



## Find Out What's Happening

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

# Dublin Leads the Valley in Approving Anti-Tobacco Policies

By Ron McNicoll

Dublin is one of only three cities in Alameda County to receive an "A" on an American Lung Association (ALA) report card grading cities' efforts to control tobacco use.

The other cities earning A's were Union City and Albany. Livermore and Pleasanton each received

a "D."

Across the county line in Contra Costa, San Ramon was given a "D," Danville an "F." Richmond was the only Contra Costa city with an "A."

The letter grades were taken from point scores that weighted the cities' overall performances in three categories: regulation

of smoke-free outdoor air, requirements for landlords to create and permanently maintain non-smoking housing units, and ordinances that would reduce the sales of tobacco products.

In the first category, a smoke-free outdoors defined as a location where the public congregates, Dublin received an "A." The city

earned 18 points out of a possible 22. The smoking ban outdoors includes areas outside restaurants and bars, recreation facilities, and service areas, such as bus stops.

The Dublin City Council passed a ban on smoking in parks on Dec. 4. They put the finishing touch on the ordinance Jan. 15 by autho-

rizing signs to be installed in all parks to notify park users about the new rule.

In the outdoor air category, Pleasanton was given a "C," based on 10 total points. Livermore received a "D," derived from its 6 points.

The points in the three categories are not directly correlated to the overall (See TOBACCO, page 4)

## Community To Celebrate MLK Legacy

Community leaders and members from the Tri-Valley area will come together on Mon., Jan. 28 to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK). The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship Breakfast will be hosted by the Tri-Valley YMCA. This year's program will include a variety of inspirational speakers and artistic expressions related to the theme, "From Dreams To Action." The keynote speaker will be Pleasanton Police Chief Dave Spiller.

As part of the annual event, the Tri-Valley YMCA will be honoring three community members with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Award. The Award recipients this year are Lynette Butsuda, teacher, Frederiksen Elementary School, Dublin Unified School District; Mark Duncanson, Senior Recreation Program Specialist, City of Pleasanton; and Joan Seppala, publisher, The Independent.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship Breakfast will be held on January 28, 2013 from 7:30 am until 9:30 am at the Hilton Pleasanton at the Club.

Proceeds from this event will directly benefit youth leadership programs. For further information, contact Kelly O'Laughlin at 925-263-4444.

## Las Positas, Sandia Host Science Bowl

Las Positas College in Conjunction with Sandia National Laboratories to Host the 2013 Regional Science Bowl

Las Positas College, in conjunction with its partner and co-sponsor, Sandia National Laboratories, will host the 2013 Regional Science Bowl for high school students. The event will be next Saturday, January 26 from 8:00 AM until approximately 4:00 PM on the LPC campus.

The 2013 Science Bowl marks the 14th consecutive year that Las Positas College will have hosted the regional competition. The event planners are expecting a full complement of 24 teams representing different high schools in the greater East Bay area.

Participants, parents, other students and members of the general community are invited to attend the day-long activities. The schedule of events is: 8:45 a.m. - Welcome and Participant Pairings; 9:20 a.m. - Round 1 Competition; 12:00 Noon - Lunch Break; 1:00 p.m. - Elimination Rounds; and 4:00 p.m. - Awards Ceremony

A round robin competition in the morning will begin with bracket selection (See SCIENCE, page 8)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

To celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., more than 40 Kaiser Permanente employees, physicians and staff gathered at the Arroyo Mocho Trail in Livermore to volunteer their time and make January 21, 2013 a day of service in the community. Volunteers removed trash and debris from the area alongside the creek. "We are excited to have worked with Hands On Bay Area to make a difference in the Livermore community," says Joyce Lim, community relations representative for Kaiser Permanente Diablo Area and organizer of the event. Helping out was Karen Rubbin (far left).

## Core Curriculum Aims to Fill The Blank Sheet of Paper

By Ron McNicoll

A blank piece of paper perhaps best sums up the meaning of the new core curriculum, which will be adopted by 47 states in three years.

The freshness of a new idea, waiting to be committed to writing, came across clearly from the comments made by three Pleasanton residents who spoke to 200 educators at a Bay Area conference on core curriculum on Jan. 9 in Newark. Much of the program was organized by Pleasanton district superintendent Parvin Ahmadi.

Core curriculum is supposed to help students become self-starters, have deeper knowledge, and be able to respond to the Steve Jobs who appear in their lives with challenges.

One of the residents, Bob Borchers, has three children in Pleasanton schools. As the Apple marketing executive, Borchers worked to develop marketing of applications for the i-phone. He is now a partner in Opus Capital in Livermore.

Borchers said that people can invent. However, that is not innovation, which he defined as change. When Steve Jobs hired Borchers away from Nokia, he did not want development of a better cell phone for Apple. He wanted a whole new product. The Apple employees were starting with a blank sheet.

The other two people showing the way for educators were Lisa Highfill, a teacher at Fairlands Elementary School in Pleasanton, and one of the children in her class, who appeared in a video created by Highfill.

The blank page for the 5th grader in Highfill's class is literally blank page. As Highfill points out in a video posted on the Alameda County Office of Education website, she dropped the old approach of asking 10 questions to determine what students had learned. Instead, she just puts out a blank piece of paper. Children respond with something new.

"It's incredible the different ideas that fill the page, because you are not limiting their knowledge. To me, that (See CURRICULUM, page 4)

## Dublin Talks Up Ties With Livermore Wine Region

Dublin City Council members heard a report aimed at increasing the city's ties with the Livermore Valley wine region. The council also continued a decision about how they will replace former councilmember Eric Swalwell.

The council met Jan. 15. Only three of its four members were present. Kevin Hart was unable to attend, because of surgery. Councilmembers decided

to postpone a decision about how to replace Swalwell, who is the Valley's new congressman. They will talk about it at their next regular council meeting on Feb. 5.

Chris Chandler, executive director of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, summed up the wine country activities in 2011.

In addition to Livermore, there also are wineries in Sunol, Danville and Palo-

mares Canyon. There are no wineries in Dublin. However, Chandler mentioned one resident, though not by name, who owns a restaurant and privately makes wine. She said he hopes to expand that to professional winemaking, possibly as Dublin's first winery.

Dublin is a sponsor of the wine association. The city council formed a committee to promote vineyards and wine in Dublin. Toward

that end, the city approved requirements for a new development in the northeast corner of the city that encourages vineyards.

Developer Braddock and Logan will be planting grapevines at the entrance to the Moller Ranch subdivision, which will have a maximum of 370 single family homes on 79 acres. The 136 acres of open space on the property are zoned

(See WINE REGION, page 4)

## Pleasanton Board Looks At Safety, State Budget

With heightened parental concern after the Newtown tragedy, staff covered several topics regarding safety as part of the board's meeting Jan. 15. The discussion included Pleasanton's community of character and its promotion of traits; cooperation with the police department and parent groups over drug and alcohol abuse; and a partnership with Alameda County focusing on youth mental health services.

Also addressed were bullying and cyberbullying, and attention to students who may be on the way to truancy problems.

The police use of trained drug-sniffing dogs on the high school campuses significantly reduced drug and alcohol use. The statistics were dramatic. Last school year, from the beginning of school to the winter break, there were 68 incidents where drug or alcohol were found. Over the same period this school year, the figure dropped to 17.

Senior director of pupil services Kevin Johnson attributed the dramatic drop to students' fear of being caught. Alex Sborov, a Foot-hill High School student who was serving in the rotation as the student school

(See PLEASANTON, page 4)

## Pleasanton Council OKs Loan for TVHOC

Pleasanton joined Livermore and Dublin in providing a loan to keep the Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center (TVHOC) operating.

TVHOC provides home-buyer programs such as counseling for first time buyers and down payment help. It is a one-stop shop for education and information. The annual operating budget is \$290,000.

Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho told the Pleasanton council that over the past couple of years, operations have been impacted by the economy, limiting TVHOC's ability to raise funds and to sell its real estate holdings in downtown Livermore at 141 N Livermore Ave. It was assumed that the commercial property would be sold to help with debts. The property hasn't sold. TVHOC is in need (See LOAN, page 5)

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Charlee is a delightful dog who is great with people, especially kids. He wags his fluffy little tail the minute you walk by and he loves being petted. Charlee prefers to be the only canine companion in a family to assure that all of the love is going to him and him alone. Charlee is just over a year old and is a Skye Terrier mix. For more information, call 426-8656 or go to [www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org) or [www.facebook.com/ValleyHumaneSociety](http://www.facebook.com/ValleyHumaneSociety) to see other adoptable dogs and cats. Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Photo by Trina Cort

# Crab Feed to Provide Funds for Autism Programs

White Crane Winery presents its 10th annual Charity Crab Feed on Sat., Jan. 26.

The crab feed benefits CAST (Creative Autism Solutions Team).

The event will be held between 6 and 10 p.m. at the

Veterans Memorial Hall, 522 South L Street, Livermore.

Tickets are \$45 plus tax. Advance paid reservations are required. Admission includes food, beer and wine bar, auction items, dancing and live music by Papa's Garage.

CAST hopes to raise \$15,000. A donor is matching all funds raised that night. If the goal is reached, CAST will be able to open its after school program in Dublin.

To reserve tickets on line go to [ww.whitecranewinery.com](http://ww.whitecranewinery.com).

CAST was organized to create and implement innovative solutions to the daily challenges that face families dealing with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. The "autism journey" can be filled with emotional, physical and attitudinal challenges - in addition to fi-

ancial hardship. With 1 in 110 children afflicted today by this puzzling condition and the importance of early intensive therapy interventions, innovative solutions for rehabilitation have become a necessity.

According to the website, "Loving, caring guidance

in acquiring these services and emotional support (from those who have "been there") is desperately needed in our community. To this end, CAST was formed to provide some of these solutions."

For information about CAST, go to [www.castcal.org/](http://www.castcal.org/)

## VALLEY ROUNDUP

### Two Take Out Papers for Council

Two potential candidates have taken out papers to run for the vacant Pleasanton City Council seat.

Planning Commissioner Kathy Narum announced her intention to seek the seat early this month.

Olivia Sanwong, an at-large member of the Economic Vitality Committee, has pulled papers.

The nomination period closes on Friday, February 8, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

The council seat opened when Jerry Thorne was elected mayor. Pleasanton ordinance requires an election to fill the seat. Voting will be by mail only on Tues., May 7, 2013.

For more information, prospective candidates are encouraged to schedule an appointment with the City Clerk by calling (925) 931-5027.

### Swalwell Favors Gun Control

Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-CA) has announced his support for President Obama's gun safety plan to protect our communities and called for immediate action to reduce gun violence.

Swalwell represents Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin.

"President Obama said, "'Now is the Time' for gun safety, and I could not agree more," said Swalwell. "The President has put together a bold plan to reduce gun violence and Congress needs to enact the legislation called for, like the ban on assault weapons, without delay. We cannot just sit on the sidelines and wait for another tragedy to happen. It is long overdue for members of both parties to rise above partisan differences and do what is right to protect the American people," concluded Swalwell.

President Obama unveiled a multi-point gun safety plan that includes both executive orders and a call for congressional action. The President will take action to close important loopholes to strengthen background checks, while giving law enforcement and healthcare providers

additional tools to keep our schools safe and prevent gun violence. Additionally, the President requested that Congress pass legislation to ban military-style assault weapons and high capacity magazines.

In other news, Swalwell has joined the Congressional Pro-Choice Caucus. This caucus works to protect women's reproductive health rights and reduce the number of unintended pregnancies.

"Deciding when to start a family is one of the most personal decisions a woman can make," continued Swalwell. "I believe women can make such decisions on their own, without government interference. They must be provided access to a full panoply of health care options, including contraceptive and reproductive services. To do otherwise would be to deny to half the population medical care simply because of their gender."

### Science and Labs Caucus

A House Science & National Labs Caucus has been formed. The announcement was made by Congressman Randy Hultgren (IL-14).

Hultgren is joined by Congressmen Chaka Fattah (D-PA-02), Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM-03) and Alan Nunnelee (R-MS-01) who will serve as co-chairs of the new group, with other members of the 113th Congress expected to join next year.

The new Caucus will concentrate on reinforcing federal investment in research and the national laboratories, as well as raise awareness in and out of Congress about the role they play in long-term economic growth.

"These laboratories, much like the rest of the economy, deserve certainty from the government so they can continue their important work with confidence," Hultgren said.

"National labs do much more than research," Hultgren said. "Their reach can be seen in all sectors of the economy, and they help make America the most economically competitive country in the world."

### What's New in Breast Cancer Research: Update from San Antonio 2012 Annual International Breast Cancer Meeting

# BAY AREA BREAST CANCER FORUM

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**Date:** February 7, 2013

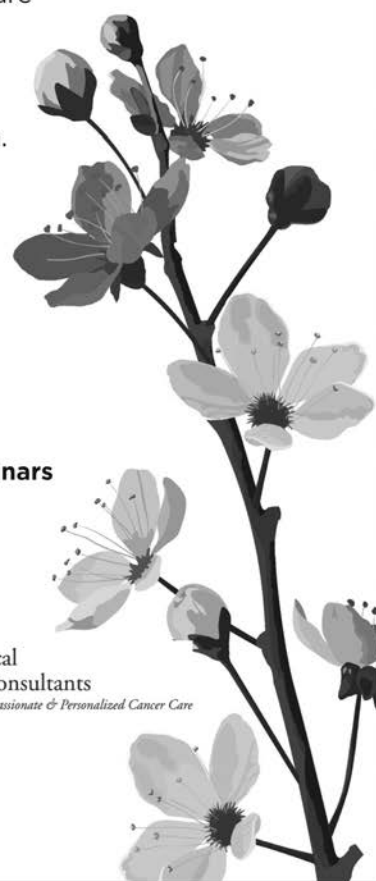
**Time:** 6-7PM  
Light snacks, drinks and discussion.

**Location:**  
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Suite 240 A/B  
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<p><b>Blackhawk East</b> 4105 Blackhawk Plaza Cir. Danville, CA 94506 925.648.5300</p>	<p><b>Blackhawk West</b> 3880 Blackhawk Rd. Danville, CA 94506 925.736.6000</p>	<p><b>Danville</b> 15 Railroad Ave. Danville, CA 94526 925.855.4000</p>	<p><b>Lafayette</b> 3799 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette, CA 94549 925.385.2330</p>	<p><b>Livermore</b> 1983 Second St. Livermore, CA 94550 925.667.2100</p>	<p><b>Montclair/Piedmont</b> 6116 La Salle Ave., Ste. 200 Oakland, CA 94611 510.339.4800</p>	<p><b>Orinda</b> 89 Davis Rd. Orinda, CA 94563 925.253.7000</p>	<p><b>Pleasanton</b> 5075 Hopyard Rd Ste. 110 Pleasanton, CA 94588 925.251.2500</p>	<p><b>Walnut Creek</b> 1700 N. Main St. Walnut Creek, CA 94596 925.280.8500</p>
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## Sunol-Ohlone Naturalists To Offer Docent Training

For the first time in four years, Sunol-Ohlone Wilderness naturalists will be offering a docent training program beginning in March.

Folks who volunteer at Sunol-Ohlone Regional Wilderness join the hundreds of park lovers who donate their time and talent to the East Bay Regional Park District. The Sunol-Ohlone program was founded officially in 1971 and is the oldest in the Regional Park District.

Specially trained docents help naturalists conduct educational programs for local students. These programs are held at various regional parks in southeastern Alameda County, including Del Valle and Shadow Cliffs Regional Parks, Las Trampas Regional Wilderness, and Sunol-Ohlone Regional Wilderness.

School classes of all ages come to explore local Native American and California history, stream ecology, geology, and for wildlife and plant studies. Docents offer students hands-on, minds-on activities in small group settings to help develop their understanding of local natural and cultural history. All programs are tied to state curriculum standards.

Many activities are led by volunteers who enjoy participating in a special event like Sunol's Spring Wildflower Festival. Sunol volunteers may also assist with a variety of special events and projects at other regional park visitor centers.

Conservation projects include monitoring bluebird and wood duck nest boxes, compiling and maintaining a park herbarium (plant collection), keeping track of historical objects found in the park, conducting oral histories of former residents and neighbors, and participating in other projects designed to record and pre-

serve the park's natural and cultural resources.

Volunteers also sometimes help with trail and other maintenance projects.

The next Sunol Docent training class will take place on Friday mornings, March - May 2013.

For more information, contact Volunteer Coordinator and Naturalist Katie Colbert kcolbert@ebparks.org / 510-544-3243; Sunol-Ohlone Regional Wilderness, PO Box 82, Sunol, CA 94586 or go to [www.ebparks.org/getinvolved/volunteer/docent/form](http://www.ebparks.org/getinvolved/volunteer/docent/form)

## Dublin Launches Park Survey

The City of Dublin is asking the community to participate in the 2013 Community Survey on Parks. The survey will be available through February 28, 2013.

The purpose of the survey is to obtain feedback on park amenities, including consideration of a future dog park. The survey was developed to assist Staff with the planning and development of future parks and amenities, and to provide information for the dog park study the City Council identified as a key initiative this year. The survey includes questions about frequency of use and potential amenities at future parks. It also includes ques-

tions to obtain any potential interest in developing another dog park in Dublin.

The survey will be available online at the City's website, or the public may obtain a hard copy at the Dublin Civic Center, Shannon Community Center, Dublin Senior Center, and the Dublin Public Library. Additionally signs with Q.R. codes will be posted at parks and facilities so that visitors

may access the survey via their mobile device. A Q.R. reader app is needed on the mobile device in order to read the code.

Parks and Community Services Director Paul McCreary stated, "Feedback from our community is so important to future planning. We hear from the public throughout the year with suggestions such as dog parks and community gar-


dens, and this survey is a great opportunity to hear everyone's ideas and priorities for our future park planning".

For more information and to participate in the survey, please visit the City of Dublin website at [www.dublin.ca.gov](http://www.dublin.ca.gov), or contact Paul McCreary, Director of the Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 833-6645.



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# EDITORIAL

## Amenity for All

The Pleasanton City Council took a first look at a vision statement for the East Pleasanton planning area. We like the idea that the vision involves retaining the character of the land.

A task force is in the process of preparing a specific plan for the 1000 acre property on the eastern edge of the city. The zone separates Livermore and Pleasanton. Only about 400 acres are considered developable.

Some of the land is located within the Livermore Airport Protection Area. The Pleasanton Planning Commission voted recently not to consider allowing housing there.

The chain of lakes, which make up a major portion of the property, will be owned by Zone 7 Water Agency. Views of the surrounding hills and major habitat areas that support wildlife characterize the landscape.

The entire site offers opportunities for housing, parks, trails, habitat preservation, and some retail and commercial development. Comments from members of the community included a desire for a 2-story height limit and visual openness.

We urge the task force to keep in mind that while Pleasanton is responsible for planning, there is a great deal of interest on the part of neighboring cities, Zone 7 and environmental groups as to the final vision recommended by the task force. The land, particularly around the lakes, is seen as an amenity for all to enjoy. We think Pleasanton's vision statement points the way.

## Correction: Bill Was Not Buchanan's

A story on new laws mistakenly attributed one, mislabeled in the story as SB 2109, to Assemblymember Joan Buchanan as its author. The bill was actually AB 2109, about parental exemptions for childhood immunizations. Its author was Assemblymember Richard Pan.

## WINE REGION

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for agricultural open space in hopes of enticing commercial growers to plant vineyards.

When councilmember David Haubert told Chandler that the city appreciates its partnership with the wine association, Chandler replied, "We do too. The efforts you have put forward are very progressive in the region. So many desire a wine country life-style. Moller Ranch with its vines and open space will be very well received by the community."

Mayor Tim Sbranti said that the talk of vineyards at Moller Ranch already has brought some calls to the city from prospective wine-growers.

Sbranti added that one of his goals is to promote agricultural lands in Dublin. The city has more than most people realize.

Sbranti mentioned tasting rooms as part of the approach. He also said that

Dublin, with its crossroads location at Interstates 580 and 680, would be ideally located to build a wine education center for the region.

### ALTAMONT CRUISERS DONATE \$3000

On another item, Ken Reichmuth, president of the Altamont Cruisers, presented a check for \$3000 to Police Chief Tom McCarthy. The money will support further training of crime prevention and school resources officers concerning current trends in drug and alcohol use by teens in Dublin.

"Without this donation, it's hard to finance the training because it's not part of what is mandated," said McCarthy.

Altamont Cruisers was founded 24 years ago to aid communities in curbing teen drug and alcohol use. Its big fund-raiser is a car show on the streets of Livermore every September. Last year, the event drew 15,000 people, said Reichmuth.

## CURRICULUM

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is how to teach innovation," said Highfill.

The benefit of going to that blank page was supported in the video by the student, who said, "I think I did really well (on the test), because I am judged on what I do know, not what I don't know."

Of course, there is preparation before the test on the blank page. For Borchers, it was his education at Livermore High School (Class of 1984), and at Stanford and MIT.

The 5th grader's preparation involves electronics. Highfill's on-line video

shows that the teacher uses such things as spaghetti strands to show how different triangles are constructed. Some kids are visual learners, and they learn better by seeing a representation. They can view the lesson again that night on a video that Highfill creates. Some kids repeat a segment 10 times until they get it down well. Others fast forward past parts they already know.

