



## 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.

## Four Likely Candidates for City Council

Five potential candidates took out papers to run for the vacant Pleasanton City Council seat.

With one deciding not to file the papers, it appears there will be a field of four for the upcoming election.

Those taking out papers were Planning Commissioner Kathy Narum, Olivia Sanwong, an at-large member of the Economic Vitality Committee; David Miller, Tea Party member; Mark Hamilton, and Warren Dumanski.

Narum and Miller have filed their papers. Sanwong and Hamilton were scheduled to meet with the city clerk on Wednesday. Dumanski let the city clerk know that he does not plan to return his papers.

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

The council seat opened when Jerry Thorne was elected mayor in November 2012.

Pleasanton ordinance requires an election to fill the seat. Voting will be by mail only on Tues., May 7, 2013.

The new councilmember will complete Thorne's term, which ends in November 2014.

For more information, call the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.

## Pleasanton OKs Airport Compatibility Plan Changes

The Pleasanton City Council voted to amend the city's general plan to comply with the updated Livermore Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUC).

The vote was unanimous.

It was adopted by the Alameda County Airport Land Use Commission in 2012. Cities impacted by the proposals review them, then send any changes to the commission for comment.

The State Aeronautics Act requires an ALUC for airports to ensure that incompatible development does not occur on land surrounding airports.

Under the ALUC, no new housing or intensification of existing housing would be permitted within the airport protection area. Livermore requested an exemption for the area around the proposed Isabel BART station. Pleasanton city staff suggested the council include asking for a similar exemption to deal with future planning in the East Pleasanton area. However, the Pleasanton Planning Commission opposed the idea due to safety concerns.

The plan establishes even new safety zones. Only three impact Pleasanton. One, located in the outer approach/departure zone to the west of the airport, would allow for some retail and office uses. The other two zones

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# Appeal for Portola Academy Dropped

The Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC) has decided not to appeal to the state for a second chance at approval to establish the K-8 Portola Academy in Livermore.

A hardening political climate concerning charter school approval was cited by Bill Batchelor, CEO of the Livermore-based charter school operation, as the reason for not moving forward with the appeal.

Batchelor said in an e-mail to school supporters that the TVLC board decided, "It would be virtually impossible to gain petition

approval, given the current local political climate."

Batchelor explained further to The Independent that there is stiffer opposition to forming new charter schools now than previously.

The opposition to Portola Academy includes sentiment at the local level in the community, as well as the thinking on the Livermore, county and state boards of education, said Batchelor.

The Livermore and Alameda County school boards voted against the application unanimously, in both the first and second attempts for approval.

The boards both said that there did not appear to be any community demand for the new school, unlike the sentiment eight years ago, when many people turned out to public meetings speaking for it.

Batchelor said that some school backers were on hand at the earlier meetings, and advocated for Portola Academy. However, many did not show up, because they were burned out from the appeal process.

The California Board of Education voted against approval of the academy 6-3 last year, although members

also said the TVLC could reapply. Batchelor said at that time that the issue in the state board's discussion was much closer than the final vote indicated. The state board had approved the other two charter schools in Livermore.

Batchelor told The Independent that he believes that TVLC could win on the legal points. However, the appeal process has been draining money and energy away from staff. In view of the political opposition, the school board decided to drop the appeal.

Instead, TVLC can focus

time and money into plans for its schools, and in the launching of two schools in Stockton. They are separate K-5 and middle schools on one piece of land. They already have approval.

Portola Academy was intended to address the needs of low-income and English learners. The Livermore district countered that it was already meeting the needs of low-income, minority and English-learning students.

The Livermore school district opposed the academy, because, "We did not believe there was a ground-

(See APPEAL, page 4)



A bicyclist tried out the trail along the Jack London Road extension.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## New Trail Connects Livermore and Pleasanton

Local officials celebrated the opening of a Livermore to Pleasanton arroyo trail project.

The nearly 2-mile-long trail was funded with \$760,000 from the state Proposition 50 River Parkways Grant for trail development. The trail is built

alongside the West Jack London Boulevard extension and ties Isabel Avenue and El Charro Road.

"What an accomplishment. What a partnership. What a success story," said Zone 7 board member Dick Quigley, who attended the festivities and was among

speakers that also included representatives from the City of Livermore, Alameda County and the California Natural Resources Agency.

Zone 7 owns the section of Arroyo las Positas where the trail is located. The area is used for flood protection purposes. Quigley noted that

Zone 7 has a "trail-friendly" Stream Management Master Plan.

For the Livermore to Pleasanton trail project, Zone 7 provided the City of Livermore with a recreational use license agreement and a bridge easement for a trail

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## Residents Object to Proposed Zoning Changes

Potential zoning changes are drawing opposition in Livermore from would-be neighbors.

The proposals have been made by the Sunset Development Company and Acacia Capital Corp.

A plan being considered by Sunset Development Company would replace offices with housing on two sites.

The 13-acre Sunset Office Plaza was built in the early 70s and has more than 75,000 square feet of medical, dental and office space in 10 buildings. The Livermore Financial Center consists of four buildings on two acres. The two Sunset-owned properties are surrounded by homes, with a shopping center between.

Acacia Capital Corp. has proposed adding four new three-story buildings to the 240-unit Ironwood apartment complex at Charlotte Way and East Avenue.

Sunset Development Company held a neighborhood meeting on January 23 to discuss the proposed conversion of its two properties. Over 80 people were on hand. The discussion focused on potential building types under consideration. A letter sent to neighbors

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## Pleasanton Board OKs 30-year Vision for School Facilities

The Pleasanton School Board has approved a plan for short-term and long-term building needs. The plan includes meeting growth projections, renewing older campuses, and creating new interior spaces to accommodate more flexible approaches to classroom education.

The total cost estimate in today's dollars is \$506 million. However, district officials emphasized that only a certain percentage of

the plan is likely to become a reality.

Consultant Steve Newsum said that as a rule of thumb, only about 65 percent to as much as 80 percent of a vision plan for capital improvements is ever built.

The district staff and the board will use the plan as a guide, and act in accordance with what the district needs at a given time. There will be plenty of time and opportunity for community

input, they said. The plan reaches as far as 30 years into the future.

The plan is divided into four levels, which amounts to a priority list.

The first level deals with maintenance, safety and the integrity of buildings. Aging schools need refreshing, especially since the district has had to endure five years of deferred maintenance, because of state

(See FACILITIES, page 10)

## Nobel Prize Winner To Speak At Bankhead

By Jeff Garberson

A scientist who helped explain how the chromosomes in human cells defend themselves against the effects of aging will speak at Livermore's Bankhead Theater next Monday, February 11. Her work has opened major lines of research into how stress and other external factors may lead to the early onset of age-related diseases like heart disease, blindness and cancer.

The scientist is Elizabeth Blackburn of the University of California-San Francisco. Along with two colleagues, she won the 2009 Nobel prize, the first Australian-born woman to do so.

Blackburn is also well known for having been fired from a Bush Administration-era research ethics panel because she objected to its religious orientation.

Next week's talk is part of Livermore's Rae Dorough Speaker Series.



Elizabeth Blackburn

The pioneering research for which Blackburn won the Nobel had been carried out at Yale, where she was a postdoctoral fellow; at UC Berkeley, where she was a faculty member; and at UCSF, where she works now.

Key to the research is observing and understanding the function of telomeres -- molecules that cap and protect the ends of chro-

(See NOBEL, page 8)

## Study Says Altamont Raptor Deaths Have Been Cut in Half

A new study by the Scientific Review Committee (SRC) charged with monitoring raptor deaths caused by Altamont wind turbines reportedly shows that a goal of 50 percent reduction in bird kills may have been reached.

The study was sent out

of the committee with 3 aye votes supporting the conclusions, 1 no, and 1 abstention.

A 50 percent reduction in bird deaths was the goal of the settlement of a suit filed against Alameda County. County assistant planning director Sandi Rivera said

that as more old wind turbines are removed, it's expected the number of bird deaths will decline further.

The SRC will continue to monitor the situation to determine whether the 50 percent level has been met. The installation by

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### PET OF THE WEEK

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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## Pleasanton State of the City Talk

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne will present his first state of the city address on Feb. 20.

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce will host the luncheon starting at 11:30 a.m. It will take place at the Hilton Pleasanton at the Club, 7050 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton.

Admission for chamber members is \$30. To register, go to [www.pleasanton.org](http://www.pleasanton.org).

## Clean Audit Report

The Alameda County Transportation Commission received a clean report on its first audit of consolidated financials since the Alameda CTC was created from the merger of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) in 2010.

"The result of this audit is further proof to the taxpayers of Alameda County that the Alameda CTC is an excellent steward of public funds," said Alameda CTC Chair Supervisor Scott Haggerty. "Not only do we keep impeccable financial documents, but we've delivered more than half of the voter-mandated Measure B capital projects in half the anticipated time. This is a public agency that delivers on its promises with the highest levels of accountability."

Alameda CTC is required to conduct an independent audit performed annually by an independent certified public accounting firm. Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Company, LLP conducted the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. The firm audited separate ACCMA and ACTIA financial statements for the period ending February 29, 2012. Alameda CTC Commissioners received the audit at their January 24, 2013 meeting. The Alameda CTC Citizens Watchdog Committee members received it at their January 14, 2013 meeting.

All Measure B pass-through fund recipients are also required to submit to the Alameda CTC an independent financial audit report and a program compliance

report. All 21 agency/jurisdiction fund recipients complied with on-time submissions in December 2012.

## Energy Efficiency Forum

Pleasanton will host the Tri-Valley Residential Energy Efficiency Forum on Thursday, February 28th to discuss rebates that are available through Energy Upgrade California's new Flex Packages.

This is one of a series of regional workshops and events designed to educate local homeowners about rebates that are available if you replace your windows, furnace or hot water heater, or add insulation.

The forum will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Conference Center of the city's Operations Service Center, located at 3333 Busch Road in Pleasanton. For more information, please call 931-5506.

## Corrections

The headline in the January 31 edition of The Independent listed "NASA" is reviewing NIF. That was incorrect. NNSA is the agency.

A story on applications for the East Side Pleasanton Task Force said that applications were due at the City Clerk's office by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2013. The date is Friday, Feb. 8.

A story in the Jan. 10 issue about amending the Alameda County general plan to double the floor to area ratio (FAR) permitted for agricultural property was incorrect concerning the ratio. The existing ratio allows a maximum coverage of non-residential buildings on the property of 1 percent, not 0.01 percent, as stated in the story. On a 100-acre parcel, that is a total of 1 acre of non-residential covered area, or 43,560 square feet. If supervisors approve the change, that would double to 87,120 square feet.

The additional FAR could be used only for buildings with no walls (just support structure) and an earthen floor such as are required for a horse breeding and training facility.

## TRAIL

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crossing of the arroyo. Zone 7 worked with the city on trail alignment issues.

Livermore's new trail segment will connect to Pleasanton's westerly Arroyo Mocho Trail in Fall 2013, when Stoneridge Drive is due to open.

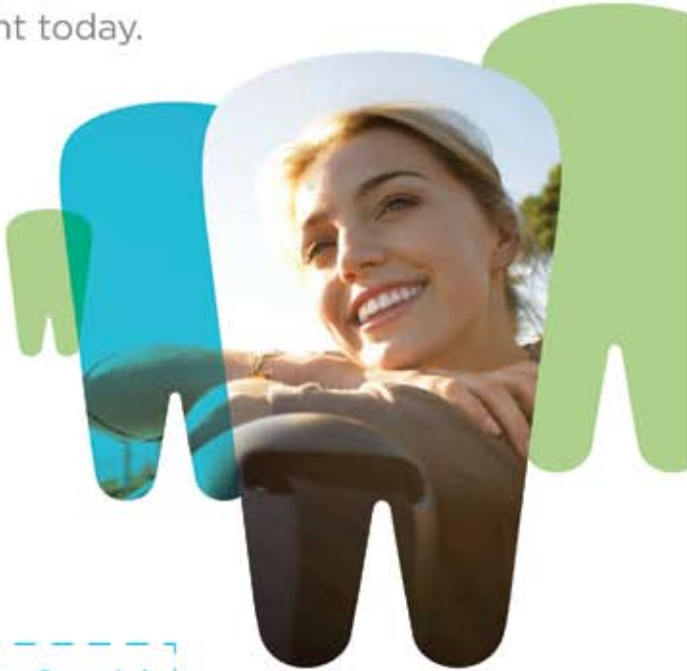
This trail connection is part of the Tri-Valley trail system that links local trail networks as well as the regional trails extending north into Contra Costa County, and south into the Sunol wilderness area.

Several attending Thurs-

day's celebration noted the trail system is not only for recreationists but also provides a critically important, environmentally friendly option for commuters, including those traveling to BART.

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## CEDAR MOUNTAIN WINERY MOVING SALE

Big changes are happening at Cedar Mountain Winery. After over 22 years of making wine, running a vineyard, and tasting room, Cedar Mountain Winery will be downsizing and moving down the road with expectations of opening a new winery in late 2013. We have plans to build a smaller winery – eliminating the custom work we have been doing for other wineries in the Livermore Valley to focus on crafting small-lot boutique style wines and ports.

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# EDITORIAL

## Chief Sweeney Leaving

Livermore Police Chief Steve Sweeney has announced his retirement.

He has spent 29 of his 32 years in law enforcement with the City of Livermore.

During his five years at the helm, he had to deal with shrinking budgets. Under his direction, the department continued to provide a strong police presence. Now the budget shows signs of an upturn. Just last week, seven new officers were sworn in. The department reactivated its drug and gang task force.

He modestly credits his officers with any success that he had as chief.

Sweeney waited until there was a turnaround in the budget situation before deciding to retire. The decision demonstrates concern for the department and the city.

Asked what he will miss most about serving as police chief, Sweeney said, "having the ability to make change."

As for how he would most like to be remembered, the answer came more quickly: "As somebody that really cared about his community."

Well-wishers offered statements of thanks and urged Sweeney to enjoy his retirement. The Independent joins in those wishes.

Sweeney's intelligence and caring manner will be hard to replace.

## AIRPORT

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allow residential, retail and offices uses.

Such facilities as schools, hospitals and others where there are large gatherings would be prohibited in all of the areas. Also not allowed would be field crops, dry farming and fish and game reserves, because they attract birds. The plan discourages solar farms due to the glare.

Pleasanton included several clarifications to deal with issues it may face. One defined the existing uses for Staples Ranch. Another stated that trees, lakes and vegetation are located in East Pleasanton.

