Community Church,** 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. [www.cedargrove.org](http://www.cedargrove.org) or call 447-2351.

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

**Chabad of the Tri-Valley,** 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. [www.jewishtrivalley.com](http://www.jewishtrivalley.com). Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

**Well Community Outreach Center ministry** provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, please call the office at (925) 479-1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Thursday 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pick up by appointment only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts. This will be on a first come first serve basis between 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

**Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat,** an

informal gathering to discuss ideas, 10:45 a.m. at Café Rumi, 4799 Heyer Ave., Castro Valley. The topic is "What will happen to Jews in the United States over the next 25 Years?" Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat is an activity of the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, a Secular Humanistic Jewish community, but is open to the entire community. (Non-members are asked to donate \$5 per session.) Further sessions are scheduled for January 5 and February 2 with topics to be announced. For information, please contact (925) 240-5612.

**Healing journey after death of a loved one.** St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Pleasanton. Second and fourth Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. January 9 and 23. February 13 and 27, 2014. No pre-registration is necessary. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Mary Hagerty at 925-846-5377 for more information.

**Burning Bowl Ceremony** - Sunday, Jan. 5, 10 a.m. at the church location, 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley. Gifts to the sacred flame that which we are ready to release and let go of. In addition, we will write letters to God that set our intentions for 2014. The sealed letters will be held in prayer at Unity of Tri-Valley and then returned next October. Everyone is welcome. [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com) (925) 829-2733.

**Community HU Chant** is the theme of a non-denominational prayer activity Saturday, January 4th at 1:00 PM. The Community HU Chant is held once a month each 1st Saturday at The Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton. For More Information contact <http://eck-ca.org/> by computer

**Lynnwood United Methodist Church,** 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Sunday worship times 9:00 am (nursery care) and 10:30 am (nursery and Sunday school). All welcome. Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer, Pastor. [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org), 925 846-0221 (across from the aquatic center, parking behind church).

**Unity of Tri-Valley Church** - Sunday services are at 10:00 a.m.; all are welcome. Ongoing small groups, weekly activities, choir, classes, and Children's church. 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley (2 miles west of Stoneridge Mall). (925) 829-2733, [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com) Rev. Karen Epps.

**Class on Luke's Gospel,** In response to feedback received from the successful Bible from Scratch class last fall, First Presbyterian Church of Livermore will offer a 7 week study of Luke's Gospel from Scratch taught by the author of the study book, Rev. Dr. Don Griggs. The study of Luke's Gospel will teach about Jesus as well as about what is expected of those who would be his followers. The class will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM for seven weeks from January 15th through February 26th. The public is welcome to join in this fascinating study, but registration is required. The study book is available for purchase from the church office at 2020 5th Street. Registration will begin Sunday, January 5, 2014 in Fellowship Hall at the church, or you may register online at [www.fpcl.us](http://www.fpcl.us).

# Milestones

## Community

### Livermore Educators Win Sandia Excellence in Teaching awards



Pictured (from left) are Stephanie Beasley, community relations officer at Sandia's California site; Terry Greenaway, Jackson Avenue Elementary School science specialist; Kathy Hallenbeck, Livermore High School chemistry teacher; and Vicki Schellenberger, president of the Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF).

(Photo courtesy of Sandia National Laboratories)

Sandia National Laboratories' Livermore, site presented two local teachers with Excellence in Teaching Awards at the regular meeting of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's Board of Education on Dec. 10. Terry Greenaway, a science specialist at Jackson Avenue Elementary School, and Kathy Hallenbeck, a chemistry teacher at Livermore High School (LHS), each received a \$500 award.

"The purpose of the Excellence in Teaching Award is to recognize teachers who foster a love of math, science and technology in their students," said Stephanie Beasley, community rela-

tions officer for Sandia's California site. "The STEM subjects – science, technology, engineering and math – are vital to Sandia's mission and our nation as a whole."

In his nomination form, Greenaway is described as "more than a science teacher ... a mentor and friend to not only his students, but parents and faculty as well. He does so much more than what is asked of him on a daily basis, and ... he inspires our students to pursue science in their daily lives." In addition to his regular science classes at Jackson, Greenaway also spends time outside of regular school hours developing curricula, helping students with science fair experi-

ments and leading telescope viewings of celestial events.

Greenaway has taught science at Jackson for the last nine years and has more than 20 years of experience teaching biology, chemistry, earth science and physical science to students in high school, middle school and elementary school. To increase his knowledge of current scientific developments, Greenaway has completed summer internships at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital, Life Technologies and Applied Materials through the Industry Initiatives in Science and Math Education program.

In her nomination form,

Hallenbeck is described as "a tireless champion for her students and the rock upon which the school's high-achieving chemistry department was built." She holds many study sessions for the Advanced Placement Chemistry exam outside of the regular class time, resulting in high scores for her students on this challenging test.

Hallenbeck also organizes educational activities to take the students outside the four walls of the classroom. These activities have included planting acorns and helping park rangers maintain hiking trails in a local park. Hallenbeck is also active with Get Set, an extracurricular enrichment program for local high school girls with interests in math, science, technology and engineering.

In 2007, Sandia established an endowment with the Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) to fund the Excellence in Teaching Award, which is given to two outstanding teachers each December. Principals and staff members can nominate teachers for the award, and parents and students are encouraged to submit suggestions to site principals. Selection is then made by a committee that includes representatives from LVEF, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and Sandia.



Thomas Jacob Tsunemoto

### Eagle Honors Achieved

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held on October 26, 2013 to recognize Thomas Jacob Tsunemoto for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America Troop 931.

Thomas' community service project was in support of Livermore Parks and Recreation Department's Extended Student Services Program at Croce School. He chose the project, because he benefited from the program throughout elementary and middle school. The children of Croce School ESS do not have a place to rest or eat their lunch comfortably while outside. Thomas planned the construction of 3 park benches for the children. Thomas supervised a work crew of friends and fellow scouts in the construction of the benches. He funded the project with donations from the community, and wants to especially thank Drs. Jon and Leslie Matsumura for their generous donation.

Thomas would like to thank all the adult leader throughout his scouting career, Jeff Biehl, Roxanne Corbett, Cleat Crouch, SFBAC Eagle Scout Board of Review and many others who helped guide him on his journey to Eagle Scout.

Thomas, a Livermore resident, is the son of Linda Roseman and Meade Tsunemoto. He is a senior at Granada High School.