The video homework saves time on a unit of study. That gives Highfill more time to dig down deeper into the concepts of what the students learned.

## TOBACCO

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points, which determined the overall letter grade for each city.

### SMOKE-FREE UNITS EARN POINTS

Dublin shone in the smoke-free housing category, with an "A," based on 12 of 14 possible points. Pleasanton's 3 points earned it a "D." Livermore was also given a "D," based on its 2 points.

Dublin passed an ordinance last year that requires at least 75 percent of apartment units to be smoke-free. The 75 percent, which went into effect Jan. 1, 2013, was an expansion of Dublin's previous requirement that 50 percent of the units be smoke-free. The ordinance applies only to apartment complexes with 16 or more units.

A report is due this month from apartment managers, Bruce Fiedler, a leading advocate of creating smoke-free housing complexes, told the city council at its meeting Jan. 15. The report will map out the locations of apartments that are to be smoke-free, he said.

The report will allow the city to "compliment those managers on their progress, and also allow the

city manager to take action if there were non-compliance. I hope the information shows great progress," said Fiedler.

In the third and final category, reduction of tobacco product sales, Dublin was given an "A," based on having 5 points of a possible total of 7. Livermore and Pleasanton each were granted a bonus point for regulating free samples of tobacco more strictly than federal or state law requires. Dublin also regulates free samples.

Dublin was granted 3 points out of a possible 4 for one single subsection, the toughness of its cigarette sales licensing process. The process forces fees to be set high enough to pay for the city's enforcement of the licensing, said the ALA press release.

Dublin also earned a bonus point for restricting sales near schools and parks

### MOSTLY LOW GRADES FOR CALIFORNIA

California received mixed results on the American Lung Association's national report card. There were four categories, with California given an "A," a "D," and

two "F's."

The "A" came in the category of smoke-free air. State laws that ban or restrict smoking in public places and private premises such as bars, restaurants and retail stores earned the top grade for the state.

California's grade in the cigarette tax category was a "D." The state tax rate per pack of 20 cigarettes is 87 cents. The state ranks 33rd in the nation on the amount of the tax. New York leads the states at \$4.35 per pack. Missouri is at the bottom of the list with 17 cents. The median among the 50 states and the District of Columbia is Iowa at \$1.36.

An initiative to raise the California tax by \$1 in 2012 failed. ALA says in its on-line report that tobacco companies spent \$46 million to defeat the proposition.

Failure to adequately fund tobacco prevention and control programs in California brought an "F." The state provided \$62 million; another \$6.5 million came from the federal government. The total of \$68.5 million is only about 15 percent of the \$441.9 million that the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention rec-

ommends for best practices activity, says the ALA.

California's other "F" came in the category of smoking cessation and treatment services. There are some restrictions on some coverage in Medicaid and the state employee health plans. The per person effort for smoking cessation is \$2.40. The CDC recommends an investment of \$10.53 per smoker. There is no mandate for private insurers to cover smoking cessation in California.

### LOW SCORES FOR FEDERAL EFFORT

The federal government scores poorly on the ALA's report card. It received three "D's" and one "F." The failing grade was for the FDA's failure to issue rules regarding the use of all tobacco products and other perceived deficiencies. The three "D's" brought attention to what ALA sees as shortfalls in Medicaid and Medicare coverage of cessation programs, for the \$1.01 tax rate on a pack of cigarettes, and the failure to submit the world's first public health treaty, the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, signed in 2004, to the Senate for ratification.

## PLEASANTON

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board member at the meeting, said, "Last year, when we heard the rumors about dogs coming on campus, there was definite alarm. I'm not surprised at (the drop from) 68 to 17. Students know they can't get away with such actions now."

The police dog also found a large Bowie knife in a student's car at Amador Valley High School. This was a concern, because of the Newtown killings. The discovery demonstrated that the dog can help in detecting threats to safety, said the police officers who appeared at the board meeting.

Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said that the relationship developed between students and the officers was very important to the program's success.

Board vice president Valerie Arkin said that drug forums at schools and a parent drug education program have helped ease the drug problem. "It's a whole different mind-set now. It's wonderful. It's not punitive," she said.

Also showing some short-term effect has been a counseling program that links the district to a county mental health program that trains district counselors. The program has grown from one to two cohort groups, and is totally funded by Alameda County.

### LITTLE CHANGE IN KIDS SURVEY

The board also heard a report on the biennial Healthy Kids Survey, which reveals a profile of students' lifestyles. The data gathered in 2011 show little change from the 2009 survey, with a couple of exceptions, said director of curriculum and special projects Jane Golden.

Staff perception of bullying as a problem rose by 9 percent to 34 percent. Golden said that information already has been shared with school counselors. She noted that all principals will address school safety related to bullying as part of their site plans.

Trustee Chris Grant said that since the survey in 2009, more information about bullying has become available. That may have generated more awareness, which could have produced the higher figure about concern.

The survey also showed that only 60 percent of 5th graders perceive a person's frequent use of alcohol as harmful. Frequent is defined as daily or almost daily. Although that is up from 50 percent in the 2009 survey, it's still too low, said Golden.

By comparison, 96 percent of 5th graders see frequent use of cigarettes as harmful, and 74 percent say the same thing about fre-

quent marijuana use.

In other grades, such as 7th, 9th, and 11th, the percentage of those that see frequent alcohol use as harmful rises into the high 80s to mid 90s.

### TRUSTEES HEAR ABOUT BUDGET

The board also heard a report about Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed budget, which he unveiled Jan. 10. It is only the first step in the budget process, but the proposal is "great news, compared to the last five years," said superintendent Parvin Ahmadi.

Statewide per-pupil spending will be going up. There will be more flexibility about how the funding is spent at the local level.

Ahmadi said that 38 members of the Assembly are new, which is "highest number since 1967." The new change that permits Assembly members to serve 12 consecutive years can add to stability as legislators work on the long-range school financing changes that are underway, she added.

Trustee Joan Laursen noted that as budget discussions continue, with more local control of state allocations, "districts will look even more different from each other than they do now."

Laursen said, "There will be conversations about the different programs that we offer our students." Parents

will have to decide which programs they want most, she said.

Board president Jeff Bowser stated, "We've been cut so drastically over the years, that we have struggled to provide basic services. We hope to get where we were in 2008."

Assistant superintendent of business Luz Cázares said that Brown's intention to pay \$1.8 billion for cross-year deferrals is "great news." It means the district will have the cash flow from the state to pay its bills, instead of having to obtain a short-term loan to pay its creditors after the June 30 end of the fiscal year.

Another proposal that would affect the district is shifting adult education from K-12 to community colleges, without giving the K-12 money to the community colleges. A different funding source will be provided to pay for the shift of adult education to community colleges.

That would leave the dollars with K-12 education, said Cázares. For the Pleasanton district, that would mean an additional \$650,000 folded into the local funding formula.

Cázares said that as more budget details become definite, she would be able to develop a clearer picture about what next year's district budget will look like.

## MAILBOX

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### Energy Challenge Rich Buckley Livermore

Several, perhaps many researchers, profess to be on the cusp of Zero Point Energy, also known incorrectly and somewhat misleadingly as "Free Energy." These devices are claimed by their inventors to tap into and harvest the density energy of vacuum space. Generically referred to as "Over Unity" devices, they theoretically produce more energy than they consume to build and run.

It seems to be time to call them forward... in a scientifically responsible public demonstration. Either these

devices exist or they do not. Either they are merely part of the alternative media energy mythology narrative or they are real. If they do exist, society needs to enable their proliferation in some palpable manner to carefully phase out our dependence on fossil fuels.

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Industries can remake themselves. Film was replaced with digital and we survived. Vacuum tubes were replaced by microchips and we survived. The list goes on and on.

Let's dare to sponsor an international scientific challenge by the likes of NASA, LLNL, Sandia, Stanford, UCB, to hold a public demonstration of such devices locally, in the SF Bay Area, maybe even right here in energy research's backyard, Livermore, Ca.

### Gun Control Robert J. Woods Livermore

The comments on gun control by Alan Brooks are highly inaccurate - he states that guns are rarely used in self defense by ordinary citizens. I refer to the 2011 Crime report by the US

Justice Department and FBI that defines more than one million police reports where private citizens simply displayed or actually used a firearm in defending themselves or their home and family.

The issue of defending life, liberty and family--by any means--is so ingrained in human society that it is addressed from the origin of written records of human activity. It is no accident that the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution is right behind the First--history has proven you cannot maintain a free citizenry who are disarmed and little more than fodder to the proven chicanery of the criminal element or those who wallow in the black world of power hungry politics and greed.

### Diet and the Flu Lex Manwill Livermore

The flu epidemic has involved 48 states, overwhelming medical facilities, exhausting vaccine supplies, and killing 29 children and thousands of seniors. Both the problem and solution to this disaster hinge on how we relate to animals raised for food.

Indeed, 61% of the 1,415 pathogens known to infect humans originate with animals. The more recent, contagious, and deadly viruses among these include Asian, dengue fever, Ebola, H5N1 (bird), HIV, SARS, West Nile, and yellow fever. The pandemic "Spanish" flu of 1918, killed 20-50 million people worldwide. The World Health Organization predicts more pandemics in the future.

Today's factory farms are virtual flu factories. Sick, crowded, highly stressed animals in contact with contaminated feces and urine provide ideal incubation media for viruses. As these microbes reach humans, they mutate to defeat the new host's immune system, then propagate by contact.

Each of us can help end animal farming and build up our own immune system against the flu by replacing animal products in our diet with vegetables, fruits, and whole grains. These foods don't carry flu viruses, or government warning labels, are touted by every major health advocacy organization, and were the recommended fare in the Garden of Eden.

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# One Proposal Could Expand Water Slide Area at Park

The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) received not one, but two proposals to reopen the Shadow Cliffs water slides.

Harvest Family Entertainment, based in Texas, submitted the two proposals to the district. Previously, EBRPD had not identified the firm.

One of Harvest's plans would be confined to the current 3-acre footprint on the grounds at Shadow Cliffs. The other would be "for a

greatly expanded facility, covering anywhere from 8 to 11 acres," said EBRPD assistant general manager Jim O'Connor.

O'Connor talked briefly to the district's three-member operations committee about the water slides at its Jan. 17 meeting. He said that EBRPD staff has more questions for Harvest.

O'Connor expects to have received more information by the committee's next regular meeting on Feb. 21.

Until then, he said he can't discuss size or cost of the facility.

EBRPD would not pay any money, but would have to provide the operator with a lease long enough to justify an investment in construction of new slides.

The plan to restore the site of the current water slide at Shadow Cliffs Park to an undeveloped look is included in the master plan for the park. The park district would have to pay

for the change. The future, perhaps even in 20 years, does not hold much promise for funds to accomplish the plan, according to EBRPD officials.

The Valley's representative on the EBRPD board and the operations committee, Ayn Wieskamp, said that if the water slide area were to be expanded, Pleasanton would have to be consulted. Pleasanton installed a bike park to the west of the area

where the water slides could expand.

Pleasanton residents might be concerned about traffic, said Wieskamp. Also, there has been talk of extending El Charro Road through to Stanley Boulevard, which is a point not far from the park entrance.

Wieskamp noted that Pleasanton Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio has questioned where the money would come from to de-

velop the road, since most of the area will be abandoned gravel quarries turned over to Zone 7 Water Agency for flood control lakes. It may be that only 400 acres would be developable.

Harvest Family Entertainment is based in The Colony, Texas, north of Dallas and Fort Worth. The firm operates four water parks in north Texas and one near Waco. It opened one in Las Vegas last year.

## LOAN

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of financial relief, Fialho stated.

The request is for \$155,000 in the form of a loan for debt payments; a \$100,000 pledge to further buy down debt; and an additional \$250,000 over three years to provide operating expense. Fialho stated, "At this time, staff is recommending only providing the loan for \$155,000. Livermore and Dublin have agreed to pay a third. Pleasanton's share will come from its lower income housing fund."

The fund currently contains \$8 million in unassigned revenue.

Fialho added that the loan would be unsecured. There is no payback period

or process determined. Payback could be in the form of services.

City managers from all three cities will be added to the board of directors. Fialho explained that will allow the cities to monitor programs, financial matters, and discuss the parameters of debt loan repayment linked to cash flow. TVHOC will be required to report on how the loan funds were used.

Mayor Jerry Thorne questioned if TVHOC were sustainable.

Fialho said staff would not recommend the loan if it didn't believe the organization could reach a sustainable point. The issue is the real estate purchase. If the

land is shed, TVHOC can be sustainable with minimal city support. He added that it would be more expensive if the city were to try to offer the programs provided by TVHOC on its own.

TVHOC Executive Director Milly Seibel agreed with Fialho that the main problem is the lingering debt from purchase of the downtown property.

She was asked how TVHOC had assisted Pleasanton residents. She stated that over 100 Pleasanton families have received guidance.

Seibel talked about one homeowner, who had lived in Pleasanton for forty years, purchased a home in 1976.

The decision was made to refinance to make improvements to the home. The loan received was at a high interest rate. Difficulty arose in making the payments on the loan. The homeowner ended up making minimum payments, going further into debt. The owner tried working with the bank. Eventually, the owner was directed to TVHOC, the only HUD approved counseling center in the area. Several options were proposed with a decision made to participate in "Keep Your Home California" program, making it possible to bring the home current on debt. The owner is still in the house and TVHOC is still working to

modify the loan.

In order to raise funds to keep TVHOC operating, a membership drive and fundraising events are being planned, Seibel said.

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio pointed out that people who need this service are often invisible. It requires outreach efforts to make it known programs

are available to assist homeowners and would-be homeowners.

Councilmember Karla Brown, a realtor, called TVHOC a "fantastic service."

For additional information about programs and education forums, go to [www.TVHOC.org](http://www.TVHOC.org).

## Livermore Teacher Selected to Participate in National Pilot Program

Project Lead The Way (PLTW), the nation's leading non-profit provider of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) curriculum and professional development to middle and high schools, has announced that a Livermore teacher has been selected to pilot a new PLTW course in the 2013-2014 school year.

Carol Kinnard, the instructor selected to pilot the course, is among approximately 50 teachers nationwide participating in the pilot program. These 50 teachers will help instruct the professional development for the teachers who wish to implement the Computer Science and Software

Engineering course when it becomes available for the full PLTW network in the 2014-2015 school year.

The new course, *Computer Science and Software Engineering*, addresses a growing need for students across all career paths to explore massive data collection and processing tools.

The course also exposes students to the high-demand career paths within Computer Science and Information Technology. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that 50% of the 2.8 million job openings in STEM through 2018 will be for computer specialists (PCAST Report to the President: Engage to Excel, 2012).

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# SPORTS NOTES



Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club U11 Premier team took on Atletico Santa Rosa Chivitas in Turlock last Sunday in State Cup semifinal action. The U11 Ballistic Premier team played a competitive game against Santa Rosa for the State Cup Finals. The Game was tied 2-2 after regulation and double over time. The Ballistic Premier team lost, 3 to 2, on penalty kicks. During a well-played the season, the team won two tournaments, placed 2nd in a tournament and is now ranked 10th in the state.



The Cal's Men's swim team hosted the Cal Invitational All-Comers Meet January 19-20. The meet was held at the Spieker Aquatics Complex at Cal Berkeley. The Livermore Aquacowboys (LAC) team members swam on January 19 with a strong showing. Swimmers from Santa Barbara to Clovis, to Sacramento sent swimmers. LAC entered 21 swimmers in this high level competition. Swimming for LAC were Shahini Ananth, Nathan Boas, Amanda Butcher, Tori Carroll, Jenna Chew, Paige Chew, Shelby Diehl, Caroline Eckel, Alex Gonzalez, Haley Hamza, Matthew Hayes, Nina Hayes, Katie Kulp, Bryce McLaggen, Josh Ledbetter, Sofia Moufarrej, Brandon Siu, Shelby Swanson, Trent Trump, Alex Wang, and Megan Wilcox. The Livermore Aquacowboys train at the Livermore Valley Tennis Club under the direction of Alex Silver, Lisa White, Leslie Dabney and Teresa Davis. Coach Alex Silver accompanied the team to his Alma Mater, Cal Berkeley.



Local Cavaliers rugby (pictured at left) kicked off last weekend with a tournament held at Las Positas College, Livermore. Various teams played a series of games in the first matches of the season. The familiar green and white strip of the Cavaliers was an impressive sight for local rugby enthusiasts. On Sun., Jan. 20, at Las Positas, the Cavaliers hosted matches with Seahawks for U12, U10 & U8s. The U10s divided into two teams. The silver team played a tough battle but came away with a 20-15 loss; tries were scored by Liam, Ben and Colin. The gold team won 30-0; tries were by Rory, Tanner and Patrick. Great play by new player Matt with his first ever rugby match. Solid performances across the board.



Pleasanton Seahawks swim team Turned in a dominate performance.

The West Coast Wildfire U13 girls hit the road Saturday for a State Cup battle against the top ranked San Jose CV Crossfire. The Wildfire quickly took control of the game with forward Meghan Giamona stealing a goalie pass back to give the Wildfire an early 1-0 lead. On a beautiful cross from Paola Samaniego, Meghan claimed her second goal of the game with a strategically placed ball to the top right corner of the goal. With fresh legs on the front line, the Wildfire continued to pressure a rattled Crossfire defense. The third goal for the Wildfire game came from a perfectly executed corner kick to Madison Stewart who used her head to guide the ball just past the goalie's fingertips. The fourth goal came midway through the second half on a breakaway by forward Kira Karter. Kira maneuvered past two defenders to fire off a shot into the net. With a 4-0 shutout over the Crossfire, the Wildfire add 10 points to their Norcal State Cup record. Pictured is mid-fielder Madison Stewart winning an air-ball.



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### Seahawks Dominate

The Pleasanton Seahawks swimmers swept the team portion of the Speedo Winter Sectional Championships in Long Beach, Ca. Dec 12-16, at the Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool. The Seahawks team finished first with 1,419.5 points overall with the Aquazot Swim Club of Irvine finishing second with 1,137 points. The Seahawk women claimed first over the Sandpipers of Nevada and the Seahawk men swam to second, behind the Aquazot Men. Top scoring finalists on the women's team as follows: Celina Li captured the high point winner of the meet winning the 1000 free, 100 fly, 200 IM, and placing in the 400IM (2nd), 200 free (3rd), 200 fly (4th). Moriah Simonds finished 3rd in the 500/1000/1650 free (3 New US Open Times), 200 free, 200IM. Kirsten Brand was fast in the 100/200/500/1000 free. Cayla Jetter competed in the 500/1000/1650 free, 200 back. Iris Brand's accomplishments were in the 50/100 free (2nd), 200 free. Eva Chung competed in the 100/200 breast, Katie Woods the 1000 free, and Marissa Bergh



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# SPORTS NOTES



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore High School edged Amador Valley, 2 to 1, in girls' varsity soccer. The match was tied with 15 minutes left to play in regulation. A last minute goal gave the win to Livermore. In the photo, Amador goalie Lexi Nicholas makes a save. Also pictured are Nicole Fetsch (13) from Amador and Ida Ortiz (14) Livermore.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

A Dublin High School player (in blue) battles for the ball with Dougherty Valley team members in a girls' varsity soccer match, which ended in a 0 to 0 tie.



The West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy optional gymnasts (pictured at left) competed in their first meet of the season at the Golden State Classic at Technique Gymnastics in Rancho Cordova on January 12, 2013. Level 7: Sara Ling finished in 1st place on vault with a 9.225. Jasmine Saucelo finished in 7th place on bars. Megan Quinton placed 5th on bars and 7th on beam. Photo by Sara Ling

the 100 free. Other participants with notable swims were Hannah Bergh, Samantha Howell, Rachel Knowles, Anna Parker, Emily Saccullo, and Maggie Woods. The women's "A" and "B" relay teams recorded high points, placing the Seahawks closer to the win.

Top scoring finalist on the men's team were: Nick Silverthorn in the 200/500 free, 100 Breast (1<sup>st</sup>), 200 breast (2<sup>nd</sup>-New US Open), 200/400IM. Jason Chen in the 50/200 free, 100 back, 200 back, 200 IM. Maxime Rooney in the 1000/1650 free (2<sup>nd</sup>), 100 back, 200IM. Nick Johnston, the 200 free, 100/200 back (New Junior National), along with Tony Shen, Clayton Young and James Thompson who each finished in the 200/500 free. Other participants with notable swims included Regis LaChance and Kevin McLaughlin. The men's "A" and "B" relay squads scored many points towards the first place finish.

### Youth Soccer Tryouts

West Coast Soccer Club is conducting player tryouts for boys and girls in the U9 - U13 age groups on January 25th and February 1st. Teams will play in the Norcal Premier League spring and fall seasons competing against other teams throughout Bay Area region. Tryouts will be held at Robertson Park turf fields in Livermore. For more information about age specific dates and times visit [www.westcoastsoccerclub.com](http://www.westcoastsoccerclub.com) or call 209-833-8488.