The city could over-ride the recommendations in the ALUC with a two-thirds vote by the city council.

The Airport Commission proposed that Pleasanton submit future projects on the Staples Ranch to it for review. The safety zone diagram as submitted to the Commission needs to be more accurately portrayed in

the city's general plan.

Several speakers were pleased that Pleasanton did not support the idea that it should have the same exemption when it comes to housing as the one allowed Livermore. They pointed to noise and safety issues as reasons not to build housing near the airport.

Mayor Jerry Thorne commented, "One thing I would never like to fool with is safety around an airport."

In other action, the council approved a memorandum of understanding with Alameda County, the fairgrounds and ACE to designate the current ACE station as the permanent station.

It is built on county land across from the Alameda County Fairgrounds. The station has been listed as interim for the past fifteen years.

The change enhances the ability to obtain funding for improvements. The interim status presented an obstacle.

## ZONING

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by Chris Truebridge, senior vice president of planning and entitlements, wrote that in response to comments voiced at the meeting, three concept plans are being developed. The three alternatives will portray different types of building products and site layouts.

A meeting to obtain feedback on the proposals will be held Thursday, February 7, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Sunset Elementary School multi-purpose room. The school is located at 1671 Frankfurt Way, Livermore.

Concerns raised at the January 23 included the impact on enrollment at Sunset Elementary and traffic on Concannon Boulevard. There were questions about the impact on property values if a high density multi-story project were built.

There were questions about where the current tenants might move. It has been pointed out that the current offices include lots of free parking and lower rents than in the downtown. Some of the present tenants will not be able to afford higher rent if forced to move. Neighbors like being able to walk to their doctor or dentist.

It was suggested that an alternative to more residential housing that will impact the crowded Sunset School might be to put in small, affordable seniors only housing.

Residents living near the Ironwood Apartments have been vocal in their opposition.

One issue relates to the loss of open space. The project, as proposed would have eliminated an unofficial "park" on the land that has been used by area residents.

Other issues were increased traffic and crime in the neighborhood and potential overcrowding of Arroyo Seco Elementary School. Residents have argued that the increased traffic would create a safety issue for children who walk to and from the school.

Donald Dowdle, who heads Save Ironwood, spoke at the most recent Livermore City Council meeting.

Dowdle told the council that he has collected more than 500 signatures on a petition opposing the added housing.

Dowdle said the city protects the open space around the million dollar homes across the street. "It's fair game to build high density housing in our open area. Green space is a real asset to the community."

In a letter to the editor, Dowdle wrote, "I understand the city government is hungry for development dollars and desperate to build high-density housing but this development makes no sense. It would be to the detriment of renters and home owners and would only exacerbate existing problems. I encourage the City Council not to approve a zoning change to the Ironwood property and preserve this established recreation area within the city limits."

# Membership Grows As Work Continues to Protect Agiculture Lands, Open Space and Vineyards

By Carol Graham

Friends of the Vineyards held its annual meeting on January 31st to highlight both accomplishments of the past year and goals for the coming year, honor board member Lynn Seppala, and enjoy local wines while listening to winemaker Mark Clarin speak about the region's terroir.

Opening the meeting, Treasurer Don Milanese read an excerpt from the novel *The Barcelona File* in which a Berkeley professor traveling abroad plans his return to California: sailing on the San Francisco Bay, hiking in Yosemite, and wine tasting in Livermore.

"Livermore?" asks his friend. "Don't you mean Napa?"

The professor shakes his head and replies, "Overrated and touristy. Livermore is closer to Berkeley and most of the wineries are small and eccentric - the way Napa used to be."

Preserving and enhancing the area's vineyards, agricultural lands and open space has been the mission of Friends of the Vineyards (FOV) since its inception as Save the Vineyards in 1981.

"We strive to help the winegrowers and wineries by supporting them," said FOV Vice President Norman Petermeier. "Livermore Valley is a great wine-growing region. We do not want to see it all developed and covered with asphalt."

During the preceding year, the non-profit organization defended open space

in Doolan Canyon and Tesla Park. Doolan Canyon is a prized piece of unincorporated open space situated between Dublin and Livermore. Some Dublin leaders would like to develop the land, at least in part, while Livermore hopes to retain the area as open space.

Tesla Park is a 3,400-acre area located in the southeast corner of Alameda County. "An off-road vehicle association wants to extend Carnegie Park for all-terrain vehicles and motorcycles into this beautiful, pristine wilderness that has significant environmental and historical resources," said Reus. "When you see pictures of that area, you'd be astounded that off-road vehicles would be allowed there, with all the destruction that does to the environment and watershed."

During 2013, FOV, in association with the Tri-Valley Conservancy and other environmental groups, will continue working toward preserving the Doolan Canyon and Tesla Park open spaces.

Last year, for the first time, FOV was able to fund two \$500 scholarships for Las Positas College students in the Viticulture and Wine Technology program, said Reus. "It felt good to be supporting people who are hopefully going to be coming back to our community, making it an even better winemaking region than it already is."

Neal Ely, PhD, the Las Positas Dean who founded the department, said, "I

wanted the program involved in awareness of and outreach to as many different avenues of the wine and hospitality industry as possible. FOV seemed like an important player. I am incredibly grateful that they will generously support the students with scholarships again this year."

Although unable to attend the meeting, board member Lynn Seppala was awarded a certificate for his extensive work with FOV. "Lynn always has valuable input, knows a lot of people in the community, and knows the history of everything that's gone on for the last 30 years. He's been an invaluable resource," said Reus. "Lynn's a great human being and a real asset to the FOV. Next time you see him, you can shake his hand."

Livermore winemaker Mark Clarin spoke to the gathered wine enthusiasts about the region's terroir, a term referring to an area's geography, geology and climate - the sum of which affect agricultural products' unique characteristics.

"There are a lot of vineyards here in the Livermore Valley, but the majority are in the south Livermore area," Clarin said. "Part of that is, of course, because of folks like yourselves, but it also happens to be a great place to grow grapes and make great wine. There are a lot of arroyos coming down from the mountains, and a soil profile of gravelly loam that makes it really good for grape growing."

"The cool thing about the

Livermore Valley is that it really does support a wide variety of grapes," he told audience members, as they sipped Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Blanc and Chardonnay from Las Positas Winery and Petermeier's Villa Per Due'.

Membership to Friends of the Vineyards is open to all, with members not only from throughout the Bay Area, but across the nation as well, ranging from Arizona to Texas to Massachusetts. Members receive quarterly electronic newsletters, discounts at area wineries, and invitations to special events.

"Good news on membership," said board member Patricia Bias. "It's growing, growing, growing."

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

## APPEAL

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swell of support promoting the school. It was created more from a business perspective, rather than a need perspective," said assistant superintendent Chris Van Schaack.

Although LVTC expressed the intention of serving more low-income and English language learners in Livermore, the charter school did not have a track record in serving that population, said Van Schaack. They had not shown they would do it well. There was no evidence that the particular demographic groups had any need for the charter school, said Van Schaack.

# Lab's Top Ten Accomplishments Listed

In 2012 Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) continued its tradition of applying innovative science and technology to its mission to strengthen the nation's security.

The Laboratory further developed science and technology capabilities essential to sustaining the nation's aging nuclear deterrent without nuclear testing and countering nuclear proliferation and terrorism. 2012 marked the 20th year since the United States ceased nuclear testing. In addition, LLNL continued to apply cutting-edge scientific and technical expertise to defense and international security areas, such as advanced conventional munitions, biosecurity, cybersecurity, space situational awareness, directed energy weapons (lasers), and enhanced protection of soldiers.

The Lab released its list of its 10 top mission accomplishments. They are indicative of the broad mission responsibilities and the capabilities the Laboratory brings to bear on important national problems.

The top ten are as follows:

1. *Extending the service life of the W78 warhead:* In July, LLNL and the U.S. Air Force launched a detailed design study to extend the life of the W78 Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile warhead. A key component of the nation's nuclear deterrent, the W78 system has aged beyond its planned service life. In addition to addressing aging concerns, LLNL weapons experts are evaluating options to incorporate enhanced safety and security features, examining meth-

ods for reducing production costs, and studying the adaptability of the warhead for Navy deployment.

2. *Pushing the boundaries of high performance computing:* The Laboratory deployed the Sequoia supercomputer, a 20 petaflops (20 quadrillion floating point operations per second) IBM BlueGene/Q system, which will be dedicated to the effort to ensure the safety, security and reliability of the nation's nuclear deterrent when the system transitions to classified work in March this year. Sequoia's computational power will be used to assess physical weapons systems using advanced uncertainty quantification techniques and provide a more accurate atomic-level understanding of the behavior of materials in the extreme conditions present in a nuclear weapon. In June, Sequoia was ranked No. 1 on the industry standard Top500 list of the world's fastest supercomputers, dropping to no. 2 in November.

3. *Plutonium aging gracefully:* continuing studies of plutonium aging show that no unexpected aging issues are appearing in plutonium that has been accelerated to an equivalent of approximately 150 years of age.

4. *Groundbreaking science experiments at the National Ignition Facility (NIF):* During fiscal year 2012, NIF conducted a total of 332 high-energy-density science experiments. To date, nearly 200 highly successful experiments have been conducted to characterize the properties of materials at extreme temperatures and pressures in support of the nation's Stockpile Stewardship Program. In

addition, fundamental science and ignition research experiments were conducted at NIF. One series of science experiments characterized carbon at nearly 50 million times the Earth's atmospheric pressure. The researchers' interest is the formation and structure of large planets, such as Jupiter and Saturn.

5. *100th JASPER experiment:* In September, LLNL's JASPER (Joint Actinide Shock Physics Experimental Research) gas gun fired its 100th shot. The experiments have collected data that enable weapon scientists to understand important properties and behaviors of plutonium and other special nuclear materials shocked to extreme conditions.

6. *Lab directors meeting in Russia:* U.S. and Russian laboratory directors and representatives from NNSA and Rosatom held a meeting in Sarov, Russia, in June 2012. The meeting and associated tours of five Rosatom laboratories provided an opportunity to establish a path forward for scientific and technical cooperation between the laboratories in basic science and technology, international security, energy research and other areas of mutual interest.

7. *Treaty verification and monitoring:* LLNL led the modeling and data analysis for the Pele test, conducted to assess the ability of various technologies to distinguish the signatures for weapon development from other activities. The results of the test campaign will help determine which techniques can be used for effective treaty verification and monitoring.

8. *Tracking space debris:* Launched in September

2012, a "nano-satellite" called STARE (Space-Based Telescopes for Actionable Refinement of Ephemeris) contained an LLNL-designed optical system for tracking pieces of space debris with a precision 10 times greater than currently possible. Telescopes, cameras, altitude control, data transmission, power and GPS were packaged into a 10-by 30-centimeter space. STARE can reduce the number of false alarm rates for potential collisions of debris with U.S. space assets by a factor of 100.

9. *High-performance computing energy collaborations:* With a mission to enhance U.S. energy security, the Laboratory entered into a project with the California Energy Commission to leverage LLNL's high-performance computing (HPC) capabilities and high-resolution weather models to improve the forecasting of solar and wind power generation and to address challenges involved in integrating intermittent renewable energy sources into the state's energy grid. LLNL also launched the "hpc4energy incubator," a pilot program that teams six energy-industry companies with the Laboratory's scientific and HPC resources to find solutions to energy-related problems of mutual interest and accelerate the development of energy technologies.

10. *Deinventory of high-security special nuclear materials:* In September, the last of the special nuclear material items that require the highest level of protection were removed from the Livermore site.

## MAILBOX

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### True Connection Ruth Gasten Livermore

Thank you for helping to make our Interfaith Connect concert such a big success. We were completely subscribed at 350 attendees with a waiting list of 50. Because of some last minute illness cancellations, we were able to squeeze in most of the waiting list.

For me, the highlight of the concert was when the Jewish cantor played and sang "Hava Nagilah, a song played at bar mitzvahs to which people frequently

dance. Some folks started spontaneously dancing. The Hindu temple dancers, little girls about 10, dressed in exotic ceremonial costumes, jumped out of their seats, and danced with us as we snaked around the church. A true moment of interfaith connection.

### Baseball Safety Heather Wiechert Livermore

Youth baseball/softball season is upon us. It is heartwarming to see parents and their children practicing together at the park,

playing catch and hitting balls. I have noticed at my neighborhood park as well as other parks in Livermore that parents and their children often practice hitting balls too close to play structures where younger children are playing. Even when baseball diamonds are available people often practice in open grassy areas adjacent to play structures. I have witnessed baseballs flying into and even hitting the play structures way too often.

As a parent of two small  
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Livermore Police Chief Steve Sweeney administers the oath to new officers.

## Livermore Adds Seven Police Officers

The Livermore Police Department swore in seven new police officers and recognized a newly promoted Sergeant and Lieutenant at ceremonies held January 31. Congressman Eric Swalwell and Livermore Mayor John Marchand participated in the ceremony by providing welcoming remarks. In addition, Chief Steve Sweeney acknowledged and congratulated Livermore

Police Department officers and staff who received commendations and awards in the past year.

This past summer, the Livermore Police Department re-established the Drug and Gang Task Force, a Special Operations Unit. The addition of the seven officers helps to replace previous vacant positions, as well as those that were needed to staff the special unit.

Mayor Marchand stated, "All of the City Departments recognized the importance of public safety in our community. The City reallocated their resources to enable the Livermore Police Department to restore the Drug and Gang Task Force and to hire 7 new officers." The Mayor also commended the Department for being recognized for its excellence by numerous State and local agencies.

## Foothill Students Give up Parking Spots

In partnership with Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools and the City of Pleasanton, students at Foothill High School have taken the step of converting senior parking spaces into a carpool parking area.

A ribbon cutting was held Wednesday as part of "Carpool to School Day" celebration.

Students say that they see carpooling as a means to reduce the Tri-Valley's high level of air pollution, lighten traffic congestion in and around the parking lot, and to build community on campus.

In order to use the new area, students must carpool

daily with at least two students per vehicle.

Carpool drivers will receive a \$25 gas card. Passengers will be entered into weekly drawings for gift cards to local businesses. The drawings are sponsored by the City of Pleasanton. Families looking for a carpool buddy are encouraged to utilize pleasantonschoolpool.org in order to help find neighbors to carpool.

According to Junior Ellen Fetherston, who is a member of the Leadership class and part of the Safe Routes club, "This carpool area is a wonderful idea because it's going to reduce traffic going

into the student parking lots, which has been a problem for a long time. It's great that we get to help the environment while also helping the students."