### LNLL Registration

Livermore National Little League is accepting registration for 2013 Spring season. Visit

the website for details. [www.eteamz.com/LNLL](http://www.eteamz.com/LNLL).

### 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.

### Sports Equipment

The Amador Valley High School baseball team is collecting serviceable sports equipment to be donated to the TLC for Kids Sports Program.

Equipment can be for any sport and for any age including baseball, football, soccer, lacrosse, basketball, volleyball, etc.

Donation drop off times are Feb. 9 and 10 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Amador Valley parking lot by the varsity baseball field.

The team is working in partnership with O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc.

The TLC for Kids Sports program is a nonprofit corporation focused on community outreach. The vision is for every child involved in youth sports to play on a safe field that is also accessible to the physically challenged. The mission is to seek out neighborhoods where fields and parks need some strong

attention and rebuild as many of them as possible. For information about the program, go to [www.tlcforkidsports.org](http://www.tlcforkidsports.org).

### Roller Hockey

Signups for spring roller hockey at Valley Inline Hockey will take place on Sat., Jan. 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the rink located behind Junction Ave Middle School in Livermore. Roller hockey is open to all ages and experience levels. All new players will receive 50% off fees for the 1st session at Valley Inline Hockey in Livermore. Equipment can be borrowed as long as a player owns his or her own skates. No experience is necessary. Age divisions are 6 & under (Mites), 8 and under (Squirrels), 9-12 (PeeWee), 13-16 (Bantam) for boys and girls.

The rink is located behind Junction Ave Middle School, in Livermore with parking off Ladd Ave. For more details call 925-443-1500. [www.valleyinlinehockey.com](http://www.valleyinlinehockey.com).



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## SHORT NOTES

### Hall of Fame Inductees

The Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame will celebrate its 20th Anniversary by honoring 10 new inductees at a luncheon in Oakland on March 23, 2013.

Local inductees are Hope A. Michelsen, Ph.D., of Livermore, Science; and Alice V. Deng of Pleasanton, Youth.

Other inductees are Ophelia Basgal of Oakland, Business and Professions; Gilda Gonzales of Oakland, Community Service; Rita Sahai of Berkeley, Culture and Art; Ruth B. Love, Ph.D. of Oakland, Education; Carolyn Bloede, Director of Alameda County's Sustainability Program, Environment; Sherry Higgs of Fremont, Health; Sandra Pitts-Johnson of Oakland, Justice; and Debra Pryor, Retired City of Berkeley Fire Chief, Non-Traditional Careers.

"Each of these outstanding inductees contributes to life in our community in ways that help make Alameda County a place that is second-to-none in terms of its vibrant culture and the rich diversity," said Alameda County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi, an event co-chair. "Our Women's Hall of Fame also continues to flourish. We believe our newest inductees will help make 2013 our best year ever."

To learn more about the 2013 inductees to the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame, go to [www.acgov.org/cao/halloffame](http://www.acgov.org/cao/halloffame).

This year's Women's Hall of Fame luncheon and awards ceremony is set for 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, 2013, at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 4700 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland. The event will be hosted by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women.

The program raises money for local charities providing needed resources to women and children in our community. The Women's Hall of Fame also sponsors a Youth Scholarship to help a young woman further her education or training. Sponsorships are available, providing the opportunity for business, government, and community partners to support women's leadership. Individual tickets to the luncheon and awards ceremony are \$75. For sponsorships and tickets, visit <http://www.acgov.org/cao/halloffame/>.

### High School Expo

Livermore High School Expo 2013! is open to all incoming freshmen, current high school students, new Livermore families, and the community.

The event will provide information about what Livermore High School has to offer. Purchase a gourmet dinner curbside provided by Food Truck Mafia, participate in workshops, visit classrooms, live performances by performing arts, dance team, and cheerleaders, and so much more.

The Expo will be held Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 5:00p.m. - 7:30p.m.

For more information, visit [www.livermorehs.schoolloop.com](http://www.livermorehs.schoolloop.com).

### Educators' Scholarships

Tri-Valley Retired Educators' Scholarship application deadline is March 15, 2013.

Up to six scholarships, each worth \$2,000, are offered by the Tri-Valley Retired Educators Scholarship Foundation. The awards

are offered to high school graduating seniors and college/university students. All applicants must be planning a career in education.

Requirements are: a) applicants must be residents of the Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Sunol area; b) high school applicants must be seniors planning to attend a four-year college in fall, 2013; c) community college applicants must be qualified to transfer as juniors to a four-year institution in fall, 2013; d) 4-year college applicants must be sophomores who will continue as juniors in fall, 2013.

Questions about the scholarship should be sent to [greegno@pacbell.net](mailto:greegno@pacbell.net) or call 925-443-6097.

Application packets for the scholarships can be downloaded at the retired educators' website [www.div85.calrta.org/](http://www.div85.calrta.org/)

### Running Vehicles

The Livermore Police Department would like to remind community members not to leave vehicles running and unattended in front of their homes. With the cold weather over night and in the mornings, many community members are starting their vehicles to warm them up and defrost their windows, and then going back into their homes leaving the vehicle unattended. These running unattended vehicles are targeted by car thieves who simply enter the vehicle and drive away. This occurred most recently last week in north west Livermore.

It is also a violation of Livermore Municipal Code to leave a vehicle unattended with the keys in the ignition:

"While on patrol this morning I noticed several vehicles parked in front of homes just idling without anyone around them. I contacted the vehicle owners and talked to them about how easily their cars would have been stolen had a car thief been targeting their neighborhood. The owners all stated they hadn't thought about the risk of their car being stolen. It's important that our community members help us in crime prevention in the city. By reducing crimes of opportunity and being vigilant for suspicious persons in their neighborhoods, we can all work together to reduce crime" said Sgt. John Hurd.

The Livermore Police Department is looking for the community's cooperation in helping to reduce vehicle thefts.

### Night Hike

A Winter Night Hike will be led on Sat., Jan. 26 by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Patti Cole at 5:30 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Rd., Livermore.

Many folks head for the indoors on winter nights - they don't know what they're missing. A hike through the park on a winter's evening can be magical. Owls are calling, coyotes howling and the sound of critters large and small moving through the grasses can clearly be heard. Bundle up and join us after hours in the park. Canceled if raining. Reservations requested by calling 925-960-2400.

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

### Outdoor Events

The presentations listed below are free and open to the public, and will be held at REI, 7099 Amador Plaza Road, in Dublin. The public may contact REI Dublin's Customer Service Department for more information, (925) 828-9826.

Winter Snow Camping Basics: 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Saturday, February 2: Join experienced REI winter camping expert Mike Durrall to learn what is required and what to expect when camping in a winter wonderland. Mike will cover how to plan, how to stay warm, how to select winter appropriate gear, and what to expect when setting up camp and during your overnight.

Cycling the Camino Frances in Spain: 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Thursday, February 21: In October 2011, Bruce Akers and Kate Botas set out on their first-ever bike tour, from Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, France, to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, following the ancient pilgrimage route known as the Camino Frances or Camino de Santiago. Join Bruce and Kate for a digital presentation of their two-week adventure, pedaling through quaint medieval towns in the high mountains of the Pyrenees, across the fertile red soils of the Rioja region, to the lush green Galician Hills, and beyond. Hear tips for planning a cycling adventure on the Camino, including gear, bike transport, accommodations (B&Bs, pensions, small hotels), and more.

### Suspect in Killing

The Livermore Police Department's Investigations Bureau has identified 24 year old Jacob Kober as the suspect in the shooting death of Robert Ogden.

After the December 29, 2012 Springtown shooting, Kober fled to the state of Oregon. Kober was arrested in the city of Springfield, Oregon. He is currently in the custody of the Lane County Sheriff's Department awaiting extradition.

Ogden's body was found in Livermore in an area bordering the Springtown Golf Course fairway and neighboring bicycle paths. The 28-year-old Livermore resident had suffered multiple gunshot wounds.

If anyone has any additional information, they are encouraged to call Livermore Police Department's Public Information Officer Traci Rebiejo at (925) 371-4858. Those who wish to remain anonymous may do so.

### Three Arrests

The Livermore Police Department investigated a shooting on Dec. 21 at the Bank of America parking lot at 1748 Railroad Avenue. LPD received multiple 911 calls of a shooting into an occupied vehicle. There were no injuries as a result of the shooting. However, 911 callers reported seeing suspects flee the area. Officers located one suspect (Vicente Rodriguez Jr.) at Railroad Avenue at North L Street and another suspect (a minor so name being withheld) hiding under a house in the area of Second Street and McLeod Streets. The third suspect was never located.

Livermore Police Detectives continued to investigate the incident. LPD Detectives located and identified the third suspect as Jose Bravo and placed him under arrest. LPD detectives presented the case to the District Attorney's office. All three

suspects were charged with the following: attempted murder, shooting into an occupied vehicle, possession of a concealed firearm, and gang enhancement.

All three suspects are from Stockton. Rodriguez Jr. and Bravo are documented gang members. The minor in this case was charged by the District Attorney's office as an adult.

### Design Amgen Jersey

AEG, presenter of the Amgen Tour of California professional road cycling race, is seeking original artwork submissions for the design of the 2013 Amgen Breakaway from Cancer® Most Courageous Rider Jersey. The jersey is awarded daily to the cyclist who best exemplifies the character of those engaged in the fight against cancer - courage, sacrifice, inspiration, determination, and perseverance.

The Amgen will go through Livermore on May 18.

From now until February 28, 2013, original artwork submissions will be accepted online at <http://bit.ly/13K66WY>. The most influential artwork, as determined by votes from fans, will be used in connection with the 2013 Amgen Breakaway from Cancer® Most Courageous Rider Jersey. Official jersey supplier Champion System will produce this specially designed jersey.

One grand prize package will be awarded to the person who designs the winning artwork. The prize package includes a trip for the winner and one guest to one stage of the 2013 Amgen Tour of California, including round trip airfare, hotel accommodations, VIP Hospitality passes to the respective stage of the race, an Amgen Tour of California merchandise package, and the opportunity to meet the Most Courageous Rider winner of the stage following the awards ceremony.

The winning submission will be determined by the following criteria: creativity (50 percent), use of colors and elements (25 percent), and choice of theme (25 percent). A panel of judges will review all eligible entries. Official contest rules can be found at [www.amgentourof-california.com/bfc-contest](http://www.amgentourof-california.com/bfc-contest).

### World of Children Award

The World of Children Award issued a call for nominations for its 2013 Awards, launching a worldwide search for individuals serving vulnerable children.

The World of Children Award is dedicated to dramatically improving children's lives by identifying and recognizing extraordinary individuals who have created proven, sustainable nonprofit programs serving children in need and awarding cash grants to advance their work.

The 2013 World of Children Awards will be granted in three categories:

- World of Children Youth Award, which carries a minimum grant of \$25,000 and recognizes a young person under the age of 21 who is making extraordinary contributions to the lives of other children. This person must have been doing this work for three years and have created a sustainable program they plan to continue to lead.

- World of Children Humanitarian Award, which carries a minimum grant of

\$50,000 and recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to children in social services, education or humanitarian services. This person will have created or managed a sustainable program which has significantly contributed to children's opportunities to be safe, to learn and to grow.

- World of Children Health Award, which carries a minimum grant of \$50,000 and recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to children in the fields of health, medicine or the sciences. This person will have created or managed a sustainable program which has significantly contributed to the health and

well-being of children.

Nominees for the World of Children Humanitarian and Health Awards must have been working on behalf of children over and above their normal employment and have been engaged in their efforts for a minimum of 10 years.

Nominations for the 2013 World of Children Awards must be submitted by 11:59pm Pacific Standard Time (PST) on Monday, April 1, 2013. The online nominations process is available at [www.worldofchildren.org](http://www.worldofchildren.org). Recipients of the 2013 World of Children Award will be officially announced and celebrated in New York City on November 7, 2013.

## Tri-Valley Haven Seeks Donations of Clothing

Tri-Valley Haven is seeking help in assisting the homeless combat the cold temperatures.

For those living on the street it is particularly hard to escape the frigid temperatures. The drop in the weather often results in death for many homeless individuals.

Tri-Valley Haven is seeking donations of new gloves, scarfs, and hats for men, women, and children to distribute to the homeless residing in the Tri-Valley Area. Please drop off donations at 3663 Pacific Avenue in Livermore by 5pm on Monday, January 28, 2013.

The Homeless Winter Outreach Event will take place from 1pm-4pm on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at the Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry located at 418 Junction Avenue in Livermore.

Last year, Tri-Valley Haven's Food Pantry served over 6,400 individuals, representing over 2,000 households throughout Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton.

Tri-Valley Haven provides vital shelter and support services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness. The Haven also provides comprehensive violence prevention education and counseling. For more information about the Haven please visit [www.trivalleyhaven.org](http://www.trivalleyhaven.org) or call (925) 449-5842.

## SCIENCE

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tion held in the Main Stage Theater of the Mertes Center for the Arts (building 4000) on the Las Positas College campus. Each Preliminary Round will be approximately one half hour in length, with teams moving from room to room in-between the rounds. Each team will compete with the other teams in its bracket. The top teams from each bracket will advance to the final elimination rounds after lunch.

Members of the general

public are encouraged to attend the afternoon activities that will include the final Elimination Rounds and Awards Ceremony in the Mertes Center Main Stage Theater.

There is no charge for admittance or parking for this special event. The College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore 94551. For more information, contact Dean Neal Ely, Ph.D. at (925) 424-1182 or [nely@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:nely@laspositascollege.edu).



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# OBITUARIES

## Eleanor Louise DeHaven

Eleanor Louise DeHaven, a resident of Livermore for the past 8 years, died early January 13, 2013 at Valley Care Medical Center in Pleasanton. She was 96.



Described by family and friends

as an elegant and classy lady, Eleanor Louise Eckhardt began her life in Coffeyville, KS on Nov. 14, 1916. A child of the depression, she attended Coffeyville schools and graduated from Coffeyville Junior College. She always remembered the sacrifices her father, twice elected mayor of Coffeyville, and her mother, a teacher, made for her and her brother.

Eleanor married Robert H. Brighton in 1938. While he served this country in the U.S. Army during World War II, Eleanor became the first civilian employee of the Coffeyville Army Airfield, a training facility where she proudly served as secretary to the Base Commander. She later had a long career as a banker. Eleanor and Robert Brighton had two children, Pamela L. Scott of Livermore and Stephen H. Brighton of Arnold, MD.

Widowed in 1976, Eleanor later married a childhood and family friend, Addison DeHaven. They made their home in Marble Falls, TX and enjoyed 13 years of golfing and travel. Widowed a second time, Eleanor moved to San Mateo to be near her daughter and family and moved with them to Livermore to make her home in 2004. For the past four years she was a resident of Rosewood Gardens in Livermore where she had many friends.

In addition to her children Eleanor is survived by two granddaughters, Melissa (Todd) Brebner of Pleasanton and Valerie (Kory) Wilson of Orinda; two grandsons, Matt (Jenny) Brighton of Annapolis, MD and Drew (Melissa) Brighton of Crownsville, MD; three great-grandsons, Tyler Wilson of Orinda and Will Brighton and Sam Brighton of Crownsville, three great-granddaughters, Ellie Brebner of Pleasanton, Jessie Wilson of Orinda and Kate Brighton of Crownsville; and two stepsons, Dr. Wm. Ron DeHaven of Hawthorn Woods, IL, and COL. Steven DeHaven, USAF (Ret) of Colorado Springs, CO and their families.

At Eleanor's request no services were held. The family will host a life celebration at a later date.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

## Kenneth Robert Ogden Jr.

Resident of Livermore Sunrise Sept. 8th, 1984 - Sunset Dec. 29th, 2012

He was 28. Kenneth was born in Daly City, CA. He was an entrepreneur and a music enthusiast.

He is preceded in his death by his father Kenneth Robert Ogden Sr.

He is survived by his mother, Rachael Supnet; his brothers, Jeremy and Brandon Silva; stepfather, Jeremy Silva; uncles, Anthony Hinojoza and Bobby Silva; grandmother, Gloria Ogden; aunt, Lisa Keller; cousins, Brandon and Justin Keller; friends, Ashley Harding and Zach Diaz and countless others.

A Visitation will be held on Friday, Jan. 25, 2013, from 1-3 p.m. at Callaghan

Mortuary, 3833 East Ave. Livermore, CA 94550. A Funeral Service will follow the visitation at 3 p.m.

## Peggy Sue (Dixon) Baird

Oct. 22, 1929 - Dec. 26, 2012

Peggy Sue Baird was born in Marion, KY on October 22, 1929 to parents Galen Dixon and Clara Dixon. She had an older brother named John Dixon whom was disabled his entire life.



Galen passed away when mom was 10, and brother John passed away when mom was 16. Both were devastating losses for her. Mom and her mother relocated to Livermore, CA in 1945. Mom took a job at the Creamery and soon after, she met the love of her life, Jack B. Baird. They were married March 17, 1947. Her mother, Clara, passed away in January of 1985. Together, Peggy and Jack had three children, Timothy Dale Baird, Nancy Lynn Baird and Thomas Dixon Baird. I particularly point out the kids entire names, because many times we heard her call out to us, in a louder than normal tone, our formal names when hailing us for what ever the reason. Usually deserved, I might add.

Jack and Peggy celebrated almost 38 years of love and marriage together. Jack was Livermore's first full time Fire Chief, and mom was a hair stylist, mostly at The Normandy Hair Salon. They would come home with many stories to share with each other, be it, funny jokes from the salon or Jack's commitment to lives and safety. Each was the other's rock. They both instilled and showed their children tremendous work ethics. Each was a role model that imprinted on the kids their whole lives. The family life in Livermore was filled with wonderful memories and of a much simpler time. Jack sadly passed away March 12, 1985, and beloved son Tim, a Fire Captain himself, also passed away December 19, 1990. These were losses that Peggy would never reconcile.

Peggy moved in 1987 to Paradise, CA and lived there near her daughter until 1997, when she decided to move to Fresno, CA to live near son Tom.

As Peggy's health declined she spent the last two years of her life residing at Cottonwood Court Assisted Living. There she made many friends and received excellent care and love. She was quite a stinker, always wanting to break some rule, or trying to hit the aides on the bottom with a twinkle in her eye. And by the way, nobody could make the bed right in her opinion. They seemed to love her and she told me she was so shocked "she was the most popular person in the place." Thank you for the entire staff for all your care. She had the help of Hospice during this time and was blessed with a wonderful nurse Nasarin, Aide Wendy, and Pastor Bill. Thank you for all the loving care you gave her. Both Nancy and Tom worked together to help their Mom through the last few years. She was thankful to them and they were thankful for her.

Mom believed in God, read the Bible and prayed. She always thought she fell short her whole life, never quite worthy of love, . . . . We

pray now that she realizes her worth and the love she is receiving from all of us and our Heavenly Father above.

God Bless you Mama, we will always love you and miss you.

## Barbara Jeanne Faustino Carter

Barbara Carter joined our lord and Savior December 29, 2012, at Modesto Doctors Hospital, of complications from a stroke suffered five years earlier.



She leaves her high school sweetheart, loving husband of fifty-two years, Lynn Ray Carter, and her mother, LaVena Faustino. Barbara is also survived by their two daughters and five grandchildren, as well as two brothers and a sister. We are grateful to her Aunt and Godmother, LaVonne (Mrs. Frank) Amaral for her frequent help and support during Barbara's lifetime, especially during her long illness.

Barbara Jeanne was born in Eureka, California to Leslie and LaVena Faustino. Raised in Bayside, CA, she graduated from Arcata High School, Arcata, California in 1959. During her married years, Barbara operated her own housecleaning business for 40 years. She was an upbeat, outgoing person who made many longtime friends in the communities where they lived, especially in Livermore and Manteca.

Barbara had a great love for crafts of all sorts. She created ceramics, and had a gift for tasteful home décor. Their home was festive for all the American holidays. She was frequently asked by her customers to decorate their homes for the special days, too.

Barbara was a devout Christian and knew the Bible well. After joining a women's church group, her life was enriched by the many new friends she met who were fast friends for over 40 years until her death.

One of her hobbies was to visit small towns off the beaten track, visiting gift shops for ideas and bargains. Barb loved to arrange lunches and shopping trips with friends. Her annual November Christmas shopping excursions were eagerly attended by many friends in the "lunch bunch." Her lovely personality and zest for life will be remembered by so many.

The Carters attended all their high school class reunions: she from Arcata High, Ray from Eureka High. In mid-May, Eureka grads hold a Mini Reunion in Reno. Barb, in spite of her wheel chair and limited speech, enjoyed the fun and attention she experienced with the group.

Barbara Carter's unquenchable spirit, her faith and joy of life, and her love of people will be sorely missed, although we have no doubt that she is arranging Bible studies and recreation outings today in Heaven. God bless you, good wife and friend.

A memorial service will be planned at a later date.

## Frances Moore

Frances Moore was born in 1917 and passed away, December 31, 2012, at the Kindred (Hacienda) Nursing

Care Home in Livermore. She is predeceased by her husband, George Moore and her four older sisters. She is survived by her two sons, Dennis G. Moore of Livermore, and Dr. Terry F. Moore of Cayucos, their wives, Cynthia and Kristine, six granddaughters, Leah Robinson, Dana Moore, Denise Raggio, Amy Schubert, Elizabeth and Sierra Moore and nine great grandchildren.

Frances, in her early years, loved to sing and dance at Clubs in Detroit where she grew up. Her granddaughters remember that she was always singing or whistling.

She and George moved to Pleasanton in 1968 to help their son Dennis start his Sierra Products, Inc. business in Livermore. She enjoyed garage sales, bingo, sewing, collecting dolls, gardening and caring for her four granddaughters.

Frances lived at the Vineyard Villa Mobile Home Park where she made many friends that appreciated her wit and friendly nature. Although she outlived most of her early friends and sisters, there are still many who will miss her.

A Grave Site Burial Service was held for her at Roselawn Cemetery in Livermore on January 5.

Arrangements were by Callaghan Mortuary.

## Donna Jean Hutzler McKay

April 5, 1938 - Dec. 26, 2012 Livermore Resident

Donna McKay passed away peacefully on the morning of December 26, 2012. She was 74 years old and a proud Livermore resident for over 24 years. She lived the entire time in the home she loved and had bought (brand) new in 1988.

Donna would be best described as a happy, loving individual with a terrific sense of humor, and one who lived a proud and fulfilling life. Donna was incredibly social and popular within the community and was an active member of social groups such as "The Eagles" and "Livermore Cowgirls." Her unselfish love of family and friends were just one of a multitude of qualities that made her such a special person.

Donna grew up in San Leandro, CA, where she graduated from high school in 1956. She then went on to college at San Jose State University, becoming the first member of her family to ever earn a four year (Bachelor's) degree. Donna continued to further her education by acquiring a teaching credential before being hired on as a full time Kindergarten and 3rd grade teacher in the San Leandro district. After relocating to Livermore in the 1980's, Donna is fondly remembered as the fun-loving bartender of Livermore Joe's (1982-1990), and more notably, as the owner of the very popular McKay's Bar & Grill (1990-2000). She was an incredible woman who always maintained a positive outlook on life until her very last breath.

Donna is survived by her daughter, Heather, two sons, Barry and Brett, and her amazing four grandchildren, Maya, Maximus, Xavier and Elyse. She truly loved being a parent, grandmother, and friend to so many people during her lifetime. While Donna lived a happy, fulfilling life, she will forever

be missed in our hearts and minds.

Her "Celebration of Life" gathering will be held at The Eagles in Livermore on Sat., Jan. 26 at 12:30 p.m.

## George F. Smith

George F. Smith, born Oct. 2, 1926, went to be with the Lord on Monday, January 14, 2013 at the age of 86.



Born in Los Angeles, Ca., George was one of eight children of Los Angeles fireman Harry Smith and his wife Nellie. George is survived by his sister Marion and his son David Smith.

In 1943, at the age of 17, George joined the Navy. He was pulled from the ranks to be placed on the Underwater Demolition Teams (UDT), which were an elite special-purpose force established by the United States Navy during World War II, and now known as the Navy Seals. George bravely served through six campaigns in World War II.

As a civilian, George's early career centered around truck driving and logging.

At the age of 26, George met and married his wife Anne. They had one son, David Smith, now residing in Ukiah

George loved racing pigeons, and had a natural knack at training his birds, which won multiple competitions. It was said if George entered 4 birds in a race, three would win 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. George went from short distance races to long distance racing, this was generally 100 to 500 miles for his birds. George, at times, would start his birds as far north as Portland, Oregon. Long or short races, George always won.

George loved square dancing. After his first lesson George was told by his instructor, "It was going to be easier to put a man on the moon than for George to learn square dancing." After 3 lessons he not only learned, but went on to square dance competitively as well as for exhibition.

George loved to fish and loved animals. He always had a dog by his side. In his last years in Livermore, George was always seen side-by-side with his faithful dog Roddy.

George loved gardening, and would do almost anything to get outdoors. He also loved to travel.

It was after his move to Livermore in the 1980's that he found a community to be a part of; first, as a crossing guard at Altamont Creek School for the Livermore police department. The children loved Roddy, and George loved bringing carved pumpkins to the kids during Oct. Then he found a church home at Trinity. He developed many friends through the church and Sunday school program. George served in the Faith ministry for many years, and loved meeting people through Faith visitations.

George expressed that his 80th birthday party was one of the best days in his life, which had many from

the church in attendance. Church members presented George with a special quilt, each square individually decorated by a family.

George's son David felt that it may have been the heavy losses of his friends that he experienced during the war as to why it took George so long to settle down into a community.

A memorial service will be held for George Smith at Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Avenue, Livermore, CA on Friday, Jan. 25th at 9:00 am

Following the memorial, George will be buried with military honors at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road, Dixon, CA at 2:00 pm sharp.

## Charles 'Chuck' Layborn Walbridge

Charles 'Chuck' Layborn Walbridge was born on November 12, 1940 in Newport, Rhode Island. Chuck passed away on Sunday, January 20, 2013 at his home in Modesto, California. He was surrounded by his loving family.

Chuck is survived by his wife of fifty years, Patricia Walbridge, his daughter Tamara (Matt) Eubanks, sons Todd (Lanette) Walbridge, Timothy (Tanya) Walbridge, Trent (Amber Moe) Walbridge and Richard (Samantha) Ruzbarsky and 10 grandchildren. He also is survived by his brothers, Richard Walbridge and Donald Walbridge and sister Susan Walbridge along with many nieces and nephews. Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, Frances and Margaret Walbridge.

Chuck was raised in a Navy family, which allowed him to live in the Philippines, Alaska, La Morenda and Burlingame where he graduated from Burlingame High School. As a military child, Chuck started his adult life by serving in the United States Coast Guard in Monterey where he met and married the love of his life, Patricia. He went on to work at Viacom/Comcast Cable where he worked in many areas from Technician to Facilities Security Manager. Chuck also enjoyed many years of working with the Livermore Rodeo Association and various other volunteering organizations. After retiring from the cable company he enjoyed long haul truck driving.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, January 28, 2013 at 1:00pm at Calvary Chapel Church located at 4300 American Avenue, Modesto, CA 95356 with a open house following.

Remembrances can be made to Community Hospice, 4368 Spyres Way, Modesto, CA 95356-9259.

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# Trip to Peru Offers Adventure Unlike Any Other

By Carol Graham

There are no signs on the building in Lima, Peru.

When the door cracks open, visitors simply say the name, "Chef Javier Wong," and are admitted to his puerta cerrada (closed-door) restaurant-home to enjoy what is regarded as the world's best ceviche along with other exquisite dishes.

"There are no menus," says Salome' Garau-Taylor. "Chef Wong will determine your first and second courses with a quick glance at your party."

Such inside knowledge and experience is what makes traveling with Salome' an adventure unlike any other.

From April 25 to May 8 this year, Salome' will be guiding a tour to a country in western South America, called "Peru, A Remarkable

Culinary & Soft Adventure Tour with Salome'."

"I love this trip. That's why I go back each year," says Salome', Director of Travel With Salome' & Co, and General Manager of Retzlaff Vineyards. "All the chefs and guides we use I have hand selected. They are my friends and I deeply respect their talents and knowledge."

Peruvian cuisine is currently taking its place on the world stage. It blends Asian, African, Andean, Arabian, Italian, Chinese and Japanese influences with Amazonian fusion cuisine. "There is nothing like it," says Salome'. "Many of the ingredients used in Peruvian cuisine are found only in Peru."

The tour, open to those interested, with a minimum

of eight and a maximum of 15 travelers, combines soft adventure with world-class dining. A day prior to visiting Chez Wong, travelers will take a private, guided tour of Lima, visiting the Main Square, Lima Cathedral, and San Francisco Monastery and Catacombs in which skulls and bones are neatly organized to form geometric patterns and circles.

Soft adventure is a term used to describe a type of low-risk tourism requiring little or no experience, using mechanized transport and comfortable accommodations, as opposed to tourism that requires greater levels of physical skill and higher risks.

"I can't imagine a more comfortable yet exciting way to travel than with Sa-

lome'," says Anne Edmondson, who has toured with Salome' in Peru, Ireland and Argentina. "They are not the usual group sightseeing trips. She introduces many unique activities and side trips that are arranged without ever a hiccup. She gains admission to venues that are not normally open to travelers."

One such side trip this spring will be a visit to Machu Picchu, a 15th century Inca site located in Peru's Cusco region. Often referred to as the "City of the Incas," it's the most familiar icon of Inca civilization.

Other excursions include touring the Sacred Valley, the Salt Mines of Maras, the community of weavers at Chinchero, and a visit to Lima's Market and Fruit Festival where visitors can find

the best variety of vegetables and fruits in the country, including exotic products from the Andes and the jungle.

"Group travel is becoming widely popular among individuals, couples, families, ladies' groups and companies," says Salome'. "People are finding that sharing travel experiences with others is a lot more fun, interesting and enjoyable."

Salome', who divides her time between her home in Hailey, Idaho and her family's vineyard and winery in Livermore, takes great care in planning her trips so that travelers can be free to enjoy them. She finds the best providers, researches the best sites to visit, and finds unique places to dine with a delicious bottle of wine and beautiful views.

"I know that having time

to wander the narrow streets of an ancient city or lie on the beach in paradise is important, so know that you will have time to enjoy on your own as well as with the group," she adds.

Costs for the two-week trip are around \$4,300. A discount is offered to members of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. Part of the proceeds will be donated to Open Heart Kitchen. For a full itinerary and details of the trip, visit [www.travelwithsalome.com](http://www.travelwithsalome.com) or email [travelwithsalome@gmail.com](mailto:travelwithsalome@gmail.com).

Says Salome', "If anyone has ever wanted to visit Peru to experience the mysticism and magic of the Inca, the unique epicurean specialties, wonderful and exceptional beauty, then this is the trip they've been waiting for."

## BUSINESS NOTES

### TÜV Makes Appointment

TÜV Rheinland has named Fred Zhu Business Development Manager for the Business Field Electrical and Product Safety. He will focus on inverter, converter and other power-system related products in North America. Mr. Zhu will also be responsible for planning an inverter testing laboratory in the Pleasanton office, where he is based.

Zhu takes on his new role after more than 17 years of experience in regulatory compliance industry, including four years of inverter and converter testing for products marketed to the USA, Canada, and Europe. He joins TÜV Rheinland after having worked for four years at Intertek, Cortland, N.Y., leading a group specializing in inverter and converter testing and certification in the US and Canada.

Zhu's career at TÜV Rheinland dates back to 1995 when he served at the Shanghai office as a project engineer, a technical reviewer, a TÜV CERT QS auditor, and the Information Technology Equipment group manager. In 2004, Mr. Zhu served as a Senior Engineer at TÜV Rheinland North America.

Prior to his career at TÜV

Rheinland, Mr. Zhu spent eight years teaching Electrical Circuits and its applications in a college of Bengbu City, Anhui province, China. He holds a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from Southeastern University, Nanjing, China.

For more information about TÜV Rheinland, visit [www.tuv.com/us](http://www.tuv.com/us).

### Carpet One Adds Digital Option

Carpet One of Livermore is offering a new digital magazine to its customers. The magazine entitled Beautiful Design.Made Simple features inspiration, tips and advice to make creating a beautiful home just a little bit easier. The magazine is free and can be downloaded from the Apple App Store.

Each quarter Beautiful Design.Made Simple. will feature new ideas and inspiration. Carpet One of Livermore's goal is to provide its customers with design tips and trends before, during, and after they purchase flooring.

"Design is ever changing and so is your home," said Laurie DeSimone, of Carpet One of Livermore "Even if you've finished your flooring project, this magazine can help you plan your next project or make updates to other parts of your home."

The premier issue of Beautiful Design. Made Simple. features information and ways to incorporate Benjamin Moore's 2013 color trends, simple tips on updating a room, inspiration and design advice from professionals Tracy Bross and Glen Peloso, carpet care tips, flooring trends and a plethora of inspiring images for the entire home.

To download this free magazine visit <http://www.beautifuldesignmadesimple.com> or search for Beautiful Design. Made Simple. in your App Store.

### Landmark Gives Incentive Awards

January 15th, 2013 Landmark Mortgage Group announced the recipients of the Sales Incentive Awards for 2012. The Awards recognize the outstanding performance of our advisors based on annual production.

Rick Benitez, Managing Partner, Landmark Mortgage Group, mentioned how each of these advisors uses the Landmark's Total Resource strategy when working with clients and realtor referral partners to achieve success. Benitez went on to mention, "The entire Landmark Team is honored to be working with each of these advisors," said Benitez. "They are not only great producers, but

great individuals as well."

Landmark honors each of these advisors in the following clubs:

Bay Club – Pleasanton Branch: Chris Jensen, Christina Nelson, Denise Colvin, Paula Iacomini, Rusty Anderson and Yvonne Herbeck. Livermore Branch:

Dana Mesarchik, Michael Keck, Mike Silva, Randy Marnell and Russell Barto.

Coronado Club – Livermore Branch: Corinne Andrews and Tony Locy.

Golden Gate Club – Pleasanton Branch: Todd Utikal and Scott Eaton.

Livermore Branch: Rick Goss. Capitola: Branch Peter Gaeckle.

The trophies were presented to honorees during an awards ceremony on Tuesday, January 15th, 2013 at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard in Livermore.

### Ragin' Cajun Tickets Now Available

Ragin' Cajun will host a Mardi Gras event featuring music, dancing, dinner, beads, live auctions, and more on Friday, March 8, 2013, 6:30 to 11 p.m. at the Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton.

Ragin' Cajun is the annual fund-raiser event for the Sandra J Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, which provides cancer patients in the East Bay Tri-Valley area with financial assistance for complementary

healing therapies during the course of their chemo and/or radiation treatments that are not covered by insurance.

In its first year, the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation helped 12 cancer patients, and in just a few short years, that number has grown almost 10 fold. Through generous support from donors and local businesses, as well as fund-raisers like Ragin' Cajun, they are proud to report that they have reached their goal of helping 100 cancer patients

for the 2012 fiscal year. The youngest beneficiary is 4 and the oldest is 87.

Tickets for Ragin' Cajun are available on-line at <http://www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org> or by calling (866) 862-7270. This is an opportunity to enjoy a festive evening out while helping those with cancer in the community. Those who can't attend the event, please consider purchasing a ticket for a beneficiary or make a donation to the organization.

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Giang T. Pham, 27635 Seminole Way, Hayward, CA 94544

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The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/20/2012. Signature of Registrants :s/ Giang T. Pham  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 27, 2012. Expires December 27, 2017.

The Independent Legal No. 3370. Published January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2013

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 472607

The following person(s) doing business as: JMA Builders, 1516 Juniper St., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
Jacob Aro, 1516 Juniper St., Livermore, CA 94551  
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The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/20/2012. Signature of Registrants :s/ Jacob Aro, Owner  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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The following person(s) doing business as: AAA Plant Brokers, 38801 Cherry Street, Newark, CA 94560, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
New Earth Plant Brokers, Inc, 1141 Catalina Dr. #267, Livermore, CA 94550  
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The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/ Robin Oberg, CEO  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 5, 2012. Expires December 5, 2017.

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 473323

The following person(s) doing business as: Cove Creek Equestrian, 809 Nightingale St, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
Laurel Glass, 809 Nightingale 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 N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/ Laurel Glass  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 472249

The following person(s) doing business as: Klickcar.com, 1412 Portola Ave, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Martin Hernandez, 1737 First St, Livermore, CA 94550  
This business is conducted by an individual  
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on February 14, 2007.  
Signature of Registrants :s/ Martin Hernandez  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 28, 2012. Expires November 28, 2017.

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 473722

The following person(s) doing business as: F. T. Handyman, 5453 Kathy Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
F. T. Handyman Inc., 5453 Kathy Way, Livermore, CA 94550  
This business is conducted

by a Corporation  
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/1/13.  
Signature of Registrants :s/ Fidel B. Torres, Owner/ CEO  
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**Responses Due by 2:00 pm on February 27, 2013**  
**County Contact : Jennifer Chan Ngo (510) 208-9604 or via email: jennifer.ngo@acgov.org**  
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**Responses Due by 2:00 pm on February 27, 2013**  
**County Contact: Lovell Laurente (510) 208-9621 or via email: lovell.laurente@acgov.org**  
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The Independent Legal No. 3384. Published January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 2013.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 473944

The following person(s) doing business as: Alan and Sons Automotive, 4001 1st Street, Ste 7A, Livermore CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Alan Moffat, 3708 Catamaran Ct, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. 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/ Alan Moffat. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 16, 2013. Expires January 16, 2018.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 473670-1

The following person(s) doing business as: (1)Livermore Valley Brokers (2)LVB Consulting, 4435 1st St #146, Livermore CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Gilbert P. Souza II, 4771 Kimberley Common, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/31/2006. Signature of Registrants: s/ Gilbert P. Souza II. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 11, 2013. Expires January 11, 2018.

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# State Laws Impact Buyers, Sellers, Homeowners

By Cher Wollard

The California Legislature approved numerous real estate-related laws that took effect Jan. 1.

These laws concern property taxes, help for struggling property owners, changes in health and safety requirements, and other issues.

Among new regulations with significant impact:

- The California Homeowner Bill of Rights now prohibits lenders from engaging in "dual tracking" in most circumstances. This means that if a lender has approved a short sale or loan modification, it cannot record a notice of default or notice of sale, or conduct a trustee's sale. This law, which applies to owner-occupied properties of one-to-four units, also requires lenders to assign one person as point of contact for a borrower seeking foreclosure alternatives, and provides other borrower protections. For more information, see <http://www.car.org/legal/miscellaneous-contacts/realegal-chart/2012-realegals/sept28revised/>. Assembly Bill 278 and Senate Bill 900

- The state's anti-deficiency protection law has been extended. Existing law exempts borrowers from personal liability for any remaining balance after a foreclosure on loans used to purchase their homes. As of Jan. 1, this protection also includes deficiencies on refinance loans, plus loan fees, costs and related expenses. The anti-deficiency protection, however, does not extend to cash taken out in a refinance. Senate Bill 1069

- Foreclosure notices now must include a summary of information attached to the Notice of Default and notice of sale for residential properties of one-to-four units. The summary, plus a statement at the beginning of the NOD and notice of sale indicating that a summary is attached, must be in English, Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese and Korean. Assembly Bill 1599

- The real estate exemption for debtors in federal bankruptcy cases has been increased from \$17,425 to \$24,060 for real or personal property used as a residence. Assembly Bill 929

- A temporary requirement that owners of vacant residential property acquired through foreclosure maintain the exterior of the property has been made permanent. New owners will generally have 60 days to meet the terms of this bill, as long as they are diligently in the process of abating any building standard violations and there are no imminent threats to public health or safety. Assembly Bill 2314

- The income threshold has been increased for homeowners 55 years of age or older to qualify for the \$175,000 homestead exemption on an involuntary sale of a principal residence. Such homeowners' gross annual income cannot exceed \$25,000, or \$35,000 combined if married. Homeowners over 65 and disabled persons who are unable to work are entitled to the exemption regardless of income. Assembly Bill 929

- Prohibitions against advance fees for loan modifications, originally set to expire Jan. 1, have been extended. Real estate licensees, attorneys and others may not claim or collect any compensation for loan modifications or other form of mortgage loan forbearance, or assign wages, liens or power of attorney, until after the licensee fully performs each and every service as promised. These prohibitions, which only pertain to mortgage loans secured by residential properties with one-to-four units, have been extended until Jan. 1, 2017 according to Senate Bill 980, or indefinitely according to Assembly Bill 1950.

- Taxpayers who file to have their property taxes reduced based on a decline in home value have some relief from penalties on past-due amounts, under certain circumstances, thanks to Assembly Bill 2643.

- Assembly Bill 2326 extends the list of documents that require notaries to obtain thumbprints. Now any document affecting real property falls under this requirement.

- The transfer of interest in a home from one co-tenant to another co-tenant due to death will no longer trigger reassessment for the purposes of property taxes, in most cases. To be eligible for this exemption, the following requirements must be met: (1) the transfer is solely by and between two individuals who together own 100 percent of the property as joint tenants or tenants in common; (2) the transfer results in the surviving co-tenant holding 100 percent ownership immediately after the transfer; (3) the co-tenants co-owned and continuously resided in the property as a "principal residence" as defined for the one-year period immediately before the transfer; (4) both co-tenants have been owners of record; and (5) no other exclusion from change of ownership applies. Assembly Bill 1700

- Counties may now charge up to \$10 in recording fees for certain real estate instruments. The previous cap was \$3. This new law also expands the types of real estate instruments that may be charged a recording fee. Funds collected from recording fees will be placed in a Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Trust Fund to help local law enforcement agencies pursue real estate fraud crimes. Senate Bill 1342

- County recorders must, upon proper payment, record any document related to real property that is authorized or required by local ordinance to be recorded, so long as it meets recording requirements. Assembly Bill 1642

- Applicants for reverse mortgages, which allow older homeowners to access the equity in their homes without making payments, must receive counseling from a HUD-approved agency. Assembly Bill 2010 requires that counseling be done in person, unless the applicant elects otherwise.