Safe Routes to Schools celebrated the first Alameda County Carpool 2 School Day (C2SD) on Wednesday. The goal of the event was to promote awareness of carpooling as a means of helping to mitigate school traffic congestion and safety concerns during school arrival and dismissal time. To find out more about this event and Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools, check out [www.alameda-countysr2s.org](http://www.alameda-countysr2s.org).

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# SPORTS NOTES



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The Amador Valley High School Lady Dons defeated the Granada Matadors, 54-42, in EBAL varsity girls basketball action. Courtney Seams led all scorers with 16 points and 9 rebounds, followed by Aria Mack with 14 points and 6 steals.



Swimmers from the Pleasanton Seahawks represented Pacific Swimming at the Pacific Coast All Star Meet in Santa Rosa, Jan. 5-6. The Pacific Coast All Star meet combines All Stars from Southern California Swimming, Pacific Swimming, Pacific Northwest Swimming, Oregon Swimming and British Columbia Swimming. The fastest 8 swimmers in the 11-12 and 13-14 Age Groups are selected for this team based on the combined results from the December Championship meets. Pictured from the Seahawks (from left) are Maxime Rooney, Chris Jhong, Tyler Lu and Miranda Heckman. Maxime Rooney won 6 out of 6 individual events including the 200/500 free, 200 back, 200 fly, 200/400 IM and as a member of each relay team he assisted wins in the 400 free relay, 200 medley relay, and 400 medley relay. Chris Jhong set a new PLS team record in the 50 breast, finished in all 6 of his events with 2<sup>nd</sup> places in the 50 breast and 200 IM, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 100 fly. Tyler Lu finished in the top 10 in all 6 of his events with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 50 fly. Miranda Heckman finished in the top 12 in all 6 of her events: 50/100/200/500 free, 50/100 back. Pacific Swimming came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place behind Southern California Swimming in the team standings.



Three Livermore Aquacowboys swimmers were selected to represent zone 2 at the Pacific Swimming All-Star meet. The LAC swimmers qualified for the All-Star meet at the Moraga selection meet on January 26-27, 2013. The All-Star meet will be held in Carson City, Nevada on March 2-3, 2013. Caroline Eckel (11), Minh-Nha Kawamura (8) and Alex Gonzalez (14) will represent Zone 2.



The Pleasanton Cavalier Rugby middle school team took on Los Gatos, coming away with a lopsided victory.

## Dads Take Part in Annual Super Saturday Flag Football Game



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

A Croce player dives for yardage during the annual game with Altamont Creek.

By Carol Graham

The fifth annual Dads' Flag Football game between Leo Croce Elementary and Altamont Creek Elementary schools in Livermore took place a day before two other teams, similarly motivated, competed in New Orleans.

On February 2nd, Croce Dads ensured that the coveted Super Saturday trophy will be moved from Altamont Creek to Croce's front office for the next year. "Croce's Captain Scott Devros put together a strong strategic game plan that led to the end result Croce, 26 - Altamont Creek, 8," said Croce parent Jeremy Wallace.

For the students, parents and staff of the two elementary schools, the competition is all in good fun. "Phil Baucke came up with the idea as a way to connect dads on campus," said Dixie Devros. "Following his wife around to PTA-sponsored events inspired him to find a way to create a connection between the dads. It's worked wonderfully. After playing in the game, dads see each other on campus and stop to talk. They feel more of a connection to their children's school."

This year's game began with a poignant dedication. "One of our former

Croce Dads players David Gutierrez passed away last year," said Dixie. "He was a devoted father and a valued member of our Croce community. We dedicated the game to his memory and to his family. His widow Shelly and daughters Vanessa and Jasmine were there, as well as many other family members. The girls ran the game ball out to the refs to get the game started.

"Shelly said this meant so much to the entire family."

Although the event has

been held as spirit-builder in the past, Altamont Creek parent Tina Sanders invited the Bay Area's Food Truck Mafia to this year's game, which was held at Livermore High School. "It's a way to earn money for our schools," said Dixie. "The Food Truck Mafia will donate a percentage of their sales, which we'll split down the middle."

Also new this year is a half-time show that saw Livermore High School cheerleaders leading el-

ementary school students in a choreographed routine. "The younger kids usually cheer with them on the sidelines every year, but this year the LHS cheerleaders held a cheer clinic a couple of weeks earlier," said Dixie. "Kids from both schools attended, learning the half time routine so they could perform right beside the cheerleaders. They were wearing cheer shirts and bows."

For the young students, seeing their fathers compete at and for their schools is a thrilling sight. "The kids are so proud of their dads. They point at them on the football field with pride," said Dixie.

Feedback from the grown-ups is also positive. "One dad of a kindergartner told me how great he thought this was. 'When your child first starts school, you sort of do, too. It's great to get to know so many other dads around the school.'

"Not only is it great for each individual school community involved, but both of these elementary schools feed into Christensen Middle School, so there will be a great group of dads who already know each other," added Dixie. "I think we all can relate to how nice it is to see a familiar face in a new place; it just keeps that sense of community alive."

### Cavaliers Rugby

The Pleasanton Cavaliers Rugby Junior Varsity kicked off the regular season at the Cal Maritime Academy with a decisive 37 to 7 win over Piedmont Rugby. The JV Cavaliers played with speed and skill focusing on open field running. Tyler Nunery and Jonathan Son each scored two tries with Jack Reynolds, Eli Klopatek and Thomas Anthony scoring one each.

The Cavalier Middle School record is now 6-2. Facing a quality team at Los Gatos, the Cavaliers posted their best performance of the year in defeating the Lions 61-0 on Saturday. Although Los Gatos was a much larger team, Pleasanton played an up tempo style focusing on fierce rucking and smooth passing to control vast stretches of the match. The speed and teamwork shown by the Cavaliers put the Lions under constant pressure and led to the lopsided victory. An outstanding performance was put in by #8 Da'mon Ingram, who scored two tries prior to being injured. Danny Murrar recorded multiple open field tackles and long offensive runs to lead the Cavalier attack.

U12 Cavaliers played away at

Los Gatos on Saturday. The Cavaliers demonstrated sportsmanship and provided spectators with entertainment through three tough games against Los Gatos and East Palo Alto with the Cavaliers narrowly losing. The U12s showed great spirit and battled hard, demonstrating decisive tackling and skilled passing with tries from AJ Moralis, Kyle Kenny, Stuart Richie and Tai Fetui. Other key players: William Reni, George Watts, Liam Murtaugh, Rodrigo Alvarez, Kade Ogden and JJ Marito.

U10s Gold team played a fast and physical match against Los Gatos, but lost 4-2. The Cavaliers tied East Palo Alto. Man of the Match awards went to Angus Hicks-Frazier and Isaiah Gaio. Silver playing a very physical match against Los Gatos but lost 8-4. Man of the Match Collin Miller and Connor Waklee. Next local Cavalier Rugby games scheduled for Sunday 10th at Las Positas College, Livermore.

### McPherson Commits to College

Livermore High School senior quarterback/linebacker Zach

McPherson has accepted a scholarship and verbally committed to play football for the NCAA Division 2 Azusa Pacific University Cougars. Zach led the Cowboys with 73 tackles last season and rushed for 558 yards on 75 carries, averaging 7.4 yards per carry. Zach will study biology at Azusa Pacific.

### Xtreme Force

The XtremeForce Judo Team from Livermore traveled recently to Fresno to compete in the prestigious West Clovis Invitational Judo Tournament.

Xtreme Force took eight judo players to compete against players from all over California. All eight players from the Xtreme Force placed in the top three.

1st place: Damean Diggins, Livermore; Kristen Wong, Livermore.

2nd place: Catherine Alfaro, San Leandro; Alexa Firestone, Livermore; Elijah Maravilla and Eric Maravilla, Livermore.

3rd place: Isabella Andrus, Livermore; and Charize Maravilla, Livermore.



Alexa Firestone competed for the Xtreme Force Judo Team in the West Clovis Invitational Judo Tournament.

### Fusion Soccer Tryouts

Livermore Fusion Soccer Club invites players to attend the Premier Program tryouts. All sessions will take place at the new Robertson Park Turf Fields. For more information, or to register for tryouts, please visit [www.fusionsc.org](http://www.fusionsc.org).

Tryout Schedule: U12 Girls: Saturday, Feb. 16th, 9-11am; Sunday, Feb. 17th, 9-11am; Tues. Feb. 19th, 5-7pm

U13 Boys: Saturday, Feb. 16th, 1-3pm; Sunday, Feb. 17th, 1-3pm; Wed., Feb. 20th, 4:30-6:30pm; U13 Girls: Saturday, Feb. 16th, 11-1pm; Sunday, Feb. 17th, 11-1pm; Wed., Feb. 20th, 6:30-8:30pm; U14 Boys: Saturday, Feb. 16th, 5-7pm; Sunday, Feb. 17th, 5-7pm; Thurs., Feb. 21st, 4:30-6:30pm; U14 Girls: Saturday, Feb. 16th, 3-5pm; Sunday, Feb. 17th, 3-5pm; Thurs., Feb. 21st, 6:30-8:30pm.

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.tlcforkidssports.org](http://www.tlcforkidssports.org).

### PGSL Registration

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

Note: All players will be notified of team placement within the next three to four weeks. However, extra time is allowed for the Seniors Division (grades 9-12), to allow for High School team placement in Feb. 2013.

### 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).

### Sports Equipment

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

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# Granada High School Hosts Special Education Dance



Erica Serrano dances with a fellow Granada student. Photo by Samantha Morris.

By Patricia Koning

On the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 1, some 300 special education students from Concord, San Ramon, Pleasanton, Dublin, and Livermore converged on Granada High School for a dance. While the Granada students have attended special education dances at other area high schools, this was the first one on their home turf.

"Giving these students this opportunity is a big deal for me and it's huge for their parents," said Granada special education teacher Chrissy Booe. "These students just get to be regular teenagers and young adults this afternoon. We've got everything you'd find at any other school dance. This is only the beginning, though. I want these students to have their own prom."

When the students arrived, they walked down a red carpet to the cheers of Granada teachers and students. The small gymnasium was decorated for Valentine's Day with balloons, streamers, and signs. In addition to dancing, the event offered plenty of refreshments, a Wii dance station, tables with Valentine's

crafts, and professional photography donated by Denis Roland. The yearbook crew was on hand to capture some memories of the dance.

Before the event began, Granada student Jake Lusty was looking forward to dancing and showing off his moonwalk. "I want to meet the kids from other schools," he said. "But I'm most excited about dancing."

Last year Booe decided she wanted to hold a special education dance at Granada after the resource center in Southern California where her mother teaches special education put on a prom for its students. "I knew it needed to be done," she said. "Pulling together all of the logistics to make today happen, getting gym space in the afternoon, room for parking, and more was difficult, but our administration is incredibly supportive. It's a good feeling."

She watched as normally shy and reserved students came out of their shells. One boy who'd sat in his wheelchair just watching at other dances raced around the dance floor. Being at their school, said Booe, provided the Granada students with a very

comfortable environment.

Earlier this school year, Booe's students made and sold garters for the Granada Homecoming Dance to raise money for their own dance. Parents worked the snack booth at two recent basketball games to fund the purchase of special dance t-shirts for all of the Granada students. The family of Cindy Giuliano also made a substantial donation to support the dance.

Granada junior Erica Serrano, a student aide in Booe's classroom, said she'd been looking forward to the dance all year. "Just seeing everyone's faces as they make new friends and have fun is amazing," she said. "Something about these kids draws me in. I'd do anything for them. There is always so much happiness in Ms. Booe's classroom."

Booe was drawn to special education because her own brother is severely disabled. "There were some bad things that happened to him in school," she said. "I just want to provide a feeling of comfort to the parents of my students. They need to feel comfortable with where they are leaving their children every day."

# Youth Ranch Votes To Go Out of Business

The Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch (BVYR) has voted to go out of business.

The board of the 40-year-old non-profit made the decision on Jan. 29 to dissolve the corporation, put its ranch up for sale, and pay off the mortgage and other debts, said board secretary Lynda Hadley.

No other formal action was taken. However, board members did express some thoughts about what they would like to see happen in the future with assets.

If there were money left over, the board would like the funds to be donated to MISSEY (Motivating, Inspiring, Supporting and Serving Sexually Exploited Youth), a program that works with girls who have been forced into prostitution.

BVYR had explored turning the youth ranch over to MISSEY, if sufficient funds could be found, but the money was not available.

MISSEY is still interested in coming to Livermore on its own, provided it can find a rural facility to house the girls, said Amba Johnson, who was hired last year as executive director of BVYR. Johnson is also on the board of MISSEY, which has its headquarters in Oakland. The organization works with girls all over the county, including Livermore.

Johnson attended a celebration of the 40 years of BVYR on Feb. 1 at the Bingo Ranch in Livermore. An estimated 180 people were on hand for the party and bingo games.

Hadley, the BVYR secretary, said that she enjoyed seeing people there who had worked for years for BVYR.

BVYR is turning over its lease at the Bingo Ranch to the Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC), which has been coordinating the Bingo Ranch scheduling for BVYR.

The TVLC has been holding bingo games at the

Bingo Ranch for the past eight years to raise funds.

The Bingo Ranch will be open on Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays, with other non-profits booking in time for their fund-raisers, as they have in the past.

In regard to the bingo parlor, Bill Batchelor, CEO of the TVLC, said that the group plans to expand the days it will be open, to the same level of activity that it had been operating when BVYR held the lease.

TVLC presented a citation to the BVYR board and volunteers for their 40 years of service to youth, and its 20 years of allowing non-profits to use the Bingo Ranch for fund-raisers. Singled out for mention in

the citations were founders Butch Shattuck, and his late wife, Ruth.

Board members said they would like to see the Buenas Vidas thrift store in Livermore continue to operate. BVYR would not operate it, but it was hoped that a Livermore non-profit could be found to take over the store.

The store takes in more revenue than needed to meet its lease, though not enough to keep BVYR going, said BVYR board member Bill Sutcliffe. The store has provided low prices for shoppers, and jobs for people who need them, he said. Members are reaching out to learn whether any non-profits are interested.

## Wireless Gigabit Alliance Meets

TÜV Rheinland hosted the third Wireless Gigabit Alliance (WiGig) plugfest, the organization's first joint event with Wi-Fi Alliance® in its office in Pleasanton.