- Assembly Bill 1927 makes it easier for owners of shared easements to collect the cost of maintaining that easement from the various owners.

- Homeowners Associations can no longer charge cancellation fees for sales disclosure documents if: (1) a request is cancelled in writing and work had not yet been performed on the order; or (2) a request is cancelled in writing and the HOA had been compensated for any work performed. Assembly Bill 1838

- Residential permit fees for rooftop solar energy systems that produce electricity cannot exceed \$500 plus \$15 per kilowatt for each kilowatt over 15kW unless the city or county provides substantial evidence that a higher fee is reasonable. Commercial permit fees generally cannot exceed \$1,000, plus \$7 per kilowatt from 51kW to 250kW, plus \$5 per kilowatt for each kilowatt above 250kW. This law will expire Jan. 1, 2018. Senate Bill 1222

- Senate Bill 1501 expands the purposes for which local governments can approve open-space easements on privately owned property to include preventing floods, or using the land as a wildlife sanctuary or as part of an established scenic highway corridor. Senate Bill 1501

- Members of the armed services are protected against lender foreclosure during the period of military service and for a period of time thereafter on loans originated before the homeowner entered military service. Previous law provided three months protection after service. That has been extended to nine months. Some exceptions apply. Federal law extends foreclosure protection to one year after the period of active duty, through 2014. Assembly Bill 2475 and H.R. 1627.

- Assembly Bill 2476 caps mortgage rates charged to military service members at 6 percent. If before entry into the military, a service member had a mortgage or trust deed with a higher interest rate, that rate must be reduced to 6 percent or less during that person's military service and one year thereafter, in most circumstances.

- Property owners may post signage prohibiting hunting on their land. Assembly Bill 1162

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# Advocates Say Their Plan Would Be Easier on Delta Ecology

A group of environmental and business organizations have unveiled a plan that would substitute one tunnel for the two that are being proposed to run through the Delta to convey water to the Valley and to Central and Southern California.

The organizations say that their plan is better for the environment, and no more expensive than the previously announced two-tunnel state plan. It may even result in cost savings.

The plan would not just cut back the size of the tunnel conveying water from northern California to land

south of the Delta, but also use the savings to allocate more money to introduce environmentally friendly measures.

These measures would include habitat restoration, local water storage south of the Delta, and levee improvements. The levee improvements could help manage Delta water that would be available to the communities south of the Delta, such as the Valley's water wholesaler, Zone 7 Water Agency.

The advocates call their approach a portfolio, because of the variety of ideas

that would help meet the goal of restoring Delta plant and fish species, and ensuring an adequate future water supply for farm and urban uses.

Signers of the proposal letter to Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and State Natural Resources secretary John Laird include the Contra Costa Council, a business group, and environmental organizations such as the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Planning and Conservation League, and the Defenders of Wildlife.

A plan announced last year by Gov. Jerry Brown

would construct two tunnels going north to south under the Delta, with a capacity of 15,000 cubic feet per second (cfs). The alternative plan proposed Jan. 16 could carry 3000 cfs. However, the plan can meet water delivery goals at least as well as Brown's plan, because of the addition of more water storage south of the Delta.

Zone 7 assistant general manager Kurt Arends said that the agency has not had time yet to thoroughly study the new proposal.

## SOLAR SAVES MONEY AT ZONE 7 PLANT

The Zone 7 board met last week. Directors heard a report on the cost savings resulting from the first year's operation of the solar installation at its Del Valle Water Treatment Plant.

The agency saved \$72,773, compared to an estimate of \$52,042 before the solar facility began operation in May 2011. The installation produced 670,300 Kilowatt hours of electricity, which was 3 percent more energy production

than forecast.

The facility was built by Borrego Solar, which retains ownership. Zone 7 buys its power at 12 cents per kilowatt hour. The agreement includes a rate escalation of 3 percent per year.

Zone 7 also saved \$127,000 last year by participating in a PG&E special demand response program. The program shifts the agency's peak power demand to other hours from July to October.

## Swalwell Ranking Member of Energy Subcommittee

Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-CA) was chosen as the Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Energy for the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology by Committee Democrats. The Ranking Member serves as the lead minority party member on a committee. Swalwell will be one of the few first-term members in either party to be a Ranking Member on any committee in Congress.

Swalwell stated, "The

East Bay is a center of energy research and technological innovation. In particular, the Lawrence Livermore and Sandia National Labs located in my congressional district are conducting innovative work and world-class science to develop new, clean energy sources.

"Supporting this research and development is critical for the economy of the East Bay and our entire country. Advancements in areas such as energy can power our economy through

the 21st Century, leading to high-paying jobs and rising incomes here at home while improving our environment and the health of our people."

The Subcommittee on Energy is one of six subcommittees of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. It has jurisdiction over areas such as civilian energy research, civilian Department of Energy science, clean coal technology, alternative fuels, and energy standards.

## Grants Go to Two Livermore Schools

Two Livermore schools have received grants.

Vulcan Materials Company, located in Livermore, donated \$500 to Rancho Las Positas Elementary School to support the purchase of audio amplification systems. These funds, combined with money from energy savings, were used to purchase two systems. Fourteen classrooms at Rancho are now equipped with audio amplification systems, supporting learning and hearing. These systems improve the sound quality in the room so a student can hear no matter where they are in the room.

Vulcan Materials Company has partnered with Rancho School for the past three years, supporting track construction, classroom field

trips and now audio amplification systems.

Wells Fargo Bank recently awarded Vineyard Alternative High School a \$5,000 grant. "The grant will be used to fund programs at the school that will encourage student engagement in the learning process. This is an example of community partnerships and we want to thank Wells Fargo Bank for supporting our students" says Principal, Sheryl Howser.

Funds donated by Wells Fargo Bank will be used to purchase a set of iPads for a mini computer lab that will be used for the school's new e2020 online program. The grant will also be used to fund the school's perfect attendance incentive program.

Research shows there is a direct correlation between good attendance and academic achievement.

Student Donnie Wheeler says "I think the e2020 online classes offer a great, innovative way for students to explore new classes as well as a modern way of learning. The incorporation of this program is a definite step in the right direction, and I am very honored to be a part of it."

Last year Wells Fargo Bank donated \$67.8 million to 8,000 educational programs and schools around the United States. To find out more about how Wells Fargo supports education and communities, go to [www.wellsfargo.com/donations](http://www.wellsfargo.com/donations).

## Price of Homes on the Rise

Shrinking supply and strong competition among buyers pushed sales prices up on homes in Alameda County during 2012.

Reflecting the unprecedented decline in homes listed for sale, Craig Ragg, 2013 President of the Bay East Association of REALTORS® said, "The tight supply for homes helped push prices higher this year which was great news for some sellers."

Sales prices rose, on average, 23% from December

2011 to December 2012 in the central Alameda County communities of Castro Valley, Hayward, San Leandro and San Lorenzo. The average price increase in Fremont, Newark and Union City was 15% for the same period. In the Tri-Valley, prices also rose an average of 15% in Danville, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon.


"It's true that historically low mortgage interest rates helped buyers make higher than asking-price offers,"

said Ragg, "but it's the lack of supply and competition from buyers with all-cash offers that really drove prices in 2012."

Median homes prices in Dublin rose 1% from \$565,000 to \$570,000; Livermore up 18% from \$425,000 to \$500,000; Pleasanton rose 20% from \$689,000 to \$826,575.

The Bay East market statistics are based on homes purchased and sold using information from the Paragon Multiple Listing Service.


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# THE INDEPENDENT • SECTION A



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

The student body at Livermore High School took on different roles to create a Needle Drop video.

## Video Celebrates Everything LHS

By Carol Graham

Although Vice Principal Roxana Mohammed hadn't yet seen the finished product, she said she's impressed with the time and effort Livermore High School students put into making the music video that was filmed January 18th.

"This was a whole-school effort, from students to staff, under the direction of teacher Gabe Castro," said Mohammed. "It was an amazing experience to be part of so much positive energy and school spirit."

The music video project, called Operation: Needle Drop, was a joint effort including Castro's video production class, the leadership club and student volunteers. A needle drop is when a filmmaker uses a popular song in a movie to pull the audience in with something they already know, said Castro.

"We wanted to create an interactive 'rally' that the whole school felt a part of, rather than just being specta-

tors," he said. "It's a way to celebrate everything LHS."

The music used for the video includes Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody, Kid Cudi's Pursuit of Happiness, Fun.'s Some Nights, and Bruno Mars' Locked Out of Heaven.

"A group of students lip sync the songs while we tunnel throughout the school. The rest of the school creates a tunnel," said Castro. "It's a single-shot music video."

The video will appear online on YouTube's Cowboy Alley Pro's channel. It will also be shown at the school's February 7th EXPO night when current 8th graders and their families will visit LHS.

"The major inspiration for this started last spring when a small group of video students started creating bi-weekly news programs called 'Cowboy Alley News,'" said Castro. "That sparked a wider interest in what we do as a video program. The new crop of students this year brought a ton of energy and pushed to make this happen."

Mohammed said she's excited to see the end result.



"Livermore High School truly encompasses the ideals of pride, excellence and respect," she said. "I think our students learned the true education and experience of video production."

Added Castro, "LHS is full of so many cool clubs and passionate kids. Our focus this year has been promoting excellence and the kids showed it (filming) today. They can't wait to do it again."

# Science on Saturday Begins This Weekend

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's lecture series, "Science on Saturday," returns Jan. 26 and runs through Feb. 23. This year's talks cover a wide range of current topics including detecting pathogen DNA; the Lab's technologies used on NASA's NuSTAR Mission; the next generation medical diagnostic devices; and biofuels – the new energy from ancient life.

The lectures are free of charge. They are held in the Bankhead Theater, located at 2400 First St. in Livermore. Two presentations are offered at 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Each lecture highlights cutting-edge Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) science presented by leading Lab researchers who are joined by master high school science teachers.

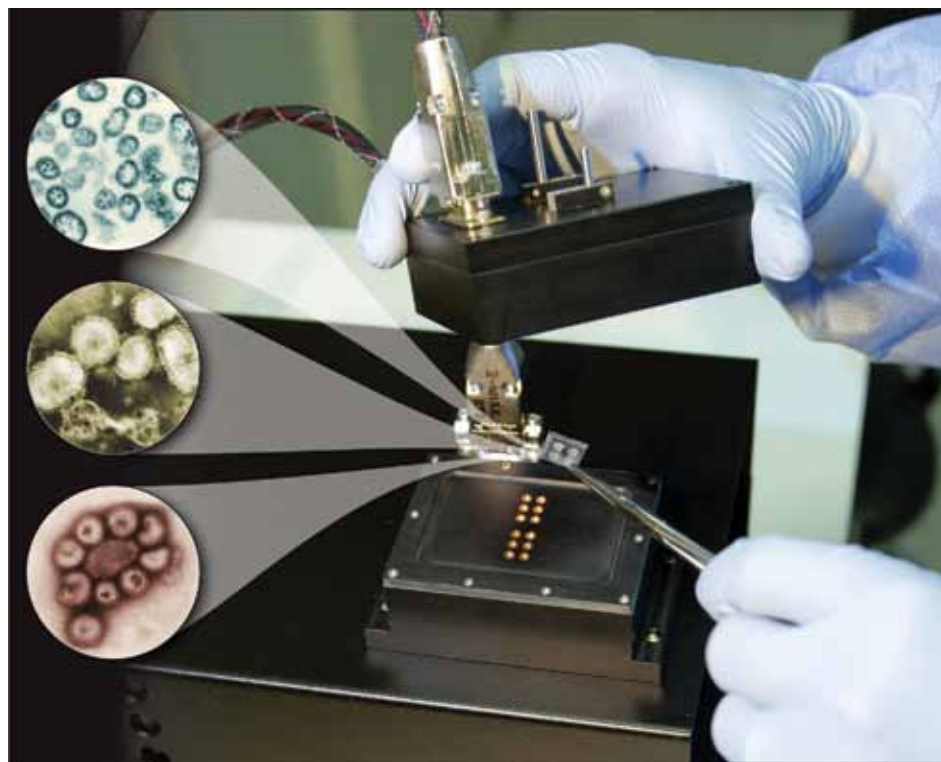
Kicking off the series

of four Saturday sessions is: "Detecting Pathogen DNA," by LLNL scientist Reg Beer and teacher Erin McKay.

In the movies, when a killer infection spreads, doctors triage and isolate patients while a medical biologist races to diagnose the illness and find a cure. Inevitably, a national emergency follows as the virus or bacteria wipe out an unsuspecting population. This may be Hollywood's vision. The presenters will discuss how scientists at LLNL are developing tools to identify organisms in a few minutes so that doctors can be certain of the need for antibiotics, patient isolation or additional intervention.

The complete schedule of lectures is as follows:

- Jan. 26: "Detecting Pathogen DNA: Making Medical Diagnostics Fast, Accurate and Cheap," by LLNL scientist Reg Beer



and teacher Erin McKay of Tracy High School.

- Feb. 2: "The Extreme

X-ray Universe: Discovery Science with NASA's NuSTAR Mission," by

LLNL scientists Michael J. Pivovarov and Bill Craig and teacher Tom Sheffler

of Granada High School.

- Feb. 16: "Medical Radar: Next Generation Life Saving Medical Diagnostic Devices," by LLNL scientist John T. Chang and teacher Dean Reese of Tracy High School.

- Feb. 23: "The 'Bio' in Biofuels: New Energy from Ancient Life," by LLNL scientists Michael Thelen and Rhona Stuart and teacher Ken Wedel of Tracy High School.

Lectures and demonstrations are targeted to middle and high school students. The lectures are sponsored by LLNL's Science Education Program. Seating is on a first-come basis. There is no pre-registration.

For more information about Science on Saturday, directions and a map, go to the Web at <http://education.llnl.gov/sos/> or contact Richard Farnsworth at (925) 422-5059, email at [farnsworth1@llnl.gov](mailto:farnsworth1@llnl.gov).

## 'Red Riding Hood' Performances Open to the Public

By Carol Graham

It was the summer of 1970. A young man was making his way from Chicago to Oregon when his Volkswagen van broke down near Missoula, Montana.

With the peaks of Mount Sentinel and Mount Jumbo looming over the valley town, Jim Caron noticed, while waiting for his van to be repaired, a sign announcing auditions for a production of *Man of La Mancha*. On a lark, he auditioned and won not only a part in the play but a friendship with a fellow actor that led to the creation of the Missoula Children's Theatre.

More than 40 years later, Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT), a nation-wide

touring company, continues to provide performing opportunities to children, helping them gain life skills including creativity, self-discipline, goal achievement and social skills.

In coming weeks, MCT productions will be performed by two Livermore schools: Arroyo Seco Elementary will present "Red Riding Hood" on January 26th; and Marylin Avenue Elementary School will present "The Tortoise Versus the Hare" on February 2nd. Both productions are open to the public.

"In a word," said Marylin Avenue teacher Sue Carling, "this is an excellent opportunity for our community. Singing and performing for

a live audience is not something many students at our school have an opportunity to do in such a fun way."

MCT follows a unique format in bringing high-quality productions to schools across the country. Compressing what is normally a two or three month process into an intensive one-week period, it's a concept that works well for students with busy schedules and schools with limited resources for the arts. On the Monday prior to the performance, MCT arrives at the school with everything needed - scripts, directors, scenery, make-up, costumes, and props - everything, except the actors.

Up to 60 students from

all grades are cast in the full-scale musical comedies. The cast begins four days of rehearsals to learn lines, songs, and choreography before their two Saturday performances.

Arroyo Seco's production of *Red Riding Hood* ("Life is no picnic when you stray from the trail!") will be held on Jan. 26 at the Livermore High School Theater, 600 Maple Avenue, with performances at 3:00 and 5:30 p.m. Ticket costs will be available online at [seco.schoollloop.com](http://seco.schoollloop.com).

Funding was provided by Arroyo Seco's Parent Teacher Association. "The MCT fee includes an open audition, rehearsals, two public performances and

three enrichment workshops or an assembly," said Arroyo Seco parent Kristi Carter. "We chose to have the assembly so every student could benefit."

Marylin Avenue's production of *The Tortoise Versus the Hare* will be held on campus at 800 Marylin Avenue. Funding for the production was received from donations and First Presbyterian Church. Performances are at the 3:00 and 5:30. Admission is \$5. For additional information, contact Sue Carling at [scarling@comcast.net](mailto:scarling@comcast.net) or (925)455-4290.

Throughout its existence, MCT has reached more than a million students in all 50 states along with 17 coun-

tries worldwide. According to MCT's mission statement, within each cast girls and boys are equal, the disabled become able, the shy experiment with bravery, the slow are rehearsed to perfection, and the gifted become part of the whole.

"Communication skills, self-esteem and a strong work ethic are all characteristics that are attained through participation in this unique and educational project," said Carter, recalling last year's production of *The Secret Garden*. "We are excited to have MCT back again this year."

For more information on Missoula Children's Theatre, visit [www.mctinc.org](http://www.mctinc.org).

## Pleasanton Selects Teen Poets Laureate

Two teen poets laureate were appointed last week by the Pleasanton City Council.

The two were selected from among eight applicants.

Arany Uthayakumar will represent Amador Valley High School. Diana Fu was chosen from Foothill High School.

Teen poets were mentored by the city's poet laureate in the past, no formal recruitment process or appointments were

made. This year, the city received great interest from the community to formalize the teen poet laureate program. A screening committee interviewed the applications, "as a result of the high level of qualified applications for the teen positions and the desire to reach a broader range of youth through poetry, the committee recommended appointing a representing from each high school.

An adult poet laureate was not selected. The

position became vacant when the serving poet laureate, Cynthia Bryant, unexpectedly resigned. The position will remain open until a sufficient number of qualified candidates have applied.

The two new teen poets laureate addressed the council. Uthayakumar stated, "I've known about the program since I was a freshman. I am very happy that the program is back."

Uthayakumar campaigned to bring back the

teen poet laureate program. She pointed out that the program provides students an opportunity to serve the community in a special way that many service opportunities do not offer—preserving the arts and humanities, while fostering confidence in younger students to pursue their own passions and creativity. "When there are fiscal struggles in any town, programs are cut. The arts and humanities shouldn't consistently be the first ones to go." She launched an online petition to gain support for reinstating the teen poet laureate program.

Fu, a junior at Foothill, is president of Teens for Literacy. "I am excited to serve. I have many plans. I hope to team up with Arany. The importance of literacy isn't as great as in the past. I too am glad the teen poet laureate program is back."

## California State Summer School for the Arts Open to Local High School Students

The Alameda County Arts Commission is a partner in promoting an opportunity for Alameda County High School students who are involved in the arts. The California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA) is a four-week, intensive pre-college program for talented and motivated high school students in the arts, held on the campus of the California Institute of the Arts (CalArts) in Valencia.

CSSSA has an annual student body of over 500 young artists from all over California and beyond. CSSSA offers a unique opportunity for students to spend one month immersed in a creative laboratory experiencing the inspiring and rigorous daily life of a professional artist.

As a bridge from high school to college, the program awards top students the Herb Alpert Foundation's Emerging Young Artist Scholarships for collegiate study or pre-professional training programs, as well as three units of California State University course credit and names them "California Arts Scholars," distinguishing CSSSA graduates from their peers as they proceed to college and career.

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## Socko Stage Reading

by Susan Steinberg

The master director has done it again! Eric Fraisher Hayes, whose plays at Danville's Role Players Ensemble have been electrifying local audiences now also presents staged readings that are equally thrilling.

In the narrow confines of the old Danville Railroad Depot, now a historical museum, with its rough plank floors and by-gone memorabilia, it is easy to evoke an earlier, harsher era, perfect for Eugene O'Neill's "Three Sea Pieces," presented here several years ago. Defying the surroundings, Hayes just staged an equally successful reading of O'Neill's "More Stately Mansions," set in a more elegant society among wealth New Englanders.

Without sets, props, or costumes, Hayes created a viscerally real world of terrifying tensions in a typical O'Neill dysfunctional family. His four amazing actors were a riveting ensemble, even while clutching scripts, turning pages, and occasionally eyeing their lines. It seems impossible to imagine them learning their roles so thoroughly that they could endow a long reading with such crackling energy and emotion.

And long the performance was. In typical O'Neill style, the original, (actually an unfinished manuscript) runs to nearly 5 hours. Judicious cutting by Hayes, (who completely cut the first two acts), whittled it down to just under 3 hours. Still more of the expository verbiage could be trimmed, but this reviewer wouldn't have wanted to miss one line of the furious verbal sparring.

Focussing on several generations of a single family, O'Neill utilized the Ibsenesque theory of parental sins visited upon their children. His fascination with Freud is obvious in the blatantly Oedipal attachment of son to mother, and the struggle of a wife to redirect that attachment to herself. The third plot element is O'Neill's basic socialist belief that capitalism was eating away at the soul of America. The admirable Yankee creed of working hard to earn a living had been perverted in some men to a mad passion for increasing wealth and controlling the lives of others, becoming heartless and ruthless in the process.

Under Hayes' direction, the consummately professional cast brought this once-in-a-lifetime rarity to a wildly appreciative audience for just one riveting weekend. Their theatrical triumph, sponsored by the dedicated members of the O'Neill Foundation, proves that absorbing drama can be achieved with performing artists of the highest caliber, without the trappings of a full production.