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Members from both Alliances attended the four-day event to test the multi-gigabit wireless technology in real world conditions as part of their efforts to take it closer to commercialization. TÜV Rheinland provided attendees with its testing equipment and laboratory space, and the company's professionals offered their expertise and consultation.

"TÜV Rheinland is honored to welcome the leading players in the industry to our lab and contribute to the mission of making high-speed wireless communications available to the consumer," said Gerhard Luebken, Chief Operating Officer at TÜV Rheinland.

The first joint plugfest follows recently announced plans for Wi-Fi Alliance to unify with the WiGig Alliance. The agreement to consolidate activities in the Wi-Fi Alliance builds on more than two years of collaboration between

the organizations, in which WiGig Alliance developed the groundbreaking WiGig technology specification and Wi-Fi Alliance initiated work to develop an interoperability certification for 60 GHz products.

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## NOBEL

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mosomes, which carry the genes that determine heredity. Telomeres are sometimes likened to the plastic tips that protect the ends of shoelaces.

As early as the 1930s, scientists speculated that such a protective cap might play a role in cell division. This was two decades before the double helix structure of DNA was discovered, however, and the detailed molecular processes were not well understood.

In the 1970s, working as a postdoctoral fellow at Yale, Blackburn and a colleague, Jack Szostak, helped characterize the cap as simple, repeated DNA sequences that appeared to stabilize the chromosomes while playing a role in cell division.

Laying the groundwork for future discoveries, the two also predicted the existence of an enzyme that would generate the chromosome-capping DNA sequences.

A decade later, as a professor at Berkeley, Blackburn and a graduate student, Carol Greider, reported the discovery of that enzyme, called telomerase.

Blackburn joined the UCSF faculty in 1990. In 2009, she, Szostak and Greider shared the Nobel Prize for their work.

Today, Blackburn is Morris Hertzstein Endowed Chair in Biology and Physiology at UCSF. Szostak is a research professor at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital. Greider is a professor and director of the molecular

biology and genetics department at Johns Hopkins University.

Much of their groundbreaking research was conducted using single celled, pond dwelling organisms called tetrahymena. An important question was whether findings made with such a simple structure had any bearing on human heredity and aging.

Blackburn and others showed both similarities and differences in chromosome function between the tetrahymena and human cells. They found that the enzyme telomerase works continuously in the simpler organisms, replenishing the tips of chromosomes by creating more DNA sequences, but that it can be inhibited from its function in human cells in a way that reduces its ability to protect human chromosomes.

The loss of protection has been compared to the fraying of a shoelace that can occur when the plastic end tip has been removed. Cells

with such damaged chromosomes can pass their defects on during cell division. The chromosomes may become so damaged that the cell can no longer divide, thus contributing to the process of aging and the onset of age related disease.

The research has sparked interest in searching for avenues to increase the protection conferred by telomeres, perhaps limiting the damage that accumulates as cells age and divide.

Well before the Nobel Prize, Blackburn was already well known in scientific circles when, as a member of the Bush Administration's Council on Bioethics, she took issue with the religious orientation of discussions on embryonic stem cell research.

Many in the scientific community came to her defense when she was fired from the commission in February 2004. Dozens of prominent biological scientists wrote a letter to President Bush to protest her firing.

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# SHORT NOTES

## Fun on the Farm

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

On February 9, 2013 the theme for the day will be "Victorian Valentine Making." Sending paper Valentines became popular in the 1800's. The tradition continues today. Join us to make old-fashioned Valentine greetings and discover some of the history behind them.

Tours of the restored Victorian Glass House Museum will be held at 10am, 11am, 12pm and 1pm and tours of Forest Home Farms Historic Park, including the tractor museum, at 11am and 1pm. Each tour lasts approximately 45 minutes and the fee is \$5 per person or \$8 for

both tours taken on the same day. Tour tickets can be purchased in the Gift Shoppe. Children ages 2 and under are free.

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

## Campfire

A Heartwarming Campfire will be hosted by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sun., Feb. 10.

Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 5:30 p.m. at the reserved picnic area in Sycamore Grove Park. Join this program around the

campfire while the fire warms your body and stories of love warm your heart. There will be tales of love in nature and love in general. A few may bring tears - tissues will be provided. Feel free to bring hot dogs to barbecue. Marshmallows and hot chocolate will be provided. A \$2 donation per person for supplies is requested. Please call 925-960-2400 to make a reservation and for directions. Canceled if raining.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park

## Lucky Fan

Tri-Valley TV is offering viewers an opportunity to win free stuff by signing up to be a TV30 "Lucky Fan." During

the month of February TV30 Lucky Fans will have a chance to win one of four \$50 gift cards to Casa Orozco, award-winning Mexican cuisine, with locations in Dublin and Livermore.

In February, the station is also giving away tickets to upcoming productions at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore including Juan de Marcos and the Afro-Cuban All Stars on Thursday, February 14; Reunion of the Doo Wops on Friday, February 22; Paco Pena Flamenco on Tuesday, February 26; and Italian guitarist Beppe Gambetta and violinist & mandolin virtuoso Peter Ostroushko on Thursday, February 28.

At the Firehouse Theater in Pleasanton we will be giving away tickets to: comedian Karen Rontowski with Phil

Johnson on Wednesday, February 13; 11th Annual Youth Music Festival on Friday, February 15; Bill Harley, Grammy-winning music and humorist on Saturday, February 16; and acoustic guitarist Adrian Leg on Friday, February 22.

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

For complete rules or to register to be a "Lucky Fan" go to [www.trivalleytv.org](http://www.trivalleytv.org) and

click on the "Lucky Fan" icon located on that page.

## Astronomy Night

A free astronomy night will be held Fri., Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Old Ranch Park, 1000 Vista Monte Drive, San Ramon (Bollinger Canyon Road and San Ramon Valley Boulevard)

Join the City of San Ramon and the Mt. Diablo Astronomical Society for a free tour of the night sky using telescopes. Wear warm clothes and bring a flashlight. Hot Cocoa will be served. Weather permitting. Astronomy night is part of a series of free events to say "Thank You!" for making San Ramon a wonderful place to live, work and play.

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# OBITUARIES

## Clarence Hoenig

Clarence Hoenig, 81, a long time politically active Livermore resident died on February 4, 2013. He was born February 8, 1931 in Chester, Illinois along the banks of the Mississippi River to Ruby Juergens and Clarence Arthur Hoenig. His German Grandfathers were Louis Juergens, b. 1874 in Nopke and Johannes Honig, b. 1818 in Lamb-sheim. His most admired humanitarians were Linus Pauling, Charles Darwin, and Albert Schweitzer.

He was married 55 years to the Love-Of-His-Life Patricia Warren Hoenig on September 29, 1957 in Macomb, Illinois. They had three children: Christopher Warren, Washington, D.C.; Elizabeth Anne, Olympia, WA and Gretchen Purdum Gulick, Whangarei, New Zealand. There are four Grandchildren: Noah Patrick and Mikayla Nami Gulick, Sophia A.R. Hoenig and Aaron A. Walter.

In Chester, Hoenig was named All Conference Football Lineman while playing with the Chester Yellow Jackets High School. He attended Monmouth College, University of Illinois (B.S. & M.S.) and University of California, Berkeley (Ph. D.) and worked as a Ceramic Engineer at Argonne National Laboratory and Lawrence Livermore Laboratory until retirement in 1992. He was an honored Fellow in the American Ceramic Society and published several papers in that Journal.

He was one of the founders of Save All Valley Environments (SAVE) in 1971. He recalls that this was the first initiative drive in Livermore or Pleasanton. The grassroots movement attracted national attention. He remained active in efforts to preserve the character of the Valley throughout the remainder of his life.

Hoenig was also an advocate for those who were less fortunate and was supportive of the arts.

There will be no funeral or memorial services at his request. Contributions in his memory can be given to the Salvation Army and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

## Fred Davis

Fred Davis passed away at home with his wife Rebecca at his side on the evening of January 28, 2013.

Born in Pittsburgh, PA, December 8, 1935, son of Theresa and Frederick L. Davis, where he resided until moving to California in 1974 to work at Robert Parker Research in Livermore. In 1981 he was

able to start his own company, Davis Liquid Crystals, Inc. in San Leandro. His company manufactured material that changed color to temperature. One product was the film used for the mood ring of the 80's. He sold his company in 1999 looking forward to retirement.

Fred served in the Army from 1958 to 1965. He is survived by his first wife, Agnes Ross, mother of their three daughters, Deborah Davis, Laura Carter (Jeffery Carter, deceased) and Jeannine Davis. He also leaves stepdaughter, Nanette Sposito (Kenny) and stepson, George Lucido, Jr., and sister, Carole Smith (Roger). He was blessed with 7 grandchildren, Mark Cosgrove (Melissa), Danielle Carter, Jeffery Carter, Jr., Michael Davis, Kayla Gummus, Kara Petak, Aaron Petak and Christian Spostio; and, the proud great-grandfather of five.

A Celebration of His Life will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA on February 9, 2013 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Our Savior Lutheran Ministries. Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Ramon Lujan Armendariz, a Newark resident for 41 years entered into rest Tuesday, January 29, 2013. He was born July 24, 1924 in Villalopez, Chihuahua, Mexico. He worked for 20 years for National Steel in Newark. Tata as he was known to his family, loved horses, Mariachi music, old cowboy movies and the company of his grandchildren and loved ones. He was affectionate, devoted, generous, admired and a loving man.

His survivors include his dedicated and loving wife of 63 years Jovita Armendariz; 9 children, Grace and Ernie Hernandez of Madera, CA, Mary and Clay Felicitas of Livermore, CA, Lorenzo and Nancy Armendariz of Modesto, CA, Ramon and Raquel Armendariz of Tucson, Arizona, Yolanda Armendariz of Fremont, CA, Victor and Lenore Armendariz of San Jose, CA, Eva and David Cardenas of Madera, CA, Delia and Sammy Reyes of Stockton, CA, and Andy Armendariz of Stockton, CA; brother Roberto Armendariz of Fon-

## Ramon Lujan Armendariz

tana, CA; 25 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren. The celebration of Life Service will be Saturday, February 9 at 1:00 P.M. at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550 (925) 447-2942. Flower arrangements that could be donated can also be sent to Callaghan Mortuary. We Love You Tata! Psalms 128:1-4

## Thomas S. Reichard

Thomas "mot" S. Reichard, 71, of Livermore, CA, passed away Jan. 28, 2013 from lung cancer. Family and many friends who miss him dearly were with him. He was a 46 year resident of

Livermore.

Thomas was born on July 17, 1941 in Reading, PA. to James Sr. and Beatrice (Hinkle) Reichard both of Allentown, PA.

He worked as a custodian for the LVSD. His true loves were music, trivia, humor, dice, beer, bowling, and his children.

His son, Michael Thomas of Livermore, and daughter Christine Lynn Woods (Bobby), of Stockton, survive him along with his siblings of Lehigh Valley, PA: Peg Wittman (Richard), James Jr. (Leitia), Leo, Catherine Bybel (Theodore), Kenneth, and William.

His parents and Brother Raymond Reichard of Allentown, PA predeceased him.

A Celebration of Life will be on Sun., Feb. 10, 12 pm, at the V & E Club, 2071 1st St., Livermore. Please record a RSVP at (209) 688-8428.

## David Lawrence Hanks Jr.

David Lawrence Hanks Jr., 54, former resident of Livermore, CA, died December 4, 2012 at his home in Centennial, CO.

David was born April 8, 1958, in Livermore, CA to David Sr. and Patricia (Scott) Hanks. He was a longtime resident of Livermore and had recently moved to CO to be near his son who is serving in the Army. He graduated from Livermore High School in 1976 and proudly served in the

United States Navy and Army Reserve. While serving his country David lived all over the world and loved sharing stories from his military days.

David worked as a heavy equipment mechanic throughout his career and was a member of the Teamsters Local 70. He was fun loving and had an incredible sense of humor. David was a dedicated father and loving husband.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 31 years, Julie Hanks; daughter, Melinda Rusconi, son-in-law, Greg Rusconi; son, Sean Hanks, daughter-in-law, Kelsey Hanks; son, Scott Hanks; sister, Pamela Fuller & brother-in-law, Chris Fuller.

He was preceded in death by his parents David Sr. and Patricia Hanks; nephew, John Fuller; and granddaughter, Ava Hanks his "peanut." David will be interned next to his parents at Memory Gardens in Livermore, CA.

Services will be held Friday, February 15, 2013 at 1PM, Callaghan Mortuary 3833 East Avenue, Livermore, CA. This will be a joint service to also celebrate the life of David's Granddaughter, Ava Victoria Hanks (12/31/11-1/15/12).

## Richard Ivan Joslin

Dec. 20, 1948-Jan. 28, 2013 Resident of Livermore

Our loving Father, Husband, and "Papa," Richard Ivan Joslin, 64, of Livermore, passed Monday, January 28, 2013 of natural causes.

Our Dad was born to the late Carl and Katie Joslin, December 20, 1948, in Dallas, TX. Richard was a father to three beautiful girls, his oldest Ashley Joslin Lombardo, middle child Alexandra Joslin, and youngest Alanna Joslin. Richard was also a "Papa" to his two favorite angels, Khloe Lain Lombardo and her little sister Lola Gray Lombardo.

Richard graduated from University of Texas, majoring in Architecture. He also was accepted in the Pre Med Program, but decided his love was Architecture and went back and earned extra credentials in Architecture. After graduating he drove to San Francisco where he started working in his profession and was very successful. He designed buildings from San Francisco to Los Angeles, also working in Construction Management in Silicon Valley. Our Father worked very hard to

provide a wonderful life for his family and he loved what he did.

Four months after moving to San Francisco our Dad met his love our mother Kathleen. Kathleen worked at a boutique in the city and our Dad would walk by every day till he had the courage to ask her out. Thirty-six years later they are still married.

Our Dad was a man of strength. He was a fighter in life. His heart was full of kindness and generosity. All he wanted in life was to give his family everything. He was loved by many and will be missed by many. But, he now lives on in his three girls. We will hold his memories close to our hearts forever.

The family is requesting that donations be made to Valley Humane Society of Pleasanton. Please go to [www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org) click: How to Help, click In Memory Of: Richard Joslin. Richard was a lover of animals & donated his time to helping out animal shelters. He would have loved to have done more for them.

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Michael Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore, CA on Friday, February 8, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Arrangements by Holy Angels.

## Josie Treva Anderson

Josie Treva Anderson, 86-year-old Livermore resident of 56 years, passed away January 29, 2013. She was born September 16, 1926 in Arkansas

to Ellis and Myrtle Huckaba. She is survived by her three children, Evelyn

Johnson of Oregon, James (Sonny) Anderson and

Elizabeth Weight both of California, and two brothers, James (Red) Huckaba of Sacramento and Louis Burrow of Livermore. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, two step-great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, and many nieces and nephews in various states. Treva was predeceased by her loving husband James (in November 2012); three sisters, Christine Hill of Arkansas, Eudean (Dee) Jones and Darlene Higdon both of California; one brother, William (Bud) Burrow of Oregon; and two stepbrothers, Leonard and Cecil Burrow.

Treva displayed a high work ethic at any position she held. Her two favorite jobs were tile-pattern setting in Arkansas and filling orders for Scholastic Books in Pleasanton. She also enjoyed working in the food service industry at LLNL and AT&T cafeterias. She, like her husband, enjoyed bowling as a family recreation. Over the years she also enjoyed sewing, quilting, crocheting, and knitting for family and friends.

She was an avid supporter of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren in their extracurricular activities (sports and drama). She was a wonderful, strong woman who loved her family and was an inspiration to them all. Although she will be dearly missed by family and friends, all know, after more than 70 years together, that she wanted to be with James in Heaven.

Memorial service will be held at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore, CA, Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. Following the service she and her husband will be entombed at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery located at Gustine, CA on what would have been James' 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.



where he resided until moving to California in 1974 to work at Robert Parker Research in Livermore. In 1981 he was

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## FACILITIES

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budget shortages. That work totals approximately \$13.9 million.

The second level considers low-cost, high-impact projects, which total \$85.6 million. Another \$13.4 million in projects would accommodate career technical education (CTE) for the academies at high schools and middle schools. They would draw on state funds.

At Level 3, medium-cost, short-range projects over the next 5 years are addressed, totaling \$204 million.

The highest cost projects are at Level 4, a period 6 to 10 years out. The projects at this level are estimated at \$187.6 million.

The estimates of all four levels total less than \$506 million because of approximation in rounding out numbers in the millions.

Projects on campuses are located in all of the four levels. There is no "do one campus at a time" approach.

### NEW SCHOOL NEED DEBATED

Broken out from the total sum is how much the district would pay to accommodate growth. The cost is estimated at \$50 million, with the largest figure \$37 million for a new elementary school. It is projected for the next six to 10 years.

The need for a new elementary school was the center of attention from the only two audience members who addressed the board. Pleasanton attorney Peter MacDonald spoke for West Coast apartment developer BRE, which has approval for more than 500 units in Hacienda Business Park.

MacDonald said that even if the district demographer's report were correct in saying that all 2150 future units would be built in the next 10 years, elementary school attendance will decline from 6300 in 2011 to 6200 in 2021.

The district doesn't need to build another school, said MacDonald. The children of Baby Boomers will be out of the schools in 10 years. Elementary school enrollment will be receding.

"The (district's) demographer is telling you, you don't need a new school. One won't be built any more than Neal School is ever going to be built. Pleasanton is just about built out. That's the reality," said MacDonald.

"BRE is willing to pay way more than the legal maximum (development impact) fees, but the district needs to show BRE how the fees would be applied to meet the reasonable facilities needs of the school district," he said.

### MAKING CASE FOR SCHOOL

Julie Testa, an advocate for more than a decade to limit school site enrollment size, and to provide larger campuses, said, "The schools are tremendously overcrowded. Neal school should have been built long ago. I think we need more than one new elementary school."

"I'm disappointed that the Facilities Master Plan does not reflect how overcrowded the schools are," said Testa. She read from the California Department of Education (CDE) guidelines which set 600 students as a maximum for elementary, 1200 for middle school, and 2400 for "megalarge high schools."

Amador Valley High School currently has an enrollment of 2629 on a 40 acre site, though the CDE says there should be a minimum of 60 acres for a campus with that enrollment number, she said.

Adequate campus size is important to provide enough space for girls' sports that are played at the same time boys' sports are played, said Testa. With a bigger campus, band and music programs would not contend with each other for an area to practice, nor would cheerleaders and the basketball program fight over space, she said.

School Superintendent Ahmadi said that with the enrollment the district has now, it already needs another school. With nine elementary schools and 6248 students, the district is at an average of almost 700 per school, far above the 600 set out in the city's general plan and an earlier district document that researched developer fees. "That's why we are talking about a 10th elementary school," she said.

### BUILDING WHOLE PLAN UNLIKELY

Speaking to the likelihood that not everything in the plan will be built, notably because of the total expense, board president Jeff Bowser, said that the plan suggests a campus performing arts center at Foothill.

The facility would take away some of the parking area. That would trigger construction of a \$9 million parking structure. Reaching that high level is "a little aspirational," but the cost would bring the idea down to earth, he said.

"I'd like to have a Tesla (electric car) some day, but I'm probably not going to get one," said Bowser.

Ahmadi said that if the district did not have a wish list, its vision about what could be done would be limited. She compared it to the national accountability required by No Child Left Behind, which requires all students to be competent, with no excuses allowed to the school district.

Aspiring to that vision, the district has continually elevated its plans to make sure that all students are performing with competence. If there were no vision to attain, it wouldn't happen, said Ahmadi.

### REASONS FOR FACILITIES PLAN

The FMP received input from more than 500 people in the community and the district. The same sort of process was used to create the district's Strategic Master Plan, which is focused on delivering all of the re-

sources -- academic goals and support, counseling, and various programs -- that are needed to help students be successful.

Several factors are driving adoption of the FMP. One is the need to provide upgraded facilities for the new core curriculum that will be in place in California in three years.

Classrooms with new configurations are envisioned to fit in with flexible styles of teaching, especially in-class cooperative, project-driven assignments.

Another need is the replacement of older facilities or upgrading of them in regard to windows, lighting, roofs, HVAC systems and the like. The district has been deferring maintenance, keeping it to passable levels, over the past five years, because of the state budget shortage.

Many schools are now aging, and need some replacements. Updating HVAC and insulation can result in daily operating savings on power. State money through last year's Proposition 39 can help finance those improvements.

The other big consideration is growth. The board will have to decide about how to accommodate the growth that will occur, now that Pleasanton's growth cap was nullified as the result of a lawsuit.

The city is putting together its East Side Plan. In addition, Hacienda Park transit-oriented development has already been approved.

### DISTRICT AUDIT 'MOST FAVORABLE'

The board also heard Sarah Fiehler, representing the accounting firm of Christy White, report that the audit of the district's books has resulted in an "unqualified" opinion. "It is the most favorable opinion that can be issued," she said.

## BIRDS

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EDF Renewable Energy (formerly enXco) of a new turbine, FloDesign, could reduce bird deaths even further than previous replacement turbines installed over the past few years. The first replacement turbines were much taller than the 1980s turbines, have slower blades to give birds better warning, and produce more power per turbine than the originals, which means fewer of them are needed.

FloDesign, is about the same size as the early turbines. It produces about the same amount of power, but is reported to be less deadly to birds, because it has a shroud around the edges of the blades. The shroud design is also capable of reducing noise, according to EDF.

Mike Lynes, executive director of the Golden Gate Audubon Society, has attended every meeting of the SRC. He said that with such a complicated process of discerning statistics on bird

## MAILBOX

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children, I am always very cautious around others practicing baseball as the effects of being hit in the head by a baseball could be devastating. I urge other parents to be mindful and proactive as well by simply saying "your child has a great swing, would you mind moving farther that way or to the baseball diamond just in case a ball were to come in this direction."

If you are practicing baseball at the park, please be aware of your surroundings and use the baseball diamond if it is available.

### Restricted Speech Julie Testa Pleasanton

So much for freedom of speech and welcoming public input:

Pleasanton School District officially changed their board policy to restrict speakers from five to three minutes. At three minutes and one second a metaphorical trapdoor opens, effectively quieting concerned residents like myself. At the 1/29/2013 board meeting two public speakers were given a total of six minutes to address a \$500 million school facilities plan that will be used to support hundreds of millions of dollars in future bond taxes. Trustees and staff continue to have unlimited time to pontificate and self congratulate.

I used three minutes, condensing 20 years of advocacy, addressing my concern for PUSD's seriously overcrowded campuses. My message was that the community should not support a facilities plan, with a 500 million dollar price tag, that leaves our schools shame-

deaths, "it's never without controversy."

Lynes referred to the single "no" vote on the SRC, cast by Shawn Smallwood, who was coauthor of a 2004 report about raptor deaths in the Altamont.

Smallwood was concerned about some of the methodology used for the report, said Lynes. "He was not convinced that there was the scientific rigor to make the statement there has been a 50 percent decline. He said there is a chance there may be a trend upward, toward more raptor mortality."

Other committee members had adequate confidence. "No one is saying that it's perfect. Each person is highly qualified, but could not all agree on the conclusion," said Lynes.

Lynes said that with well-qualified people disagreeing, "it's hard to figure out the truth. We decided at Audubon to put our faith in the Scientific Review Committee."

fully overcrowded by CDE State standards.

I had other concerns to express, such as the waste of \$250,000 paid to consultants for this Facilities Plan while Pleasanton's Eastside Plan is not yet developed, my confusion over the inflated cost of building an elementary school and discussions to build moveable wall classrooms that we spent millions of dollars to get rid of in the last facilities plan. I wanted to challenge PUSD's complicit acceptance of new growth students, who we have no space for, with an expectation that existing residents will pay a bond to fund the added burden of new growth, as well as the low student yield projections. I would have questioned why Pleasanton should support a plan for 500 million dollars when so many million dollars have been siphoned away from capital projects by the "Gift Agreement" and not effectively spent for facilities.

There is so much more that was not said but at three minutes Board President Bowser cut me off, his finger on the trapdoor button.

### Too Many Houses Ann Reichert Livermore

At the January 23 public meeting held by the Sunset Investment Company regarding the redevelopment of the Sunset Business Park only high density two and three story housing options were shown.

Besides affecting the immediate neighbors, enrollment at Sunset Elementary School and traffic on Conannon Blvd., I suspect that such a high density development will affect the property values of all South Livermore residents. A high density multi-story project is not appropriate in a single family neighborhood.

The Independent on January 24 stated that the City of Dublin is considering a maximum of 370 single family homes on 79 acres with 236 acres of open space for the Moller Ranch subdivision. Sunset Investment Company, on the other hand, is proposing up to 260 units on 13 acres. I would urge all residents to become informed and take an active part in the discussions about this redevelopment.

### Save Our Hill Helen Nelson Livermore

Thank you for your article of December 6, 2012, about the "Save Our Hill" neighborhood organization attempting to stop the proposed Garaventa Hills subdivision in North Livermore. One of the great things about living in Livermore is that

wherever one walks, bikes, or drives, there is almost always a view of natural and scenic hills. We can thank the many community leaders, including former editor and writer for the Independent newspaper, Robert Several, who had the foresight to work for the support of initiatives and measures to protect the hills in and around Livermore from being developed.

However, the proposed subdivision would devastate 31 acres of rolling, grassy hills north of Altamont Creek Elementary School in North Livermore. The construction would involve grading and moving 180,100 cubic yards of earth to build 76 houses, according to the Draft Environmental Impact Report of the project.

The hills slated for the Garaventa Hills development are a beloved part of the North Livermore neighborhood, as can be observed by the well-travelled paths encircling them. Recently, surrounding neighborhoods of the hills were canvassed to sign a petition against the proposed development and virtually every person contacted was vehemently opposed to it!

Furthermore, the plan to develop the hills is in direct violation of numerous policies of the current City of Livermore Plan, adopted in 2003. For example, Policy CC-1.1.P2 states, "The City shall permit no intensive development of the hills . . . Under no circumstances shall development create uniform, geometrically terraced building sites which are contrary to the natural landforms and which detract, obscure or negatively affect the visual quality of the landforms." Policy CC-1.1.P1 emphasizes that hills are off-limits to developers by stating, "The City shall allow no structural development in hillside areas involving skylines, ridgelines, or silhouettes". Plus, Policy CC-1.1.P11 says, "The City shall preserve and enhance . . . the following amenities: (a) Ridgelines . . . (c) Grasslands . . . (f) Knolls . . . (g) Hilltops . . . (l) Slopes . . . (m) Viewscapes. The area designated for development is protected under all of these aforementioned policies.

I hope that all of Livermore will stand with the North Livermore residents and help us protect the lovely and loved hills.

For more information or to become involved in protecting the hills, contact John Lindquist at StopGaraventa-Hills on Facebook or email Cindy Angers at saveourgaraventahill@gmail.com

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Signature of Registrants  
s/: Laurel Glass  
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Signature of Registrants  
s/: Martin Hernandez  
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s/: Fidel B. Torres, Owner/CEO  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 473876

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s/: Alan Moffat  
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s/: Gilbert P. Souza II  
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s/: Richard Garcia  
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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

**RICHARD A. VAN KONYENBURG**

Case No. RP13664323

1.To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **RICHARD A. VAN KONYENBURG, also known as RICHARD ARIE VAN KONYENBURG**

2.A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **DIANA G. VAN KONYENBURG** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ALAMEDA**.

3.The Petition for Probate requests that: **DIANA G. VAN KONYENBURG** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

4. (X) The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

5. (X) The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to

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6.A hearing on this petition will be held in the court as follows:

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Probate Branch  
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10.Attorney for Petitioner: **Terry L. Campbell SBN: 191908**

Attorney at Law **2125 Wylie Drive, Suite 7 Modesto, CA 95355 (209) 529-4800**

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Signature of Registrants: s/ Etelvina Garcia, LL Partnership

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 10, 2013. Expires January 10, 2018.

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# State Laws Impacting Real Estate Take Effect: Part 2

By Cher Wollard

In addition to regulations pertaining to all property owners, buyers and sellers, the California Legislature last year approved several laws that affect landlords and tenants, and which take effect this year.

These laws concern notification to tenants of property that is on the market or in danger of default, rent control for mobile home parks, and changes to health and safety requirements, among other issues.

According to the California Association of Realtors, these new regulations include:

- Several new laws are designed to ensure tenants and prospective tenants are properly notified when the home they are renting is in danger of foreclosure. Lenders are already required to post notices of pending trustee sales on the building and to mail notices to all occupants. They now are required to include both a statement of tenants' rights in the six languages most commonly spoken in California: English, Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Korean.

The Department of Consumer Affairs must make translations of the notice available on its website. These new rules take effect March 1 or 60 days after the DCA makes the notice available on its website, whichever is later. This law remains in effect through 2019.