Bravo to all involved!

## San Ramon High Presents Battle of the Bands

The first annual San Ramon High School Battle of the Bands will be held Saturday, February 16, 2013.

This live event will be presented by The San Ramon Arts Foundation in partnership with Deli Radio.com.

The organizers are looking for band contestants to enter the battle, sponsors to help support the event, and

a fan-filled audience. The event will be held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Road in San Ramon. Band entry in the competition is free. The deadline to enter is Jan. 25, 2013. For full details, prizes, and entry form, visit deliradiobattle.com. Students in middle or high school in

Students from Junction Avenue K-8 Middle School in Livermore visited the City of Livermore's Police Department on Saturday, January 19, 2013. The field trip was part of a planned visit to introduce students to careers in law enforcement. Police Chief Steve Sweeny gave the students an overview of what it takes to go into law enforcement and how what they do now in education is important for their future.

The READY Program is an educational program sponsored by the Livermore Noon Rotary Club. The word READY stands for Rotarians Enriching And Directing Youth. It is focused on academic achievement and career exploration. The goals of the program are to assist and mentor students in their classroom homework and projects along with taking them on monthly field trips to places of businesses to explore careers of the future. The READY Program is in its third year at Junction Avenue School.

The Program was initiated in 2009 at Junction Avenue School. The students chosen to participate were selected by school staff based upon their belief

Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Danville, Walnut Creek, Alamo, Concord, Lafayette, Orinda, Moraga or Oakland may compete to be in the battle.

Tickets are just \$10 and will be on sale soon at the San Ramon Performing Arts Center box office. "Like" the event on Facebook.

## Junction Avenue School READY Students Learn About Careers in Law Enforcement

that, with a little attention and support, these students would blossom.

Saturday's visit to the Livermore Police Department was the second field trip this school year for the READY students. It is a very popular trip and many students who had been there before wanted to return again. At present, law enforcement, along with firefighting and careers in recreation areas rank high on the interest level for the students. Other planned field trips will introduce students to careers in horticulture, recreation, science, technology and entertainment.

Over the past two years, students have learned about careers in transportation (Niles Canyon Railroad Museum), agriculture and cattle ranching (Banke Cattle Ranch), entertainment (Bankhead Theater), education (Las Positas College), recreation (Livermore Community Center), golf industry (Poppy Ridge Golf Course), aviation (Livermore Airport), and science/technology (Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory). A yearly "out-of-town" field trip is planned to expose the students to the world outside of Livermore. Last year's trip to the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco exposed many of the students to their first visit to San Francisco itself.

Junction Avenue K-8 Middle School was selected to participate in the READY Program by the Livermore District Administration and staff. The school was identified as one in need of academic support and role models to expose students to careers and show them the reasons that education is so

important.

Junction Avenue School continues to score low in state testing but change among students, especially those in the READY Program, is occurring.

Junction Avenue School READY Program students meet every Monday after school with mentors from the Rotary Noon Club. They work individually or in small groups to review and complete homework assignments and plan for upcoming school projects. Students from Livermore High School's Rotary Interact Club have participated since the start of the Program three years ago. They will serve as bridges as 8<sup>th</sup> graders move on to high school.

The first year of the READY Program involved students in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades. This year, students from the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are participating. For the 20 students, it takes

the involvement of about 15 Rotarians. The former Junction Avenue Principal, Jamal Fields, the present Principal Greg Elliott and Title One Specialist Lorrie Dotson have been instrumental in coordinating the involvement of both the school and the Rotarian mentors.

Rotarian Manuel Perry and Principal Greg Elliott said that they are delighted with the quality and especially the commitment of some outstanding Rotarians willing to commit their time on Monday afternoons to mentor the students as well as escort them on a once monthly Saturday field trip. As one Rotarian said of the Program, "What is happening at Junction Avenue School with the Rotarians and the students is unbelievable."

For more information about the READY Program, please contact Manuel Perry at (925) 443-9307 or email mperry217@aol.com

## Fall Grant Recipients Listed

The Rotary Club of Livermore Valley distributed its Fall Grants to local nonprofit and not for profit organizations this past month.

Organizations receiving funding included the following:

1. Tech Trek—supporting the 7th grade science camp for girls at Stanford University.
2. "Shop with a Cop"—4th annual project where Livermore Police take needy kids shopping for holiday gifts
3. Granada High School - funding of drinking fountain to encourage filling of containers to avoid the use of plastic bottles
4. Boy Scout Eagle project at Veteran's hospital to support veterans and local Boy Scouts
5. VA Art Program - support volunteers who teach music and art to the vets at the VA Hospital
6. Valley Dance Theater - support a local dance group

Those interested in learning more about Rotary and how the club helps the local community and international projects, are invited to attend breakfast on a Tuesday morning.

Visit [www.LivermoreValleyRotary.org](http://www.LivermoreValleyRotary.org) or [Info@Rotary-ClubOfLivermoreValley.com](mailto:Info@Rotary-ClubOfLivermoreValley.com) for information.



## Review

# The Full Monty – More about Heart Than Body

By Carol Graham

The Full Monty premiered at Livermore's Bankhead Theater on January 19.

"Driving to the theater, I had this overwhelming feeling that I was going to be part of bringing happiness to 500 people that night," says Director John Maio. "Seeing them all spontaneously stand, scream and cheer at the end of the show made every minute of work put into this production worthwhile.

"It was a great feeling to know that the Tri-Valley Repertory, who took a chance producing a show that pushes the envelope a bit, was validated by such a wonderful response," he added.

Racy and rollicking, The Full Monty is, on its surface, a musical-comedy about six unemployed steel workers who decide to perform a strip show to make some much-needed cash. In order to outdo their more fit and famous Chippendales counterparts, the men decide they must go "the full monty" - a slang term meaning going the whole way, or in this case showing total nudity.

Yet the great surprise of The Full Monty is that



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

### Cast prepares for performance.

while it appears to be all about bodies, it's really all about heart.

It's a show that holds up every hidden truth - self-doubt, shame, hopelessness, isolation and fear - and not only looks at it, but laughs at it. As with life, the play is rife with paradoxes: it's ribald and sensitive, funny and heartbreaking, victorious and defiant.

"It's not just a bunch of guys stripping, although that's not bad either," said

Belinda Maloney, who owns the stage and the audience's hearts as Jeanette Burmesiter, a character she says has been around the block a few times, is rough around the edges and sprinkled with salt. "It's more about the message within the story, about the camaraderie of the guys, family values, taking chances and not taking 'no' for an answer. No matter what audience members feel when they come in, they're going to laugh, and

laughter is the best medicine after all."

Upcoming performances will be presented on January 25, 26 and 27, and February 1, 2 and 3, with Friday and Saturday shows starting at 8 p.m., and Sunday shows at 2 p.m.

Todd Carver, playing Jerry Lukowski, leads a cast that doesn't just portray the characters; they *are* the characters. "Opening nights are my favorite," says Carver. "All the hard work has been done and

the fun and joy of performing theater actually begins. A fantastic audience is the last piece of the puzzle that makes a show complete. The give-and-take energy that flows between audience and cast is electrifying."

Musical Director Jo Anne Fosselman leads an orchestra that seamlessly shifts from soft to swaggering to soaring, while the characters sing about everything from suicide (Big Ass Rock), to stereotypes (Big Black Man), to a parent's deep love for his child (Breeze Off the River).

Particularly touching is the juxtaposition of two love stories (Dave and Georgie, and Harold and Vicki) played out to "You Rule My World," with both comedic and tender results. A reversed reprise later in the play highlights how the characters are growing, becoming truer both to themselves and to one another.

As the laid off men struggle to regain their sense of self-worth, the divorced Jerry and his son Max, played with charismatic aplomb by 13-year-old Max DeSantis, reveal

a touching, flawed, real relationship. "I like the scene where I'm with my dad and I give him support and encouragement to strip," said Max. "Usually my real dad is giving me courage to do something. I like the role reversal."

Ratings for The Full Monty should hover somewhere just above PG-13. The show contains adult themes and repeated profanity, yet nudity remains dexterously left to viewers' imaginations.

This production is presented by the Tri-Valley Repertory Theater, a non-profit, volunteer organization that evolved from the Pleasanton Playhouse. Attendance at its various productions exceeds 15,000 annually.

What director Maio hopes audiences will take away with them is simple. "Like the final song in the show, 'Let It Go,'" he says, "sometimes in life you just have to relax, take a chance and follow your heart."

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. For tickets or more information, visit [www.trivalleyrep.org](http://www.trivalleyrep.org), or [www.mylvpac.com](http://www.mylvpac.com).

## Proceeds from 'Love of a Child' Book Benefit Exceptional Needs Network

ultra-spective photography in Livermore has created and published a book entitled, Love of a Child. The book features the story and photographs of over 80 participants and showcases the relationship between children and their loved ones.

To date, the sale of the book has raised \$2400 for Exceptional Needs Network.

Love of a Child costs \$49 to purchase. Profits from the sale of the book go directly to the Exceptional Needs Network (ENN), a nonprofit organization run solely by parent volunteers dedicated to helping families with the tremendous demands for special needs children. A big component of the program is Camp Arroyo. The only expense deducted from the

book sales is the printing cost with ultra-spective photography donating all other services to produce and sell the book.

With the donation from ultra-spective, ENN will continue to provide an enriching summer camp experience for children with developmental delay. All proceeds will go directly towards paying ENN's spe-

cialized camp staff. ENN is the only non-profit organization providing overnight camp services for children with special needs in the San Francisco East Bay Area, which ultimately allows the families the needed respite.

Valerie Hund, ENN President, stated, "ENN is extremely appreciative with ultra-spective's donation from the proceeds of the "Love a Child" effort. It re-

ally hits home for us having a local business be willing to donate their time and energy, all in an effort to help us continue in providing a positive camp experience.:

"This project is an awesome opportunity for the staff of our portrait studio to fulfill our creative desires while helping an important local cause. We are so thankful for all the volunteers that participated and helped sup-

port this book project," said Anna Vickroy, founder and photographic artist at ultra-spective photography.

To purchase the book or for more information about the book, please contact ultra-spective at 925.449.9879 or email: [info@ultra-spective.com](mailto:info@ultra-spective.com). Visit their website at [www.ultra-spective.com](http://www.ultra-spective.com). For more information about Exceptional Needs Network, visit: [www.ennetwork.org](http://www.ennetwork.org)

## Review

# Expecting Isabel is Excellent

by Susan Steinberg

Infertility is no laughing matter. Yet a show about this serious subject had its opening night audience laughing heartily at Danville's Role Players Theatre. Playwright Lisa Loomer, veteran actress, comedian, and television writer, knows exactly how to balance her script between drama and comedy, giving each convincing authenticity.

Women with a personal experience of the problem spoke feelingly of the real truth they felt in the play's lines, and especially in the actors' interpretations. Certainly enough references are made to the increasing escalation of emotions, from hope, to disappointment, back to determination, degrading medical procedures, and uncomfortable conversations, confrontations, and condemnations from family, friends, strangers, and professionals.

They praised the thoughtful insight into the roller coaster emotions of the couple seeking children, including the bond of love and teamwork, the terrible shock of learning which spouse is somehow "failing" to provide the required components of conception, the attempt not to blame that partner for the team's failure. But there is pain, physical and psychological, and anger that cannot be completely suppressed, often leading to a permanent break up of the loving relationship.

Every step of this increasingly obsessive

journey is chronicled in the play, and intensely lived by the wonderful stage couple, Sylvia Burboeck and Damien Seperi, as classy blonde Miranda and Bronx-born Italian American Nick. Their lives are also filled with domestic humor, interpersonal affection, and all the trappings of a popular sitcom: Miranda's boozy mother, Nick's stereotypical Italian Catholic family, and the recognizable cohort of New Yorkers, from support group oddballs to subway purse-snatchers, indifferent medical technicians, and maddeningly overconfident "specialists."

The play's humor is as spontaneous and natural as its pain. That's the author's genius - weaving the strands of a normal life together to contain both in believable measure. That's the secret of its appeal to audiences who may not have any connection to "the problem," but can recognize so many elements from their own lives.

Doesn't everyone have or know an obnoxious mother-in-law, a deadbeat sibling, a super-religious relative, the guy who plants himself in front of the TV at family get-togethers, friends with impossibly nutty solutions to YOUR problems, strangers ready to give you advice, expensive MDs who majored in "bland and soothing" and don't care whether or how you can pay for their prescribed treatments, etc., etc., and so forth.

Intermission conversations were lively anecdotal recollections of situations like those in the play. It seemed that everyone recognized their own experiences (and relatives) onstage. This reviewer, having dealt with "the problem" in her own family, was hard put to believe this could be an entertaining theatrical subject. But within a few minutes, I was not only sympathizing viscerally, but also shamelessly guffawing over the irresistibly funny lines.

At the family Thanksgiving dinner from Hell, Nick's pushy mother asks when the young couple will be starting a family. Miranda diplomatically replies, "We're working on it." An incredulous mother-in-law yells obnoxiously, "You have to WORK on it?" Her own mother is equally unhelpful, cheerfully advising her nervous daughter, "If you want to be a mother, you've got to get used to a little horror."

Miranda, reminiscing about the Eloise stories her mother used to read to her, asks Nick "Did your mother ever read you Eloise?" "No," he responds, "just The Agony of St. Teresa."

You know the show will be funny from the very beginning, as a perfectly composed Sylvia Burboeck tackles the theater's toughest assignment - an opening speech directed to the audience. She describes her lifelong unhappiness

- this is funny? Yes, in her deadpan seriousness, especially when she says earnestly, "I had a happy childhood, according to my mother. I just wasn't able to enjoy it."

Damien Seperi also has a challenging direct address monologue at the start of the second act, when he describes the "ordinary" mishaps in the lives of boys growing up in the Bronx, horrifying to an audience of quiet suburbanites, especially in the light of Saperi's offhand tone. His Nick is a quieter role than the high strung Miranda. He plays it with such honesty and sweetness that he is winningly believable when he tells the audience his PIN is JUDE, the patron saint of hopeless causes.

This terrific twosome is surrounded by a cast of characters that must be seen and heard to be appreciated. The "Ensemble" of six actors plays an astounding array of 34 roles, each an incredible challenge. Props whiz by, costumes, hairdos and accents are changed in the blink of an eye to create completely different personae. It's enough to make viewers' heads spin, and impossible to imagine the cast even remembering which character they are inhabiting at any given time.

Especially outstanding is John Hale, the memorable Prince Von Berg of "Incident At Vichy," who morphs from the reassuring infertility specialist to

a five-year-old brat in a supermarket cart, a bored marriage counselor, a gay adoptive father, and the absolute epitome of the Joe Six-Pack Italian paterfamilias. When an unsure Nick comes to ask his father's blessing on plans to adopt a baby, he rants like an Archie Bunker, ("But we're not prejudiced"), then comes up with the ultimate solution, "Go in the kitchen and ask your mother to make you a sandwich." It's a magnificent tour de force.

Also noteworthy are Monica Cortes-Viharo as Nick's mother and a horrifying future nightmare of what an adopted girl might be like as an out-of-control teen. Mary Jo Price is a kick as Miranda's lush of a mother and her over-the-top turn as an indignant supermarket shopper. Nicole Analise Javier is hysterical as Nick's knocked-up sister, but tears your heart out as a poor Puerto Rican mother, hoping her unborn child will have a better life than she can provide.

This is not the only note of serious social commentary in the play. Touched on along the way are the Catholic Church's adamant stand on abortion, and the equally inflexible condemnation by the Pentacostalists of a poor mother's loving attempt to give her baby up for adoption. (The mother relates how she asked them who was going to pay for the baby's diapers,

food, etc., and they told her to just pray.)

Jabs are aimed at the obdurate insurance system, outrageous cost of fertility drugs and procedures, doctors "earning a tennis court" from one desperate couple's payments, the dangerous public schools of New York, and even the perennial traffic jams of city streets and "expressways." There is a send-up of the typical New York cabbie, a displaced immigrant rehashing his tragic life story, (beautifully enacted by Daniel Lupa-Chazan) and the professional coldness of the Lab assistants facilitating a patient's crucial life assessments, as played by Alisha Ehrlich.

Directing this see-saw script, Role Players newcomer Katja Rivera elicited amazing performances from her ensemble, which seemed comfortably at ease for a first night opener of this complexity. The audience responded enthusiastically, obviously relishing memories of that essential guidebook, What to Expect When You're Expecting, and the endless discussions about choosing a name for baby.

This is a show for everyone, and everyone has two more weekends to enjoy it at Danville's Village Theatre, 232 Front St. (just off Diablo Blvd.), Fridays and Saturdays at 8 PM and Sundays at 2 PM through February 9th. For reservations call 925-820-1278 or contact [www.danvilletheatre.com](http://www.danvilletheatre.com).

# Yesterday into Today

KURT VONNEGUT

by Sarah Bobson

Children of the 1960s knew a thing or two about evil and the ravages of war and so did one of their literary idols, Kurt Vonnegut. Although most of the flower power kids either were not yet born or too young to remember World War II when Vonnegut had miraculously survived the bombing of Dresden as a prisoner of war in an underground meat locker, they did witness the napalming of Vietnam. Both generations saw the carnage and horrors of what man could do to mankind.

Vonnegut wrote about his experiences in *Slaughterhouse Five*, perhaps his heaviest novel. In most of his other books, he used a lighter touch to examine the basic questions of human existence: Why are we here? Is there a supreme being that has the answers to why good and evil exist? He did this by playing with the reader's perspective, by boomeranging the point of view from the personal to the universal and then back again.

I did not always understand what Vonnegut was driving at, but I loved his wacky worlds of Tralfamadorians and Mercurian Harmoniums. I was enchanted by the phenomena called chrono-synclastic infundibula that existed in places where all truths fit neatly

together, and by his invented religion Bokononism, or the Church of God the Utterly Indifferent. I delighted in rolling those words off my tongue. At parties, I relished being part of the in crowd, dropping names like Kilgore Trout (a recurring character first introduced in *God Loves You, Mr. Rosewater*), letting them slip into the conversation ever so smoothly, just to see who was intellectual and hip enough to recognize them. I delighted in using the phrase "So it goes" from *God Loves You, Mr. Rosewater* to explain the absurdly unexplainable.

The first Vonnegut I read was his fourth novel, *Cat's Cradle*. I remember picking it up because I thought it had something to do with the string game kids play with a partner, where you create different patterns by moving your fingers through a piece of string looped around your hands. One of the patterns is called cat's cradle, or so I thought. As it turned out, it's actually called cat's eye. Nevertheless, the game got me into Vonnegut, which I believe the iconoclastic author would have felt was as good a reason as any to read him. *Cat's Cradle* is about a follower of Bokononism and about the bombing of Hiroshima and the destruction of

the world by something called Ice-Nine, which on contact causes all water to freeze at room temperature.

*Cat's Cradle* hooked me. After that, I could barely wait to get my hands on another Vonnegut. I quickly gobbled up *Sirens of Titan* and *God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater*. When I finished reading one, I would place it proudly on my bookshelf, which I kept just outside my tiny bedroom because it was barely big enough to contain a bed, a chest-of-drawers, and a two foot-wide walk space between the two. The Vonneguts never remained on the shelf long, though. When I wasn't home, Bruce, a 26-year-old writer who rented another room, would snatch one, even if I was in the middle of reading it. It was always clear I was in the middle of reading it because I'd leave a bookmark. I'd come home from my classes at Columbia expecting to snuggle with the latest Vonnegut only to find it missing. After the first disappearance, I knew who to blame.

In the late 70s, or perhaps it was in the early 80s, I heard that Vonnegut was going to appear at Town Hall on West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street. Even though some time had passed since my initial

infatuation with him and I had moved on to other authors, my heart still leaped for joy at the possibility of seeing my hero in the flesh.

The night of the performance, I arrived at the building that had an illustrious past, where people like Margaret Sanger had spoken (before she had been arrested and carried off the stage), and poet Edna St. Vincent Millay had read her poetry. The building's reputation as a cultural arts center had come and gone, replaced by the glamour of the newly constructed Lincoln Center uptown.

Inside Town Hall, I noticed the auditorium looked seedy. The seats creaked, the lighting was dim, and the air was dank. I got there super early to get a good seat, but it was already nearly filled with die-hard fans brimming with excitement. I managed to squeeze my way to a seat in the third row.

Then the big man himself walked onto stage. His curly hair was wild and askew. He had deep pouches under his eyes. His clothes looked rumpled. He was the persona of the proverbial absent-minded professor. After one or two minutes into his talk, though, I noticed that something seemed wrong, awkward, out of kilter about his

stage presence. I guess I expected my hero to carry a showman's continence of enthusiasm and eagerness to engage an audience full of his worshippers. Instead, he looked like he didn't want to be there. He turned his back on us, and he mumbled, but I quickly defended him with silent excuses. *Maybe he's just nervous, or shy. Writers by nature are introspective, solitary creatures.* The clincher came with his final comment, and I'm paraphrasing here: "People expect me to give them answers about the meaning of life. Well, I'm here to tell you I have no answers." With that, he tromped back off stage to a silent, stunned audience.