- A similar bill requires that tenants be notified of their rights in all six languages after the foreclosure has been completed.
- Assembly Bill 1599 requires that foreclosure notices on residential properties of one-to-four units include a summary of information attached to any Notice of Default or notice of sale.

The summary plus the statement at the beginning of a NOD or notice sale which indicates the summary is attached must be in English, Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese and Korean. The Department of Corporation is required to issue translations of these summaries free-of-charge on its website at www.corp.ca.gov no later than April 1.

- Yet another new law requires that, through 2017, most prospective tenants be notified if the property they are looking to rent is in danger of foreclosure.

Senate Bill 1191 requires landlords of residential properties containing one-to-four units disclose in writing to prospective tenants the receipt of a notice of default that has not been rescinded, before executing a lease agreement. That written disclosure also must be in English, Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Korean.

- Once a property is foreclosed on, tenants with month-to-month leases must be given 90 days' notice to vacate the premises, according to Assembly Bill 2610, which runs through 2019.

Tenants with fixed-term leases can generally remain until the end of the lease term, even after foreclosure. The law provides four exceptions to this second requirement: 1. If the new owner intends to occupy the property as a primary residence; 2. if the tenant is the borrower or the borrower's child, spouse, or parent; 3. if the lease was not the result of an arms' length transaction; or 4. if the lease requires rent that is substantially below fair market rent, except under rent control or government subsidy. In these cases, the tenant can be evicted with 90 days' notice in most cases.

- Assembly Bill 2610 also adds protections for leases after foreclosure.

The burden of proof that tenants have been given adequate notice now falls on the buyer who purchases the property in the foreclosure sale. To ensure that tenants can present these defenses in court, AB 2610 also removes the 10-day deadline by which tenants must assert their tenancy rights.

- If a landlord seeks to sell a rental property, he or she used to be required to give 60 days' notice to month-to-month tenants who have resided in the residence for at least one year.

Now, however, once the landlord enters into a contract to sell the property, he or she can give a 30 day-notice to terminate tenancy, as certain requirements are met.

- In cases in which a tenant withholds rent because the owner or manger fails to meet obligations to the tenant (such as maintaining the dwelling in habitable condition), and the building is sold, the new owner or manager cannot evict that tenant for nonpayment of rent withheld during that period.

Once the required conditions have been met, however, the tenant will still be liable for the unpaid rent.

- In most circumstances, landlords must allow tenants to pay rent and security deposits by at least one form of payment other than cash or electronic funds transfer.

The exception is that a landlord can demand cash payments for up to three months if a tenant attempts to pay with a check that does not have sufficient funds or on which a stop payment has been made.

- Assembly Bill 1124 clarifies that a landlord or tenant qualifying for a utility energy savings assistance program or other program for heating and/or hot water system repair or replacement does not violate the basic habitability standard.

Owners are generally responsible for testing and maintaining smoke alarms in leased apartment complexes or other multifamily residential buildings. Apartment complexes no longer need to have a smoke detector in common stairwells.

- The law requiring anti-entrapment devices in public swimming pools and wading pools applies to those for use by residents of new or existing apartment complexes, residential developments and other multifamily residential areas.

Landlords and managers of property where tenants are allowed to have pets may not require that those animals be declawed or devocalized.

- Mobilehome parks that seek exemptions from local rent control ordinances for a rental agreement for more than one year are now required to give homeowners a 72-hour right to rescind after returning signed rental agreements to park management.

In mobilehome parks where rent control limitations do not apply to non-owner occupied units, the park management must notify prospective homeowners within two business days of receiving an application for residency in the park.

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

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## Police Department Offers Tips on How Residents Can Safeguard Their Homes

The Livermore Police Department has seen a recent increase in daytime residential burglaries. Officers who have investigated these cases have seen similar methods of operation concerning how suspects are entering homes. The following information is intended to assist citizens in protecting their property through crime prevention techniques and is based upon the information

gleaned from recent investigations.

- Do not leave any doors unlocked during the day or night. Some recent points of entry have been through unlocked side gates, unlocked side garage doors and / or unlocked interior garage doors.
- Trim trees and bushes that are blocking views to windows and doorways ensuring burglars do not have

areas to hide as they work to break in.

- Install alarm systems and video surveillance at your residences and network with neighbors who may have video surveillance already installed.
- Leave lights or televisions on during the day and night in order to give the appearance that someone is home.
- Always note suspi-

cious persons or vehicles in your neighborhoods, either reporting the incidents to LPD (non-emergency) or by keeping notes for future reference.

Most importantly, get to know neighbors. Know what vehicles and persons reside or belong in the area so that suspicious situations are more easily recognizable. The Livermore Police Department can assist in this through facilitation of a Neighborhood Watch program. Those interested in Neighborhood Watch programs should contact Nicole Aguon at (925) 371-4987.

Report suspicious persons and vehicles to the Livermore Police Department dispatch center (non-emergency) at (925) 371-4987.

Please be prepared to provide as much descriptive information as possible to include; race, height, weight, clothing, vehicle descriptions, license plate numbers, and other identify-

ing marks.

Any persons with information concerning the latest burglaries may leave an anonymous message at

925-294-7506. Please provide as much information as possible in reference to suspects and how the information is known.

## World Series Trophies Will Be Displayed at Community Center

The San Francisco Giants' World Series trophies will be coming to Livermore.

President Maryalice Faltings made that announcement at last week's meeting of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors.

The 2010 and 2012 trophies will be displayed at the Robert Livermore Community Center on Sat., March 2 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. "It will be a treat for all the local fans," declared Faltings.

The public will have an opportunity to have their photo taken with the trophies and make an optional donation to LARPD's Junior Giants program. There will be no admission charge. The Community Center is located at 4444 East Avenue.

In actions taken by the board, the vote was to accept the installation of the synthetic turf system at Robertson Park sports fields as complete.

The AstroTurf system converted the former sand-based fields into all-weather synthetic turf that could be used by leagues year-round. Acceptance of the installation authorizes the General Manager to file a Notice of Completion with Alameda County.

LARPD Foundation President Diane Gardner presented a report on the foundation's activities. The presentation included a demonstration by Park Ranger Patti Cole on the new Trikke, an open three-wheeled vehicle, used for patrolling the parks. The foundation made the purchase of this new environmentally friendly patrol vehicle possible.

The foundation provides scholarships for low income residents; oversees the pur-



Ranger Patti Cole demonstrates the Trikke.

chase of memorials such as trees and benches; and provides funds to the district to make purchases of needed items.

Donations can be made to the foundation for specific items or for general use.

In other news, the District announced that it has part-

nered with TV30 to provide footage of LARPD's facilities and parks for "Today in America," a TV show hosted by Terry Bradshaw. The taping included lacrosse at the new Robertson Park fields and the glimpsing of a coyote at Sycamore Grove Park.

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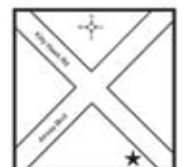
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# THE INDEPENDENT • SECTION A

## World of Webber Offers A Cabaret Tribute to the Songs of Andrew Lloyd Webber



Tielle Baker, Kyle Martin, and Kelly Brandeburg to perform.

Songs from the epic Broadway musicals *Evita*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Cats*, and *Sunset Boulevard* are among the many gems of mega-composer Andrew Lloyd Webber to be featured in an intimate cabaret-style concert.

National performers Tielle Baker, Kelly Brandeburg, and Broadway star Kyle Martin join music director and pianist Evan Alparone on the Firehouse Arts Center's stage on Sunday, February 17, at 2:00 p.m.

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

The World of Webber showcases three veteran stage talents. They have come together for this special performance, and reflect the incredible range of Lloyd Webber's musical genius:

Tielle Baker is a musical theatre and opera star who has appeared in over 50 productions with over 20 different companies, including performances at the Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, and in international music festivals in Italy and Germany. Familiar to Bay Area theater-goers, her performances have been described as "absolutely on fire and entertaining in every way," according to Voice of Opera.

Kelly Brandeburg performs on stages throughout the country, and among her long list of theater credits are starring roles in *Jekyll & Hyde*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *The Secret Garden*. She holds musical theatre degrees from both the American Musical & Dramatic Academy and the New School University in

New York.

Audiences will recognize Kyle Martin from his starring role as the "Piano Man" in the Billy Joel/Twyla Tharp Broadway smash hit musical "Movin' Out" during the 2007-2009 National Tour. Kyle has performed with artists such as Jaci Velasquez, Rosey Grier, Natalie Grant, and many others. In addition he continues to thrill concert-goers with his band "JOEL" and their tribute to the piano man's great music. "Kyle Martin isn't just good, he's spectacular!" —Reno Gazette-Journal.

Musical director Evan Alparone brings his considerable background as conductor and accompanist to the show. He has worked on over 35 musicals, including recent productions with Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre,

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Chiara String Quartet

## Quartet's Program Spans the 18th, 19th and 20th Centuries

Del Valle Fine Arts continues its 33rd annual concert season with the Chiara String Quartet on Saturday February 16, at 8:00 pm in the Bankhead Theater.

"Chiara" is Italian for "clear." The ensemble is known for bringing fresh excitement to the traditional repertoire while creating insightful interpretations of new music.

Chiara's Del Valle program spans the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. The evening begins, logically, with Haydn, who more or less invented the string quartet form. His Op. 76 No. 5 quartet is a late work, notable for a beautiful central Largo which dominates the piece. The second piece, from 1976, is "Ainsi la Nuit" by French composer Henri

Dutilleux (still composing today at age 96!). It is an unusual work in seven sections, each highlighting "special effects" of the string instruments: pizzicato, glissando, harmonics, dynamic contrasts and the like. The program concludes with a romantic masterwork of the 19th Century, Johannes Brahms's String Quartet in

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## Jim Curry Performs “Take Me Home,” a Tribute to the Songs of John Denver at the Bankhead

Considered one of the best tribute singers today, Jim Curry brings the music of the legendary singer/songwriter John Denver to the Bankhead Theater in “Take Me Home.”

Denver’s songs such as “Rocky Mountain High,” “Sunshine on My Shoulders,” and “Calypso” won the hearts of millions as they soared to the top of the charts in the 1970s. Jim Curry’s voice bears a striking resemblance to Denver’s and he shares a similar clean-cut look, warm stage presence and genuine love of nature.

“Take Me Home” starring Jim Curry will be at the Bankhead Theater for one performance only on Tuesday evening, February 12, 2013. Tickets range from \$34 to \$54 for adults and \$14 for students.

Long before his untimely death in 1997, John Denver had already become one of America’s top recording artists of all time. Over his three decade career, he released 30 albums including more than a dozen that achieved gold or platinum status and he scored numerous hit songs on the popular, country and contemporary charts. His signature song “Take Me Home, Country Roads” was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 1998. Written largely in the 1960s and 1970s, Denver’s lyrics about war and the environment remain relevant today and his deeply-felt messages about caring for each other and for the planet are truly timeless. Jim Curry brings the same sensibilities to Denver’s music, delivering his songs with true sincerity and heart.



Jim Curry

Even at an early age, Jim Curry’s voice and style resembled that of John Denver. A song Curry wrote and performed for his senior play in high school won

him a college scholarship to study music. While there, he also studied commercial art and he began his work life in advertising design, later building a successful sign making business with his wife. In the late 1990s, Curry discovered a renewed interest in music and landed a part singing the off-camera voice of John Denver in the CBS television movie “Take Me Home: The John Denver Story.” Although it was only a small part, Curry found the songs fit his voice perfectly and he became inspired to pursue his music full-time.

In “Take Me Home,” Jim Curry has developed a special tribute performance that recreates the experience of hearing John Denver at the peak of his popularity, singing such favorites as

“Annie’s Song” and “Thank God I’m a Country Boy.” Whether singing alone, with a band, or accompanied by a symphony orchestra, Jim Curry has sold out venues across the United States and Canada, giving John Denver fans both old and new the opportunity to celebrate the lasting legacy of an American music icon.

Tickets for “Take Me Home” starring Jim Curry on February 12 and for all remaining performances in the 2012-2013 LVPAC Presents season are available now through the Bankhead Theater box office.

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

To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800 or visit [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org)

## Bill Harley Brings Two Signature Shows to the Firehouse

Two-time Grammy winning musician, storyteller, and author Bill Harley is back in Pleasanton with two different shows; a matinee for youngsters and the family, and an evening show for grown-ups.

Fresh off his nomination for a third Grammy for Best Children’s Album of the Year for “High Dive and Other Things That Could Have Happened,” Harley brings his signature brand of genuine and irreverent wit and wisdom to the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton on Saturday, February 16. The matinee for youngsters and families is 2:00 p.m., and the “Grown-Ups” show is 8:00 p.m.

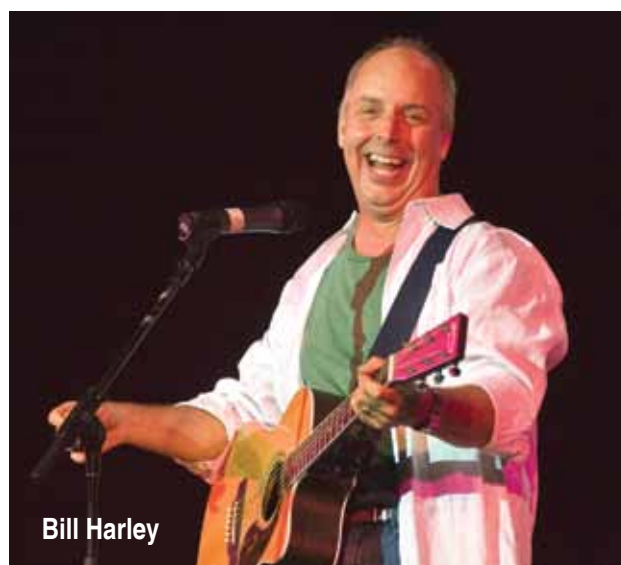
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from the RI Council for the Humanities and recent TED Talk favorite, Bill uses song and story to paint a vibrant and hilarious picture of growing up, schooling and family life. His work spans the generation gap, reminds us of our common humanity and challenges us to be our very best selves. A prolific author and recording artist, Bill is also a regular commentator for NPR’s “All Things Considered” and featured on PBS. He joined the National Storytelling Network’s Circle of Excellence in 2001 and tours nationwide as an author, performing artist and keynote speaker. According to Mothering Magazine review, “No one beats Harley for intelligent, polished children’s entertain-

ment – he’s simply the best.”