I had waited so long to see the man with the glorious imagination, the man who inspired me to want to become a writer. I thought he had the answers, or at least one answer, namely that if people changed their perspectives and thoughts about the status quo they could change the world. That was, after all, the essence of the idealism of the 60s. However, Vonnegut delivered his address in a different decade. If the flower power children went to hear him speak because they still carried the hope and fire from the peace movement, Vonnegut, apparently, did not.

## Crab Feed Benefits Autism Programs

White Crane Winery will presents its 10th annual Charity Crab Feed on Sat., Jan. 26.

The crab feed benefits CAST (Creative Autism Solutions Team).

The event will be held between 6 and 10 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 522 South L Street, Livermore.

Tickets are \$45 plus tax. Advance paid reservations are required. Admission includes food, beer and wine bar, auction items, dancing and live music by Papa's Garage.

CAST hopes to raise \$15,000. A donor is matching all funds raised that night. If the goal is reached, CAST will be able to open its after school program in Dublin.

To reserve tickets on line go to [www.whitecranewinery.com](http://www.whitecranewinery.com).

CAST was organized to create and implement innovative solutions to the daily challenges that face families dealing with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. The "autism journey" can be filled with emotional, physical and attitudinal challenges – in addition to financial hardship. With 1 in 110 children afflicted today by this puzzling condition and the importance of early intensive therapy interventions, innovative solutions for rehabilitation have become a necessity.

According to the website, "Loving, caring guidance in acquiring these services and emotional support (from those who have "been there") is desperately needed in our community. To this end, CAST was formed to provide some of these solutions."

For information about CAST, go to [www.castcal.org/](http://www.castcal.org/)

## ART &amp; ENTERTAINMENT



'Blubber'

## New Work on Display

The latest paintings of local artist Lynne Shephard is featured in a one person show at the Castro Valley Library through March 11, 2013.

The library is located on Norbridge Avenue, just off 580 at Redwood Road. The eight pieces on exhibit are representative of a new series dealing with corpulence, and the recognition of obesity in our society.

Hours for the library are Sun. 1-5; Mon.-Tues. 12-8; Wed.-Thurs. 10-6; Sat 10-5; closed on Fridays

Shephard has been a part of the Tri-Valley art scene for more than 30 years. Most of that time she has been working in the studio, founded by her and known as the Firehouse Art Studios in downtown Livermore.

A California native born in Alameda, Shephard earned an art degree from CSUH. She has taught art for 17 years at the San Ramon Community Center.

## ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

**Art Happens**, 2nd Thursday of each month, 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 14, March 14, April 11. Downtown Livermore. Art displays, poetry, entertainment, special events. For the brochure go to [www.bothwellartscenter.org](http://www.bothwellartscenter.org).

**water + color 2013: California Watercolor Association's 43rd National Exhibition**. This prestigious exhibit will be on display through Saturday, February 16. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Admission is free, donations appreciated. Gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12-5pm; Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Livermore artist Lenore Kreit** is exhibiting her paintings at Garre Winery Cafe from January 2 through February 29. Garre Winery Cafe is open weekdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Weekends 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore.

**Freeze Frame 2012 Exhibit**, Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC) will be displaying the winners of its 2012 Freeze Frame photography contest at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton through Sunday, February 16. The work will be located in the downstairs Hallway Gallery and in the upstairs Alcove Gallery. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

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

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

**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/>

**Livermore Art Classes**, Artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst offers art instruction to children and adults. Classes cover painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, collage, animation and construction. For further information please call (925) 216-7231 email [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasin_d@hotmail.com) or visit [http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com](http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/)

**Pleasanton Poetry League**, Catch the Wave and Play with Poetic Journaling lead by local Artist/Poet Claudette McDermott. E-Mail interest to Poetry-OnCanvas@Mac.Com. Meetings at local locations. All Poetry enthusiasts welcome. Get on the PPL mailing list: [PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com](mailto:PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com)

**Piano lessons**, Private and small group piano lessons available for beginning students. Lessons include playing practice, theory, expression and an introduction to various types of music and composers. Private classes are \$15 per half hour and group lessons are \$12 per student per half hour (up to 4 students). For more information please call (925) 216-7231 email [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasin_d@hotmail.com) or visit <http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/>.

**Young Artists' Studio** has openings in its school year art classes for youngsters in grades 2 through high school and beyond. Classes will begin in October. All kinds of drawing and painting as well as printmaking and sculpture are offered in our large and well equipped home studio. Peggy Frank has been providing art experiences for valley youth for over 30 years. Contact her by email at [frank.a@comcast.net](mailto:frank.a@comcast.net) or by phone at (925) 443-8755.

## WINERY EVENTS

**Live music at the Winemaker's Pour House**, 2241 First Street, Livermore. (925) 215-2656. Jan. 24, 6-8 p.m. Steve Kritzer; Jan. 25, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Frankie Bones; Jan. 26, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Meredith and the Mercenaries; Jan. 27, 5-7:30 p.m., Andy Joe Stewart.

**4th Annual Cab-Stravaganza & '08 Cab Release**, Sat., Jan. 26, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Charles R Vineyards, 8195 Crane Ridge Rd., Livermore. 454-3040. Cab-Stravaganza offers a rare opportunity to try old and new Cabernets. Official release of 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon from Walker Ranch Vineyards; taste and purchase unreleased 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon from Julio Couarubias' Vineyard, Casa de Vinas.

**Fenestra Winery**, weekend of special soups, breads, and Fenestra wines, Saturday & Sunday, January 26 & 27, 2013, from noon to 5:00 p.m., at their own "Souper Bowl"! Guest chefs include El Sacramento, of Livermore, Includu, of Danville, Handles, of Pleasanton, Blue Sage Catering, of

Livermore, and our own tasting room staff. The public is invited to sample the soups and breads, taste the award winning wines of Fenestra, and enjoy an afternoon in the historic winery building. The \$15.00 event fee includes a logo wine glass, buffet plate, soup samples, and recipes. Event charge for "Fanatics" and non-drinkers is \$5.00. Fenestra Winery is located in an historic winery building built in 1889 near Hwy 84, 6 miles each of 680. The winery is open for tasting and sales every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For information, phone 925-447-5246 or email [info@fenestrawinery.com](mailto:info@fenestrawinery.com)

**Port & Chocolate Weekends** held weekends in February, 2013. Tamás Estates, 5565 Tesla Road Livermore, (925) 456-2380.

**Events at the Winemaker's Pour House**, Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013, 6-10 p.m. 80s Flash Back party with 80s music, tight pants, shoulder pads and a lot of hair spray. Prizes for best 80s attire single and couple. Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013 12pm-5pm, Super Bowl Sunday broadcast on big screen TV \$10 Includes Sausage Food Bar Brats and Spicy Sausages with all the fixings, Caesar Salad and all you can eat JR's Salsa and Chips. Altamont Brewery IPA on Tap and wine specials through out the day. Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013, 5-9 p.m. Mardi Gras: Bring your own 'Phat' Wine Glass in for Fat Tuesday. Bring in Bedazzled or 'Big Joe' style wine glass and have it filled with a favorite wine (6 oz.) for \$1.00 off our normal glass prices. Special \$1 Food Item Night. Don't forget your beads and masks. Feb. 15, 7-11 p.m. Valentine's Day Chocolate Love Jam, music by Joey T and Simon. John Christopher Cellars Zinfandel Port \$20.00/per couple. Dessert only \$8.00. 2241 First Street, Livermore. (925) 215-2656.

**Cedar Mountain Winery, Port and Chocolate Pairing**, February 9-10 from 12-4 p.m. Featured will be Late Bottled Vintage Port, Cabernet Royale, Souzao, Luana Inu, and Chardonnay del Sol all paired with a variety of Bissinger's Chocolates. Tasting \$10 (non-refundable on a bottle of wine); club members \$5. 7000 Tesla Rd., Livermore. [www.cedarmountainwinery.com/](http://www.cedarmountainwinery.com/)

**Thomas Coyne Winery Winter Open House**, Feb. 16, 17, 18, noon to 5 p.m. each day at 51 E. Vallecitos Road Livermore. Release of five new wines: 2009 Vino Tinto Reserva, California; 2011 Carignane, California; 2007 Cabernet Franc, Livermore; and, 2011 Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc, Lodi. A selection of fine fruits and cheeses will be served. "Bottle Your Own Wine." Vino Tinto Barato, a red table wine, at the Open House. Bring your clean bottle, we will fill, cork and label it for \$6.50 per bottle; bottle, label and cork it yourself. Use our bottle for \$7.00. This is only available on Feb. 16. (925) 373-6541, <http://thomascynewinery.com>

**Sunset Sip & Shop**, 5 to 8 p.m. Feb. 16. Join the wineries of Livermore Valley for a Sunset Sip & Shop at Livermore Premium Outlets. Sixteen wineries will pour for guests as they shop the night away. Tickets are \$16 per person and include 16 one-ounce tastes in a logo wine glass and an event program. Visit [www.LVwine.org](http://www.LVwine.org) for tickets and a list of participating wineries

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

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

**Tribute to John Denver**, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Juan de Marcos and the Afro-Cuban All Stars**, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Eddie Money**, Feb. 15, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, Albion Rd., San Ramon; [sanramonperformingarts.com](http://sanramonperformingarts.com). 973-3343.

**11th annual Youth Music Festival**, Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org). Information, contact Mark Duncanson at [mduncanson@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:mduncanson@cityofpleasantonca.gov).

**Pink Floyd Concert Experience:** An Evening of Pink Floyd starring House of Floyd, Feb. 15, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Bill Harley**, Grammy winning music and humor, Feb. 16, children 2 p.m. adults 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Chiara String Quartet**, Del Valle Fine Arts concert, Feb. 16, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**The World of Webber** A Cabaret Tribute To the Songs of Andrew Lloyd Webber, Feb. 17, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**The Kingston Trio**, Feb. 17, 7 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Reunion of the Doo Wop Stars**, Feb. 22, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Adrian Legg**, "guitarist of the decade," Feb. 22, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Livermore-Amador Symphony**, Feb. 23, 8 p.m. Vienna Bonbon and Russian Drama. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Chamber Music trio 'Humboldt Pi'** featuring Barbara Mullens-Geier on flute, Phyllis Harding on clarinet and Alan Geier on piano will present a concert on Feb. 24, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary at First Presbyterian Church, corner of 4th and L Streets in Livermore. Donations will go to Open Heart Kitchen.

**Beppe Gambetta and Peter Ostroushko**, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Chris Bradley's Jazz Band** will appear at The Castle Rock Restaurant in Livermore/at Portola Ave., Tuesday, February 12th, Celebrate "Fat Tuesday," 7:30-9:30--Live New Orleans Music---Dance Floor, Small Cover.

## ON THE STAGE

**Role Players Ensemble, "Expecting Isabel"**, Jan. 18-Feb. 9 at The Village Theater, 233 Front Street, Danville. Curtain time is 8 p.m. on Fri. and Sat. and 2 p.m. on Sun. Tickets at \$20-\$28 are available [www.village theatre-shows.com](http://www.village theatre-shows.com), or 925-314-3400; or the Community Center, 420 Front St.

**The Full Monty**, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre mainstage musical, weekends Jan. 19 to Feb. 3, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Rent**, Pacific Coast Repertory Theater, weekends Jan. 25 to Feb. 10, 8 p.m. Fri. & Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Willy Wonka Kids & Jr.** playing at the West End Black Box Theater, January 26 & 27. Times are noon (Pee Wee), 2 & 6 p.m. (Jr.). Located at 51 Wright Brothers Avenue, Suite C, Livermore. [www.SmARTSunlimited.com](http://www.SmARTSunlimited.com) or 245-0283.

**Avner the Eccentric**, A master of the art of physical comedy. Jan. 29, 7 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**California Theatre Center**, Miss Nelson Is Missing, 9:30 and 11 a.m., Jan. 30, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Includes lesson guide. [www.ctcinc.org](http://www.ctcinc.org), 800-606-0424.

**Princess Ida**, Lamplighters Music Theater performs Gilbert & Sullivan, Sat., Feb. 9, 8 p.m. and Sun., Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure**, Feb. 14-March 10. By Steven Dietz. Based on the original 1899 play by William Gillette and Arthur Conan Doyle

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Winner of the 2007 Edgar Award for Best Mystery Play Combining two of Arthur Conan Doyle's stories, *The Scandal in Bohemia* and *The Final Adventure*. The Douglas Morrison Theatre, 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward. The Box Office is open Tuesday through Friday, 12:30 to 5:30 and can be reached at (510) 881-6777. [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org).

**Paco Pena Flamenco**, Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**California Theatre Center**, Robinson Crusoe, 9:30 and 11 a.m., Feb. 26, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Includes lesson guide. [www.ctcinc.org](http://www.ctcinc.org), 800-606-0424.

## COMEDY

**Comedy@ Firehouse Arts**, Karen Ron-towski, headliner, Phil Johnson, opener, Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 7:30 pm. Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. For tickets, call 931-4848 or go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

## MOVIES

**"Doctored,"** The Movie, Thursday, January 31, 2013, 7 to 9 p.m. The Vine Cinema, 1722, 1st St., Livermore. \$5.00. Information at <http://alameda-cca.eventbrite.com/>

**Free Classic Film Series**, Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, 1st Thursday of the month, 7 p.m. through June 6, 2013. Feb. movie is "Some Like It Hot." The program is hosted by Candy Klaschus, a film

historian who coordinates the Humanities program at Las Positas College. The programs are free and all are welcome to attend. Penny Johnson at 925/931-3405.

## UDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

**Children's Opera Auditions**, Cantabella Children's Chorus in collaboration with St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church will hold open auditions for principal youth roles in Benjamin Britten's famous and one of a kind children's opera, Noye's Fludde (Noah's Flood) to be produced this summer. Singers/actors/dancers, male/female, treble/changed voice, in grades 6th-12th are invited to audition. Roles include: Noye's three sons (Sem, Ham, & Jaffett), and their three wives, the Raven (dancer), the Dove (dancer), Mrs. Noye's Gossips. The audition will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2013, 1-4 p.m. at Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. The opera camp for principal roles will be from June 24th-July 12, 2013 and the production dates are July 13 and 14, 2013. Audition fee, \$20. For audition packets and financial aid information, visit [Cantabella.org/opera-camp](http://Cantabella.org/opera-camp) or call 925-292-2663.

**Auditions, Cinderella**, (Prince Street Players Version), Mon., Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m. The show opens on April 19 and runs for 3 weekends through May 5. San Ramon Community Theater production. Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. Prepare a song with sheet music and/or

audio accompaniment for the audition. Arrive early as it is a first come basis on February 11 at 7:30 p.m. Call-backs are Wednesday February 13, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Front Row Theater. [www.sanramoncommunitytheater.org](http://www.sanramoncommunitytheater.org) or 925-389-7529.

**Valley Concert Chorale**, auditions by appointment for their April and May concerts on Mon., Feb. 4 and open rehearsals Mon., Feb. 11. Auditions and rehearsals will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. The church is located at 2020 Fifth Street. Rehearsals will begin February 4, at 7 p.m. The Chorale, now in its 49th season, will perform Durufle's Requiem and Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna in April, and Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Livermore Amador Symphony at the Bankhead Theater in May. The Chorale is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. The Chorale performs a wide variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary, and folk to jazz. To schedule an appointment, call (925) 462-4205. More information about the Valley Concert Chorale is available at <http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org/> or by calling the general information line at (925) 866-4003.

**2013 Livermore Valley Wine Country Photo Contest**, enter for a chance to win a one-year membership to Livermore Valley Wine Country (that means complimentary tastings for two at more than 40 wineries!), 2 tickets to Barrel Tasting Weekend (March 23

& 24, 2013) with a one-night stay at Hawthorn Suites (March 23, 2013). For entry information and entry form, go to the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association website at [www.lvwine.org](http://www.lvwine.org)

## OPERA

**Opera San José Giuseppe Verdi's Il trovatore**. Set in 15th-century Spain, Verdi's classic has it all: vengeance, war, jealousy, and passion with an emotional, heart-stopping score including one of the most famous choral melodies ever written, the "Anvil Chorus." Il trovatore will be sung in Italian with English supertitles. Eight performances are scheduled from February 9 through 24 at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street in downtown San José. Tickets are on sale at the Opera San José Box Office, by phone at (408) 437-4450 or online at [www.operasj.org](http://www.operasj.org). Il trovatore is made possible, in part, by a Cultural Affairs Grant from the City of San José.

**Metropolitan Opera Schedule**, screening at Regal Hacienda Cinema in Dublin: Maria Stuarda, Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m.; Rigoletto, Feb. 16, 9:55 a.m., March 6, 6:30 p.m.; Parsifal, March 2, 9 a.m., March 20, 6:30 p.m.; Francesca da Rimini, March 16, 9 a.m., April 3, 6:30 p.m.; Giulio Cesare, April 27, 9 a.m., May 15, 6:30 p.m.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Political Issues Book Club** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs in both the

national and international arenas. Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history, sociology, science, the climate, and religion. Contact Rich at 872-7923, for further questions

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

**Livermore Reads Together Kick-Off** with Author Mary Roach, Jan. 27, 2 p.m. Author of *Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life in the Void*. Livermore Reads Together is sponsored by The Friends of the Livermore Library. There is no admission charge. Information at 373-5505.

**13th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship Breakfast**, hosted by the Tri-Valley YMCA 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on January 28 at the Hilton Pleasanton at the Club. Keynote speaker will be Pleasanton Police Chief Dave Spillar. All proceeds benefit leadership programs for Tri-Valley teens. For more information, or tickets contact Kelly O'Lague Dulka at [kdulka@ymcaeastbay.org](mailto:kdulka@ymcaeastbay.org) or 263-4444. The Hilton is located at 7050 Johnson Drive in Pleasanton.

**Science on Saturdays**, Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 16, 23, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Free series for students presented by the Lawrence Livermore National Labora-

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

**New Orleans Bash at the Bothwell**, the Center's signature Mardi Gras costume party and jazz music event, Friday, February 8, 2013. Bothwell Arts Center, 8th and H Streets, Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

**Wine and Valentines**, Sat. Feb. 9, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Museum on Main fundraiser. Evening of wine and love. [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org)

**Elizabeth Blackburn, Nobel Laureate**, investigates the roles of telomeres, the specialized ends of chromosomes, and of telomerase, the enzyme that repairs telomeres. Rae Dorough Speaker Series. 7:30 p.m. Mon., Feb. 11, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**An Evening from A Grandmother's Perspective**, Tues., Feb. 12, 7 p.m. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Lecture series. In recognition of Black History Month, Ann Collins takes the stage to examine the Civil War through World War II including perspectives of African American women during those trying years. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**Sunset Sip and Shop**, Saturday, February 16 and Saturday, February 17. Livermore Valley wineries featured. Livermore Valley Premium Outlets, 2774 Paragon Outlets Dr., Livermore. [www.lvwine.org](http://www.lvwine.org).

## Nature Walk Planned in Pleasanton Along Marilyn Kane Trail

Those who are among the millions of Americans whose New Year's Resolutions included becoming more active can take heart: A free nature walk in Pleasanton on the last Saturday of January could help meet such goals.

Guest leader for the event will be Dolores Bengtson, an expert trail guide with a

wealth of knowledge about the plants and animals likely to be seen along the Marilyn Kane Trail. Meet Bengtson at 9 a.m. on Saturday, January 26, at the trail head parking lot, which is located off of West Lagoon Road. (One traffic signal east of Foothill Road, turn south off of Bernal Avenue. The parking lot entrance will be on your

right.) The loop walk will take between 90 minutes to two hours. It is on paved, mostly level pathways.

The Marilyn Kane Trail passes through grassland meadows, beneath oak trees, and beside waterways. Many varieties of birds may be seen by hikers.

This is the third year that World Walk to Wellness

has offered free Saturday morning group walks in and around Pleasanton. Most walks are in city parks or along city trails, with occasional excursions to parks in nearby Livermore and Sunol. Art Walks to the downtown public art sites will resume in the spring. To subscribe to the free weekly

e-newsletter announcing walking destinations, e-mail your request to [walks@WorldWalkToWellness.org](mailto:walks@WorldWalkToWellness.org).

World Walk to Wellness was founded by Pleasanton resident W. Ron Sutton, CEO of ACCUSPLIT, makers of certified-accurate pedometers and stopwatches. His company is the sponsor

of the informal walk 'n' talk sessions.

Walkers are advised to wear comfortable shoes and to dress in layers for the changing temperatures. Binoculars, cameras, and water bottles are optional. Walks take place rain or shine, unless the rain is blowing sideways.

## Friends of the Vineyards Annual Meeting Set for January 31

Friends of the Vineyards (FOV) will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 31 in the Community Room of the Civic Center Library, located at 1188 South Livermore Avenue in Livermore.

The program will include FOV's accomplishments during 2012 and goals for

2013. This is an opportunity to meet board members and fellow wine enthusiasts. Light refreshments and wine will be served. The meeting is open to the public, and admission is free.

Award-winning Winemaker Mark Clarin will be the guest speaker. Mark will speak about Livermore

Terroir and its influence on grape-growing and wine-making.