Bill began singing and storytelling in 1975 while still in college. His work has influenced a generation of children, parents, performing artists and educators. Bill’s songs are joyous, direct and honest; his stories are filled with the details of daily life – all told and sung from his slightly off-center point of view. Examples of “Bill’s Rules of the Universe” include: “Everything takes longer than you think,” and “All children should be given a ukulele when they’re born.”

Producing and authoring award-winning recordings and books since 1984, Bill’s trademark wit and wisdom can be found in his picture books and novels for chil-



Bill Harley

dren. His novel, *Night of the Spadefoot Toads*, was awarded the Green Earth Book Award as best envi-

ronmental book of the year in the children’s fiction category. His picture books, based on his songs, stories

and poems also stand out as ‘pick of the list’ from ABA and a Storytelling Award Winner. An advocate for children and educators, Bill is currently at work on a book about the culture of schools.

“Bill Harley has the uncanny ability to reaffirm life for listeners, be they five or fifty. Humor, empathy, intelligence and reality all radiate from his work and from him,” quoted from Penguin Books. “Humor is my weapon,” says Harley.

Tickets are \$10 for the matinee, and \$10, \$15, \$20 for the evening show. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by calling the 925-931-4848, or at the box office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.



# Cuban Music Coming to the Bankhead



The All Stars have been a multigenerational group from the very beginning. In recent years they have added a number of young, musicians whose originality and innovative style bring new energy and character to the band's unique sound.

The music of Cuba, a jewel island of the Caribbean, is an enchanting blend of styles and genres. While rooted in the rhythms of Africa and Spain, Cuban music also reflects other musical influences from around the world. Rhythmic and soulful at once, the syncopated sound of Afro-Cuban music is nothing if not danceable—bolero, cha-cha, salsa, rumba, and above all, danzon, the national dance of Cuba.

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

Juan de Marcos and the Afro-Cuban All Stars (pictured above) will perform a 7:30 p.m. concert on February 14 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

Juan de Marcos and the Afro-Cuban All Stars have sparked a worldwide infatuation with the diversity and vitality of Cuban music. The 14-piece big band members are ambassadors of a unique musical style that melds influences from classic son montuno and contemporary timba, to swinging big band and Afro-Cuban jazz. Their broad appeal has earned them four Grammy Award nominations.

The roots of the Afro-Cuban All Stars began in the 1990s when band leader Juan de Marcos Gonzales began to bring the classic Cuban sound to international attention through the release of two albums. The popularity of his second album, *The Buena Vista Social Club* featuring some of the most celebrated artists of Cuba, inspired them to go on tour internationally as the Afro-Cuban All Stars.

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# 'Princess Ida' - A Perfect Production Coming to Livermore

by Susan Steinberg

England, eat your heart out! "Princess Ida," presented by the Lamplighters, an AMERICAN theater group, was voted the best Gilbert and Sullivan production at England's own International G and S Competition. Now the company is bringing this prize-winning performance to Livermore's Bankhead Theater for one glorious weekend.

This reviewer, an unabashed Lamplighter fan for 50+ years, traveled to San Francisco last week to enjoy "Ida" at the Yerba Buena Center. It was certainly worth the trip. An all-star cast, sumptuous production, lush Sullivan score, and one of Gilbert's wittiest librettos made this lesser-known show a rare treat. Now I can't wait to see it again here in Livermore.

The subject itself is intriguing. While the idea of higher education for women was being seriously discussed in intellectual circles, Britain's Alfred, Lord Tennyson wrote a long poem titled "The Princess," describing a high-minded noblewoman founding a university exclusively for females. Curmudgeonly W. S. Gilbert scoffed at the idea, but saw in it a great subject for a new operetta.

Gilbert's Princess Ida, betrothed as an infant to the Prince of a neighboring kingdom, balks at being merely a diplomatic marriage pawn. She defiantly decamps to a stronghold appropriately named Castle Adamant, and devotes her energy to educating like-minded women, who have foresworn men, and concentrate on developing their superior female brains. It sounds rather like an intellectual convent, with daily invocations to Minerva, Goddess of Wisdom.

These proto-feminists inspire some of Gilbert's sharpest mockery. A favorite example: all the poultry is feminine, and even the



Pictured are Robert Vann as Prince Hilarion (double cast with David Sasse) and Rick Williams as King Gama. Photo by Lucas Buxman

crowning is done by "an accomplished hen."

The songs are equally satirical. Sweet-faced, sweet-voiced Rose Frazier, the precocious Professor of Humanities, is asked by her students to explain the creature known as Man. Her lecture begins "Man will swear and Man will storm - Man is not at all good form." and concludes "Man's a ribald, Man's a rake, Man is Nature's sole mistake."

In another scene, she relates the story of an ugly ape wooing a beautiful highborn lady. His attempts at "aping" a gentleman's appearance fail, so he resorts to calling himself "Darwinian Man" (a sure-fire laugh-getter then and now). "But," as Psyche relates, "it would not do, the scheme fell through. . . a Man, however well-behaved, at best is only a monkey shaved."

Unfortunately for Ida's serene society, her betrothed, Prince Hilarion, awaits her promised arrival at the estate of his father, King Hildebrand. When Ida's father, King

Gama arrives with no bride, Hildebrand is furious about this "chit of a girl" thwarting his dynastic plans, and orders Gama imprisoned.

Veteran Savoyard Rick Williams gives his finest performance as the comically dyspeptic Gama. Nasty, gnarled, and deliciously malicious, he can't understand how he's so unpopular. After all, he boasts, "To everybody's prejudice I know a thing or two; I can tell a woman's age in half a minute - and I DO! But to benefit humanity however much I plan, yet everybody says I'm such a disagreeable man! And I can't think why!"

Ever-inventive Artistic Director Barbara Heroux has endowed this patter-song (and every other moment of the performance) with the creative stage business that elevates a good show into a great one. This reviewer, having seen all previous "Ida" stagings, could hardly keep track of all the clever new bits that have enhanced an already-excellent production. (One well-remembered

asset of "Ida," the sumptuous sets and gorgeous medieval costumes designed by the late great John Gilkerson, are still impressively magnificent.)

The production boasts a top-notch cast, making the most of every memorable line. Old Gama's three loutish sons, played to the deadpan hilt of muscle-bound stupidity, are led by Charles Martin, remembered as the swash-buckling Pirate King. In his booming deep voice, he presents a hilariously laconic introduction: "We are warriors three, sons of Gama Rex. Like most sons are we, masculine in sex." How can he keep such a straight face as he declares, "Politics we bar, they are not our bent; on the whole we are not intelligent," while the entire audience is convulsing with laughter in front of him?

Equally memorable is the romantic/heroic Prince Hilarion, perfectly embodied by mellifluous tenor Robert Vann (alternating with David Sass). Idealistically faithful to his infant pledge, he sets off to woo

his reluctant bride, accompanied by friends Florian (a sharp-witted Chris Uzelac) and Cyril (a sweet but sappy Michael Desnoyers). Disguising themselves as "maidens" seeking an education, they are admitted to Ida's university, with hilarious results.

It is difficult to decide which is funnier - their simpering and skipping in woman's gowns, or their mocking songs about the "knowledge" the students are trying to obtain: "They've a fully-rooted notion they can cross the Polar Ocean, and they'll find Perpetual Motion if they can." Finally, "Each newly-joined aspirant... must repudiate the tyrant known as Man. They mock at him and flout him... and they're going to do without him if they can."

Upon meeting Ida, Hilarion is not only lovestruck by her beauty, but also impressed by her high-minded ideals and noble goals. And well he might be, as Jennifer Ashworth, (Ida), is one of the company's finest singing actresses in memory. The purity of her heartfelt invocation to Minerva is a true musical gem, as is her sweetly-sad lament, "The world is but a broken toy", sung with unornamented lyricism. The result is ravishing.

Ida's radiant smile and genial nature are in stark contrast to her second-in-command, the grim Lady Blanche, Professor of Abstract Science, who delights only in meting out stern punishments and is chafing under Ida's benevolent leadership. Her dry pedantic style and priggish personality, especially in the wonderfully supercilious characterization by Cary Ann Rosco, make her a perfect target of Gilbert's satire. When her daughter Melissa (a delightful Michele Schroeder) urges her mother to wink at the presence of MEN, she responds tartly, "I haven't winked at

anything in years," and tries again and again to regain that skill, with increasingly risible results.

Ida, however, is not about to wink at Hilarion's deception, and orders him to prison, despite his bravery in saving her from drowning, and his meltingly romantic love song, though admitting that she finds him tall, handsome, and very attractive. At that critical moment, however, an impatiently irascible King Hildebrand storms the castle with his army, vowing war unless Ida agrees to her bridal contract. It is a plum role for magisterial baritone Will Nealy, and he plays it with great panache.

Like her castle, Ida is Adamant, even when her brothers, in an endearingly clunky chorus, state that Hildebrand is ready to execute them, assuring her stolidly, "Our interests we would not press with chatter. Three hulking brothers more or less don't matter."

Her father, King Gama, also appeals for sympathy as he describes how Hildebrand has tortured him mercilessly. He has been given everything he desires, and everyone smiles agreeably at his nastiest remarks, making him absolutely miserable. As he laments, "Oh, don't the days seem lank and long when all goes right and nothing goes wrong, and isn't your life extremely flat with nothing whatever to grumble at!"

Still unwilling to submit to an arranged marriage, Ida determines to defend her realm, relying on her well-trained female army. They sing with impressive ferocity at first, but soon admit they'd rather plead, "Oh, please sir, do not hurt us" as they break formation and hide. So Gilbert has the final word: women, after all, are still weak, frail, and fearful creatures, unable to challenge Man's place as the Stronger Sex. In fact, they are quite ready to pair up

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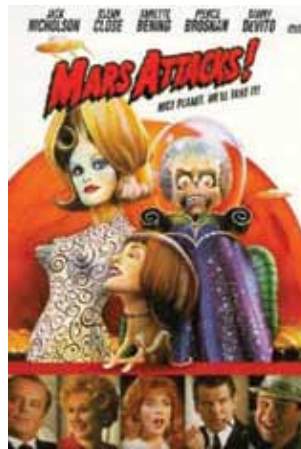
## Mars Attacks! at the Vine

Livermore's Vine Cinema, 1722 First Street in Livermore, will present a special free showing of the movie *Mars Attacks!* as part of the Livermore Public Library's *Livermore Reads Together* series. The movie will be shown at noon on Saturday, February 9, 2013.

*Mars Attacks!* is a quirky science fiction comedy by director Tim Burton that harkens back to the deadpan sincerity of classic '50s and '60 science fiction films as *The Day the Earth Stood Still* and *War of the Worlds*. Flying saucers have been reliably seen over the capitals of the world. The whole world waits with bated breath to see what will transpire. Among those waiting is the President of the United States (Jack Nicholson), who is assured by his sci-

ence advisor (Pierce Brosnan) that the coming aliens are utterly peaceful. This advice is hotly contested by the military (led by Rod Steiger), who advises the President to annihilate them. When the aliens land, they are seen to be green, garish, and very cheerful. But appearances prove deceiving when the "friendly" aliens abruptly disintegrate the entire U.S. Congress. Hollywood notables appear in vast quantities in roles (and sub-plots) of all sizes in this zany feature.

This program is part of *Livermore Reads Together*, a community-wide reading program featuring Mary Roach's *Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life in the Void*. *Livermore Reads Together* is hosting free events for children and



adults during the month of February 2013. Copies of books and event schedules are available at all Livermore Public Library locations. *Livermore Reads Together* is sponsored by The Friends of the Livermore Library. For additional events check the library's website at [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

## Readers' Theater Performs 'Packing for Mars'

Readers' Theater of Shakespeare's Associates performs *Packing for Mars*, 7 p.m. on Tues., Feb. 12 at the Livermore Library.

Readers' Theater goes behind-the-scenes to the human side of adventures into the void. From the romance of space to the absurd, *Packing for Mars* demonstrates that astronauts

are real people too. Volunteers from Shakespeare's Associates offer this readers' theater rendition of *Packing for Mars*. Directed by Donna Blevins.

The library is located at 1188 South Livermore Ave. There is no charge to attend.

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## PRINCESS IDA

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with the men they've been taught to despise and "do without."

The noble Hilarion, unwilling to lead his soldiers against the women, proposes a solution: he and his friends will fight Ida's three brothers to decide the day. After a brief battle, a surprise ending finds all resolved happily, with Ida admitting her love, and Hilarion magnanimously granting her the freedom to pursue her goals. Her only regret is that with her noble plan a failure, posterity will not exalt her name in gratitude. Both kings, now genially agreed, point out that if she had prevailed,

where would that Posterity come from? Her intellectual appreciation of their rational argument allows her brain to support her heart's decision. As the Mikado might have opined, "Nothing could be more satisfactory."

This perfect family show will be playing for only two performances, Saturday Feb 9, at 8 p.m. and Sunday Feb 10, at 2 p.m. at Livermore's Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. To enjoy the internationally-acclaimed production, contact the box office at 925-373-6800 or [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org). This reviewer will be there for a second viewing of the irresistible "Princess Ida."

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Princess Ida and Prince Hilarion are sworn to marry when they come of age but Ida refuses and has gone off to start a women's university where she teaches that man - not woman, just man - is descended from apes. Romantic Hilarion and two friends disguise themselves as women in order to enroll and get close to her...

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## Talk Looks at Science from Space

Bill Craig from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory will present *Why Do Science From Space?* during a program starting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 10, 2013 at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

There is no charge for this event.

Craig, PhD, will give an account of the field of X-ray astronomy - science that can only be accomplished from outer space. Moving from the very first high-energy images of the cosmos, less than 50 years ago, to the powerful observatories on-orbit today, Craig will describe both the technology required to peer at these distant sources, as well as what we have learned from these energetic and exotic objects.

Craig is the payload manager for NASA's NuSTAR



Bill Craig

mission, launched in June. NuSTAR uses technology developed in part by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, to take pictures of the sky in the most energetic X-rays ever to be focused. Dr. Craig will present and discuss some of the first images taken by NuSTAR.

Craig is an astrophysicist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the UC Berkeley Space Sciences Laboratory. He has been involved with developing new technology to build telescopes to focus X-rays, for more than 20 years. His science interests are in the remnants of supernovae, the explosions that mark the end of the life of giant stars.

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Cast members at Marylin Avenue School pose for a photo.

## Students Learn Life Lessons, Have Fun Performing 'The Tortoise and the Hare'

By Carol Graham

“Color is just color - it’s just decorated skin,” learn the characters in an original adaptation of *The Tortoise and the Hare*, performed by Marylin Avenue Elementary students on February 2nd.