Clarin began his career in winemaking in 1979 working for the Wente family in Livermore, and was promoted to Cellarmaster in 1989. He studied extensively in UC Davis's renowned Viti-

culture & Enology program, traveled to France to visit some great Chateaus in Bordeaux and Burgundy, and is a member of the American Society of Viticulture and Enology. Mark has worked with a variety of Californian, Chilean, German and French winemakers. He

served as winemaker for Tamas Estates and manager at Bonny Doon Vineyard in Santa Cruz before returning to the Livermore Valley. In addition to working with Merlot at Picazo Vineyards, Mark is the winemaker for Cabernet Sauvignon at McGrail Vineyards. In 2012

McGrail earned one of the most prestigious awards in the American wine industry: its 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon was selected Best Red Wine from over 5,000 entries in the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition.

Please visit [www.fov.org](http://www.fov.org) for more information.

## Do You Remember?



By Anne Homan  
Livermore City Historian

### Livermore Soda Works

The Livermore Soda Works operated in Livermore for 109 years, from 1876 until 1985, under various owners. Drinkable soda water was first created by Dr. Joseph Priestley in 1767 in England. By the mid-1800s, experimenters in Philadelphia and New York City were adding flavored syrups to soda water. The first owner of the Livermore Soda Works, Wallis & Company, advertised in 1876 with a poem in the *Livermore Enterprise*: Wine is a mocker if strong drink's raging;/ Alcohol's poison, most deadly they say;/Liquor to some tastes is very assuaging,/Life is prolonged by Bill Sinkwitz's 'tea' (tay)/ But I'll vouch for my trio to make the lips mellow./ Soda, Raspberry and Sarsaparilla."

Wallis & Company had settled into a building on L Street between First and Second. Eventually Wallis sold the business to the Gardemeyer brothers, Christian and Henry, who ran it from another location in the Northern Addition, at the corner of North Livermore Avenue and Oak Street. Christian and his wife, Johanna, built a three-bedroom cottage still standing at the northwest corner of North Livermore Avenue and Chestnut Street; the two brothers bought both pieces of land in the area in June 1882. The brothers expanded their delivery, using not

only a wagon for local deliveries, but also the railroad. "Messrs. Gardemeyer Bros. have one wagon running constantly, and supplying all the small towns within 25 miles, and are, besides, shipping large quantities of their wares by rail. They now have upward of 2,000 dozen of soda and cider bottles in use in their business, and are yet obliged to be constantly enlarging the number, to fill orders."

After her husband's death in 1885, Joanna sold the soda works and, after several other owners, Fred Menken of Oakland took over. His driver, Julius Jacobs, was hospitalized with a compound fracture of the leg when his delivery wagon was struck by a Southern Pacific train freight car while workmen were switching cars near the depot. The wagon was reduced to scattered bits and splinters. He sued for \$20,000, but the case was thrown out of court. Jacobs purchased the business around 1895 and moved it across town to South K Street. In 1902 Jacobs opened another soda water business in Santa Cruz. Both Jacobs and his partner were killed in 1905 when a pressurized tank exploded while they were filling bottles at the Santa Cruz site.

Before moving to

Santa Cruz in 1902, Jacobs had sold the Livermore business to Warren Lamb. Lamb moved the business a block away on South K Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets; he became the distributor for the Union Ice Company at the same time and combined his deliveries. Many of the surviving bottles date from this era; the image of a lamb is the logo on many of the embossed bottles. In 1910 Lamb took on two partners, George Tubbs and Ernest Utendorffer. While under their ownership, the company won an award in 1915 at the Panama Exposition for its ginger ale. The Soda Works, like other businesses in town at this time, sponsored a baseball team. In 1914 and 1919, the Soda Works bought delivery trucks, and the horse and wagons were gone. By 1921 Tubbs was sole owner. In 1923 he sold out to Harold Anderson and John Bettencourt, who built a new stucco building in 1930 on land owned by Anderson around the corner on Sixth Street.

Harold Anderson's nephew, Warner Anderson, worked for the company in the 1930s, washing bottles and delivering ice door to door in the summer. In the winter, Warner said, "the business died to nothing." When Prohibition was lifted, the firm's name was changed



Sitting on the wagon is Ernest "Speck" Utendorffer. Photo courtesy of Livermore Heritage Guild.

to the Livermore Beverage Company. They began distributing not only soft drinks but also beer, wine, and hard liquor. After several other changes, Warner and Bob Anderson ran the company from 1960 to 1966. Apparently, at this time they had difficulty with procuring insurance that would cover the use of the old machinery for making the bubbly beverages under high pressure. From this time on, the wholesale business was associated with the Pepsi Cola Company and mainly delivered canned soft drinks to local supermarkets and vending machine companies. The old bottling machine was sold to a salvage company in San Jose for its scrap metal value.

In 1985, when Bob Anderson and his son Ted were running the business, the 1930 building and its contents were destroyed by fire. "Flames leaped several feet into the air as smoke poured from the top of the Livermore Beverage Co. building in a residential area on Sixth Street." Neighbors gathered to

watch from blocks around. The structure was gutted, but the fire was contained from spreading to nearby homes. Livermore Fire called for help from the VA Hospital, the Lab, Pleasanton, and Sunol. The business never reopened, probably because it was in a residential area. The beverage company was permitted at this site before the current zoning was adopted, but rebuilding would require complying with the current zoning.

The old embossed soda water bottles, both the familiar crown type and the Hutchinson, which has a wire and rubber stopper are fairly rare. I checked on ebay the other day, and a Livermore Soda Works Hutchinson bottle sold for \$69. A similar seltzer bottle went for \$60. (Many thanks to Larry Mauch for his research.)

(Readers can reach me at [am50homan@yahoo.com](mailto:am50homan@yahoo.com).)

### Wildlife Experts Presentation Set at Pleasanton Library

Wildlife experts Jenny Papka of Native Bird Connection and Jay Sheets of Hawk Talk bring several species of live owls and hawks to the Pleasanton Library at 1:30 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 26.

Share in a close-up encounter with these amazing animals as their handlers illuminate the personal lives of each bird, involving the audience through stories and conversation.

No registration is required for this hour-long program, which is for children kindergarten age and older. Free tickets will be distributed in the Children's area 30 minutes prior to each show. Doors will be closed to late arrivals once the program begins.

For more information, please call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 ext. 8 or check the library's website at [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-events-child.html](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-events-child.html).

# BULLETIN BOARD

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

**Kindergarten registration.** Do you have a child turning 5 on or before October 1, 2012 and ready for kindergarten? Come to a Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District annual Kindergarten Registration Fair on Thursday, February 28, 2013 from 3 p.m.-7 p.m. or Friday, March 1, 2013 from 2-6 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center. For more information, visit [www.livermoreschools.com](http://www.livermoreschools.com).

**Parent information.** Do you have a child turning 5 on or before October 1, 2012 and ready for kindergarten? The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District is holding a Parent Information Night. Each meeting will be from 6-6:45 p.m. in the cafeteria of the schools. There are four different dates and locations: Feb 4 at Joe Michell K-8 School, Feb 6 at Croce Elementary, Feb 7 at Junction K-8, and Feb 11 at Jackson Elementary School. For more information, please visit [www.livermoreschools.com](http://www.livermoreschools.com).

**Aahmes Shriners, Crab and Prime Rib Feed** on Saturday, Feb 7th from 6 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$42.50 and are available at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore, or by phone at 373-4880. There will be a no host bar, raffles, a door prize and dancing to a DJ. Advanced ticket sales only, no tickets available at the door.

**Tri-Valley Democratic Club** meeting - Election of 2013 club officers, Mon., Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. IBEW 595 Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Carla Marinucci, Senior Political Writer with the San Francisco Chronicle & KQED California Report panelist will be discussing National, State & Local Issues. Join the discussion. Free refreshments. [www.TriValleyDems.com](http://www.TriValleyDems.com)

**LARPD Rummage Sales.** Find your next treasure at the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District's annual Rummage Sales. 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 26 and Saturday, Feb. 23. The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us) or 925-373-5700.

**Excel classes** presented by the in beginners, intermediate, and expert level. Gain skills for career advancement, learning formatting, advanced formulas, visual basic programming, and more. Classes taught by a finance professional with 10 years of experience. Sign up for one, two, or three sessions from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Library: Wednesday, February 6: Beginners Excel; Wednesday, February 20: Intermediate Excel; Thursday, February 28: Expert Excel (includes VBT Programming). Registration is required, as space is limited. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400, extension 7. Library programs are free and open to everyone. Call Merry Luskin or Doreen Irby at 925/931-3400 for information.

**Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated** presents author and speaker, Marcus Ruiz Evans, on Thursday, February 7, 6:30 p.m. Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. Mr. Evans will discuss why California is a possible solution to the current national political problems, and why the reality of global shift in politics must be addressed. He has worked as a liaison between the State of California

and the Federal government for over 10 years. Dinners are \$26 for members, \$30 for guests. Contact Devy Torrance at 925-234-2209 or email to [Deandeavy2004@yahoo.com](mailto:Deandeavy2004@yahoo.com).

**Livermore Valley Business and Professional Women** will meet at New Oceanic Restaurant on January 30, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.. Guest speaker is Dr. Igor Bobritskiy. Dr. Bobritskiy specializes in Homeopathy and Bowenwork. His talk will center on Wellness and Balance vs. Illness and Pain. The cost of dinner is \$20. The New Oceanic Restaurant is located in Livermore at 855 Rincon Ave. Please RSVP no later than January 28 to [sallyframh@att.net](mailto:sallyframh@att.net) or 925-413-6065.

**St. Michael's/St. Charles crab feed,** benefit for CYO basketball. Fri., Feb. 22, 6 p.m. to midnight. Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore. All you can eat crab or chicken, pasta, bread, salad. Tickets \$40 at [www.smsccyo.org](http://www.smsccyo.org). Evening includes raffle prizes and dancing. Additional information at [njfromindy@yahoo.com](mailto:njfromindy@yahoo.com) or 216-2519.

**Annual Rummage Sale,** First Presbyterian Church, 451 So. K St., Livermore. Fri., Feb. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Sat., Feb. 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club,** Sat., Jan. 26, 22 miles or 43 miles, Cinderella conditioning rides, 9 a.m. Kathy Kane, [kathumkane@gmail.com](mailto:kathumkane@gmail.com) or Julie Hampton [psyclejulz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:psyclejulz@sbcglobal.net). Sun., Jan. 27, 30 or 62 miles, meet 9 a.m. at old Nob Hill in Livermore, two routes one out to Collier Canyon and Highland the other Patterson Pass back by Corral Hollow, Marc Goroff 337-1747. Wed., Jan. 30, 35-55 miles from Heather Farm, meet 9 a.m. Dick Skow, 939-6964. Wed., Jan. 30, 30 miles Dublin to Alamo, meet 10 a.m. at Livermore Cyclery in Dublin, Jane Moorhead, 980-9889. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society,** meeting 7:30 p.m. Tues., Feb. 12, Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. Visitors welcome. Guest speaker is Patrick Lofft who will present and discussion and slide show about the variety of shelved volumes and on-line databases at the Pleasanton Library. For information, contact Pat Northam, program chairperson, [program@L-AGS.org](mailto:program@L-AGS.org).

**Livermore Library Board,** meets 7 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 24 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

**Friday Night Bingo,** new games, new management, more prizes. Proceeds to benefit Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch. Doors open at 4 p.m., games start at 7 p.m. Livermore Bingo Ranch, 3070 Pacific Avenue, Livermore, [www.bingoranch.com](http://www.bingoranch.com), 925-606-7777.

**Ragin Cajun Mardi Gras Gala** hosted by the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation on March 8, 2013 at the Palm Center in Pleasanton. The event includes dinner, music, dancing as well as silent and live auctions. The proceeds benefit cancer patients living in the Tri-Valley by providing healing therapies that help offset the side-effects of radiation and chemotherapy and are not covered by insurance. Information and tickets, contact the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation at 866-862-7270 or visit the website at [www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org](http://www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org)

**"Doctored," The Movie,** looks at how

food, medicine and health care have been doctored, a film by Bobby Sheehan. Screens Thursday, January 31, 2013, 7 to 9 p.m. The Vine Cinema, 1722, 1st St., Livermore. \$5.00. Information at <http://alameda-cca.eventbrite.com/>

**Robot Garden @ i-GATE,** a new community workspace, will host a FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) qualifier tournament on Jan. 26. FTC is a robotics competition for upper middle and high-school students that features head-to-head competition in a sports model. For more information see [www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/ftc](http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/ftc) or [www.norcalftc.org/](http://www.norcalftc.org/).

**Beeb's Team Trivia is Back,** every Wednesday 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Teams of 1 to 6 players. Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill, 915 Clubhouse Dr., Livermore. 455-7070. [www.beebsatlaspositas.com](http://www.beebsatlaspositas.com)

**Robot Garden** is seeking volunteers to help run the tournament, especially hardware inspectors, software inspectors, referees, and judges. There will be a brief training prior to the event. For more information and to sign up, visit [www.robotgarden.org/calendar/first-tech-challenge/](http://www.robotgarden.org/calendar/first-tech-challenge/) or [www.signugnugens.com/go/60B0948AAA82FA64-2013](http://www.signugnugens.com/go/60B0948AAA82FA64-2013)

**Writing Club for Young Adults,** open to all skill levels, taught by published Young Adult author J.L. Powers at the Livermore Public Library. The Club will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays, February 21, March, 21, and April 18, 2013 in the Storytime Room at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The event is free and no registration is required. For more information, please visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website: [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net), or contact Jennifer at 925-373-5500, extension 5576.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA.,** Lunch in Dublin, Jan. 30, 1 p.m., RSVP by Jan. 27 to Marge. 828-5124.

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

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

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

373-5034 or by e-mail at [abril.tamayo@cril-online.org](mailto:abril.tamayo@cril-online.org). All services are free.

**Livermore Lioness Club** welcomes new members at their regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 pm. Participating in the many activities of the group is a great way to meet local people. The Lioness is a service club, sponsored by the Livermore Lions Club, that helps many worthy causes in our community. Lioness's main focus are women, children and family issues, in addition to helping the blind. For information please call 925-443-4543.

**Ravenswood Historic Site,** operated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. Ravenswood, is a restored Victorian country estate. The public is invited to join free tours noon to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays of each month except December, with the last tour starting about 3:15 p.m. Also available on tour days are a gift shop featuring unique Victorian gift items and the Ravenswood Progress League's Tankhouse Tea Room. Ravenswood is located at 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. For more information, call 925-443-0238 or visit the LARPD Web site at [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us).

## 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.fcpl.us](http://www.fcpl.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.uuclinet.net](http://www.uuclinet.net).

**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. 8:30 a.m. worship (semiformal); 9:45 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school; 11 a.m. worship (informal). For information, call 925-447-1246.

**Asbury United Methodist Church,** 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

**Calvary Chapel Livermore,** Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. 545 No. L Street Livermore.

(925) 447-4357 - [www.calvarylivermore.org](http://www.calvarylivermore.org).  
**St. Matthew's Baptist Church,** 1239 North Livermore Ave., Livermore. Services on Sunday at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Prayer each Wednesday at 7 p.m. followed by Bible study at 7:30 p.m. 449-3824.

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

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

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

**The deaf community** is invited to worship at First Presbyterian Church in Livermore, where ASL translation will be provided every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The church is located on the corner of 4th and L streets.

**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 Scala at 447-9800.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tri-Valley Church of Christ,** 4481 East Avenue, Livermore, 447-4333 [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.

**Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat,** an informal gathering to discuss ideas. Café Rumi, 4799 Heyer Ave., Castro Valley. The topic is "Who bears the responsibility of moral education in our society?" 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 February 3, March 3, April 14, May 5, and June 2 with topics to be announced. For information, please contact (925) 240-5612.

**Grief workshops,** bimonthly sessions. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. 2nd and 4th Thursday Evenings at 7:30 PM. Feb. 14 & 28, 2013 and March 24, 2013. No preregistration is necessary. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Mary Hagerty at 925-846-5377 for more information.

**Lynnwood United Methodist Church,** 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Sunday worship at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. with childcare and Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. (First Sun. of month 9 a.m. is traditional with organ, 10:30 a.m. is informal with guitar.) Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer minister. All welcome. [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org), 925 846-0221.

**Unity of Tri-Valley Church,** ongoing groups, activities, classes, and youth services. Sunday services at 10 a.m., 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley (just 2 miles west of Stoneridge Mall). Rev. Karen Epps, minister. (925) 829-2733, [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com)

**Eckankar,** "When to Let Go and When to Hold On" is the theme of the next ECK Worship Service, Sunday, January 20 at 11:00 a.m. The ECK Worship service is held once a month on the third Sunday at the Four Points Sheridan, 5115 Hopyard Road (about 2 blocks south of the I-580 Hopyard exit). For further information, Please contact <http://eck-ca.org/> by computer.

# Milestones

## Community

### Foothill Cheer Teams Bring Home Awards

Pleasanton's Foothill High School competition cheer teams put together strong showings at two back-to-back Southern California USA Regional competitions they attended recently. All teams qualified again for the USA Nationals at the USA Regional competitions held at JSerra Catholic High School in San Juan Capistrano, California and Lakeside High School in Lake Elsinore, California.

Foothill's varsity squad was awarded first place in the varsity show cheer intermediate division both days, competing in a mixed category of five small and medium varsity show cheer intermediate teams Saturday and one other team Sunday. Varsity competes as a small team at nationals. The junior varsity (JV) squad was awarded first place in the JV show cheer novice-large division both days, competing against four other JV novice teams Saturday and four more on Sunday. The group stunt advanced team was awarded fourth place Saturday and first place Sunday, competing against three other teams on Saturday and two on Sunday. The group stunt intermediate team did not compete this round due to an injury.

"These girls demonstrated tremendous resilience this weekend. Both show cheer teams had substitutions due to teammate injuries this past week, and each team only got one or two practices as a new team. I'm so proud to coach these



Foothill High School teams show off awards.

amazing girls," Coach Kim DeJoy said at the end of the weekend.

The competitions were the third and fourth in a series of six competitions in which the teams will compete from November to February on their quest for back-to-back national titles when they return to USA Nationals in March 2013. The teams will return to Southern California once more in January to compete in one last USA Regional. You can support them on their journey by following them at [www.facebook.com/FHSFalconCheer](http://www.facebook.com/FHSFalconCheer).

Varsity Show Cheer team includes: Amanda Arnold, Zoe Cristobal, Sarina DeJoy, Bailey Downum, Michelle French, Camille Hamlin,

Keri Kodama (captain), Amber Marquez, Emily Palange, Jordan Robinson, Gabriella Scalise, and Natalie Wright.

JV Show Cheer team includes: Cassidee Banks, Kailyn Coleman, Mackenzie Curran, Mitsu Dill, Shauna Dunlap, Jenna Edden, Karina Galvez, Emma Loll, Maddy Maas, Sara Moore, Brie Morrissey, Erin Page, Jordan Robinson (co-captain), Taylor Sanchez (co-captain), Anika Simons, Stephanie Tasto and Noelle Viscaina.

Group Stunt Advanced team includes: Zoe Cristobal, Bailey Downum, Michelle French, Gabriella Scalise, and Natalie Wright.

Injured reserve: 'Alakoka

Kailahi, Morgan Greenup & Sabrina Stermer.

Kim DeJoy is the head coach for Foothill's nationally-ranked cheer squads and coach for the varsity squad. She is assisted by Cheryl Holy and JV squad coaches, Karen Maurice and Megan Moore.

The road to USA Nationals is 10 months long and takes an extremely high level of commitment from the cheerleaders and families. Foothill sports must fund 100 percent of their program costs, so Foothill competition cheer is extremely grateful for the support of the many sponsors who are helping to defray expenses and get the teams to USA Nationals.

## Education

Ryan Zaremba, a resident of Livermore, was among the students from Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne who were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester, which ended in December. Zaremba is majoring in Aerospace Engineering. To be included on the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more graded credits in a semester with a semester grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.4.

Cornell University student Curran Reddy of Dublin has been placed on the Dean's List of the College of Arts and Sciences for Excellence in Scholarship for the Fall 2012 semester. The College of Arts and Sciences is Cornell University's largest undergraduate college.

The following Pleasanton residents are among Pepperdine University students who have been named to the Seaver College Dean's List for the Fall 2012 semester: Tiffany Zhou, Stephanie Munro, and Kirsten Anderson. In order to earn Dean's List honors, students must be in the upper 10% of their class and maintain a 3.5 or better grade point average. These students are among only 290 students to receive the honor.

Mitchell Rankin, of Dublin, was named to the Dean's List at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, for the fall 2012 semester. Rankin is studying liberal arts. Students must earn at least a 3.5 grade-point average to be added to the Dean's List.

The Dean's Honor List for Rocky Mountain College includes 246 honor students for Fall Semester 2012. The list includes students who earned a 3.6 - 4.0 grade point average. Livermore Shauna Ketcham from Livermore is on the list.

## Military



Air Force Airman Ross S. Lowman (pictured at left) graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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

Lowman is the son of Sharon and Gary Lowman of Livermore. He is a 2011 graduate of Granada High School, Livermore.



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