More than 50 children participated in the musical that sprung to life over a one-week period under the direction of Missoula Children’s Theatre (MCT). The Montana touring company enables schools to present full-scale productions by providing everything needed, including scripts, costumes, props and sets.

“It was an absolute delight getting to work with the students at Marylin,” said MCT director Sara Turner. “They were hard-working, dedicated and very respectful kids who will take away from this experience a sense of self-achievement.”

Somewhere in desert country, according to the play, the inhabitants of Sandy Bottoms are preparing for the highlight of their year: the annual race between the Reptiles and the

Mammals. As the audience sees the competition escalate through the eyes of a TV news team, it becomes evident that there is more than just a sporting rivalry between the brown and the green animals as loyalties to specific colors create animosity.

However, when a tiny bunny is lost in the wilds of Tornado Gulch, the mammals and reptiles join forces to conduct a search. In the end, the animals realize the folly of their ways and decide to live happily together.

“Many of the students at the start of the week were very quiet or shy,” added MCT co-director Cayce Crowder. “They really blossomed throughout the week. They feel a sense of pride as they do a step correctly for the first time. We’re fortunate to be able to see the students transform.”

Nine year old Anthony Molleson enjoyed playing weasel Bo. “I’m good at playing a bad guy because I’m dark and secretive,” he said with a mischievous smile. “And, I get to rap with the posse.”

MCT arrives on Monday to hold auditions, then works for the next four days to help performers master their parts before two Saturday shows. With such intensive work, the program allows children to learn a variety of life lessons while building self-confidence, critical thinking skills and friendships.

“Behind the scenes is always an adventure,” noted Crowder. “The bond among the cast members is something that is unexplainable.”

Marylin teacher Sue Carling spearheaded MCT’s

second visit to the school following last year’s production of *The Little Mermaid*. She hopes grants and donations will continue to be available for future MCT productions. “It was such a positive week,” she said. “Parents and friends loved the performance.”

Added Crowder, “We had a great time being able to teach students that don’t always have the opportunity to explore the arts. Marylin students rose to the occasion and put on a fantastic performance.”

## WORLD OF WEBBER

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Utah Shakespeare Festival, Boxcar Theatre, and the Douglas Morrison Theatre.

Included on the program are such classics as *Music of the Night* (Phantom of the Opera), *Don’t Cry for Me, Argentina* (Evita), *Memory* (Cats), and selections from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*, *Whistle Down the Wind*, and *Jesus Christ Superstar*,

among others.

Known for composing and combining all genres of music, from classical to rock, and country to Jazz, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber has composed 13 musicals, film scores, and a variety of symphonic and choral music. His many honors include seven Tony Awards, three Grammy Awards, an Oscar, a Golden Globe

## 11th Annual Youth Music Festival Concert

The Firehouse Arts Center will host the 11th Annual Youth Music Festival Concert on Friday, February 15, at 7:30 p.m. Young musicians ranging from ages 8-18 will be on the program. Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, San Ramon, and Oakland schools are represented, including Foothill High School, Amador Valley High School, Oakland School for the Arts, and Bishop O’Dowd High School. The range of music selections runs the gamut from Classical to Rock.

The Youth Music Festival started 11 years ago as a way for young area musicians to share the love of music in a supportive and non-competitive way. According to Mark Duncanson, founder and coordinator of the YMF, it was “during a time where ‘battle of the band’ type events were everywhere” and the Festival was an alternative to the heavy competitive environment young musicians were experiencing.

Unique to youth music concerts is the youth-driven format. Mentored by Mark Duncanson and his team, the YMF is produced and directed by students, who have the opportunity to learn all phases of creating and delivering a multi-faceted show. According to Duncanson, “(YMF) is important because it is youth developing a show together. The festival engages young performers in collaborating with one another. At each rehearsal the young musicians are encouraged to be inspired by each other and come up with different ways to collaborate. The festival also gives youth a chance to present music on their terms.”

The selection process started back in November, with the call for web-based video submissions that were then reviewed by the selection committee. This year the Youth Music Festival has three youth producers assisting in directing the structure of the show: Francesca O’Neil, Claire Wagner, and Eric Butler. “Having youth producers has been an essential part of maintaining the youth-to-youth arts vibe,” says Duncanson.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$12, or in advance for \$8 online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by calling 925-931-4848, or in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and two hours prior to the performance.

Award, the Kennedy Center Honors Award, and the list goes on.

The show is one performance only. Tickets are adults \$15, \$20, \$25; youth \$12; senior \$22. Group discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) up to two hours prior to the performance, by phone at

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



## CHIARA

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B Flat Major, Op. 67. It is an atypical work from the usually super-serious Brahms, cheerful and light-hearted in character.

Currently the Blodgett Artists-in-Residence at Harvard University, the Quartet's many awards include a top prize at the Paolo Borciani International Competition, first prize at the Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition, and the Guarneri Quartet Residency Award for artistic excellence by Chamber Music America. The group performs at major concert halls across the country such as Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall and Carnegie Hall, but also devotes some time to appearing at non-traditional venues and reaching out to urban inner city and rural communities.

Recent highlights of the Chiara Quartet's international performances include extensive tours of Asia and Europe as well as performances at the Montreal Chamber Music Festival. Their recent recording of Jefferson Friedman's String Quartet No. 3 was nominated for a Grammy for Best Contemporary Classical Composition in 2011. "Vastly talented, vastly resourceful, vastly committed to the music of their time," says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Ticket to the Bankhead Theater performance are \$35, \$29 or \$23. They can be purchased at the box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore, by phone at (925) 373-6800 or from the LVPAC web site, [www.mylvpac.org](http://www.mylvpac.org). High school and grade school children can attend free, with tickets available at the box office.

The remaining DVFA concerts this season feature the Archetti Baroque String Ensemble on March 23 and the Debussy Trio on April 27.

## Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan  
Livermore City Historian



### Alma Henry and Her Book

Thursday night a week ago, Philip and Chris Henry met with me at the Livermore Library to share information about the Henry family. At one point Philip handed me an old book with a fraying cover of stained muddy brown, about 6 by 9½ inches. The title, stamped in gold on the cover, was *The Graduate School Days*. Both Henry and Chris looked at me with smiles, waiting for me to open it. They knew I would like the contents. The dedication read "to Alma Henry, from Mother." I learned that this book was not about graduate school, but a record of her senior year in high school, 1921-1922. Alma McBride Henry was the sister of Maitland and Lois Henry, two people who I wrote about last week. She was the aunt of Philip and the great-aunt of Chris Henry.

Across from the dedication page there was a black and white photo of Alma Henry, wearing a long, full plaid skirt and a white blouse with a lacy collar. She wore a dark-colored jacket, black cotton stockings, and tie shoes with a small heel. Her hair was combed back from her forehead. She was squinting a little behind her glasses in the sun. She was not smiling—perhaps this was because her father had died suddenly the year before. She attended Livermore High at its original site on Eighth Street, now the site of the Bothwell Arts Center. She included

several photos of the original wooden building taken by E.J. Lawless. In other informal shots, girls are looking out the second story windows and sitting on the fire escape. The five boys and 15 girls in the class of 1922 were shown in a large photo with their advisor, Miss Minnie Snorin. The class officers were Margaret Rasmussen, president; Pearl Hansen, vice president; and Catherine Armstrong, secretary. Class colors were pink and silver, and their flower was the carnation.

The book is illustrated throughout by small black and white photos, each of them about 1¾ by 2¾ inches. From the frequency of these photos, I would guess that Alma had her own camera. A Kodak Brownie box camera only cost about \$3 in 1921. After the class photo, she had roughly 53 of the little photos of her classmates in various poses. One of Gladys Hansen showed her in the P.E. uniform—mid-dy blouse and bloomers—playing tennis. Ordinary school wear for girls was similar to the clothes Alma wore in the first photo of herself. The boys wore long narrow pants without an ironed crease, high top lace shoes, a white shirt, a jacket, tie, and hat. Most of the hats were soft caps, but a few had a hat with a brim. Alma added photos of the principal, Herbert Lee, and some of her teachers, including May Nissen.

There are several pages

with information about the Dramatic Club, evidently one of Alma's main interests. She was not an actor in the first two plays of the year, but in February she had a major role as the narrator of a pantomime. The senior play, "Green Stockings" opened on the Sweeney Opera House stage on April 29. Two teachers, Bess Monahan and May Nissen, directed the play. It was a three-act comedy, in which Alma played a major role, that of Aunt Ida. Alma described the character—Aunt Ida had a quick temper, but was warmhearted. A woman of about 50 years, she became hysterical in the second act and in the third she became intoxicated. The newspaper review said, "Alma Henry did some clever acting. ... By skillful use of a large purple hat with which she developed progressively ludicrous effects, and by facial expression worthy of a movie character actress she kept her audience tremendously entertained." Several days later, the seniors also gave the play at the Arroyo Sanitarium. The Sanitarium's director, Dr. Chesley Bush, wrote to Alma's mother: "Just a note to let you know that your daughter Alma made quite a hit at the sanatorium last night. I did not realize that you had any actors in your family, but Alma with a little sherry in the third act took down the house."

Alma headed the Red Cross Society for the senior class. Various Red



Pictured is the Henry family in 1936 (from left, back) Maitland, Harold, their mother Edna, Kenneth and Lois; (front) Julian, Alma, Raymond and Alan.

Photo courtesy of Philip Henry

Cross groups in Livermore, including the one at the high school, filled 180 boxes with clothes and other goods for the children of Europe. Livermore High's group visited the Arroyo Sanitarium and brought the children Easter baskets; later they sold candy to raise money for their cause at a dance. They sent Valentines to the disabled veterans at the U.S. Marine Hospital in San Francisco. Alma glued an envelope in her book containing two replies she received from the marines.

She was also a member of the Debating Society; the first debate was held in November. The two captains were Alma and Matt Jergenson. The question was "Will disarmament end wars?" Alma's team

of three argued for the affirmative, but her side lost. Another question in a later debate was "Should high school boys have military training?" The negative side won again. These two questions and Alma's work with the Red Cross show the students' concerns about war—the First World War ended in late November 1918. Still another debate addressed the question "Should our school enter into athletic contests with other schools?" On this occasion the affirmative side, led by Alma, won.

Next week's column will continue with Alma's book—classes, special programs, athletics, and then the winding down of her senior year.

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## ART &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

**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.

**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 12-5 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Livermore artist Lenore Kreit** is exhibiting her paintings at Garre Winery Cafe 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.

**Figurehead Gallery**, new exhibit, "Different Paths, Alternative Photographic Expressions," featuring photos of Walter Davies, Lisa Rigge, & Ron Rigge. Opening reception 2 to 5 p.m. Sat., Feb. 16. Exhibition runs Feb. 16-March 30. The Figurehead Gallery is located at 2222 2nd St. Suite 21, Livermore. For more information please contact Ken Ball 925-353-0419 ball@figureheadgallery.com http://figureheadgallery.com

**California: Earth, Fire, Water, Life**, art exhibition Harrington Art Gallery, March 2-April 6. Reception March 6, 7 to 9 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

**Pleasanton Art League Show** at the Alviso Adobe, March 9 and 10. Reception and awards Sat., March 9, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Located between Old Foothill Road and Foothill Road, 3465 Old Foothill Road, Pleasanton. www.pal-art.com/

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

**Pleasanton Art League, Livermore Art Association**, general meeting 7:30 p.m. Tues., Feb. 19, Almond School, Livermore. Guest artist is Mike Bailey. No admission charge.

**Figure Drawing Workshop**, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under

18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or email Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 - microangelo@earthlink.net.

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

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

## WINERY EVENTS

**Live music at The Winemaker's Pour House**, 2241 First Street, Livermore: Thurs., Feb. 7, 6:30-9 p.m. Meredith McHenry; Fri., Feb. 7, 7-10 p.m. Patty and Abigail. Sat., Feb. 9, 7-10 p.m. Joey T and Simon. Sat., Feb. 16, 6:30-9 p.m. Meredith and the Mercenaries. Sun., Feb. 17, 5-7:30 p.m. Chris Ahlman. Thurs., Feb. 21, 6-8 p.m. Steve Kritzer. Fri., Feb. 22, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Amber McDonald; Sat., Feb. 23, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Joey T. www.winemakerspourhouse.com, 925 215-2656

**Chocolate on Chocolate on Chocolate**, Eagle Ridge Vineyard on Sunday Feb. 10, 12:00 - 4:30pm. Chocolate & Port Pairing. Chocolate Ganache on Triple Chocolate-Port Brownies, Chocolate Cups filled with Chocolate Mousse and Chocolate Dipped Fruit. \$5.00 for the pairing, complimentary for Wine Club members. 10017 Tesla Rd., Livermore, 925-447-4328.

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

**Events at the Winemaker's Pour House**, 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. 14, 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/

**McGrail Vineyards and Winery events**, Valentine's Day Sweetheart Dinner, 6 to 8 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 14. Dinner by Jeffrey Schulz Catering. Ticket includes 1 bottle of wine, dinner for 2, and s'mores on the patio. \$165/couple. \$150/wine club member couple. Advanced reservations are required. Chocolate Fondue and Cabernet Sauvignon, noon to 4:30 p.m. Sat., Feb. 16, dark Belgium chocolate fountain and several treats to dip in the chocolate fountain. Taste 4 big red wines to pair with each treat. \$20/person; \$10/club member. Open for tasting on President's Day - Monday, February 18, noon to 4:30 p.m. Brushstrokes and Wine Notes, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat., March 9, class taught by artist Sharon Costello to learn how to paint this grape canvas. Open to all levels. www.mcgrailvineyards.com, (925) 215-0717, 5600 Greenville Rd., Livermore.

**Wood Family Vineyards**, open Presidents Weekend, February 16th & 17th, noon - 4:30 for winery's 7th Annual Barrel Tasting and Futures; sampling the 2011 Grenache and offering futures. Taste new release of 2009 Syrah, Madden Ranch Vineyards along with other current releases. \$10 tasting fee and keep your logo crystal wine glass. www.woodfamilyvineyards.com for updated information. 7702 Cedar Mountain Rd., Livermore; (925) 606-7411.

**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, Chedi. 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://thomascoynewinery.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 for tickets and a list of participating wineries.

**6th Annual Cuda Ridge Wines, Vines and Valentines**, Sat. & Sun., Feb. 16th and 17th, from 12:00 - 4:30 each day. Two tasting flights, Cupid and Desire, \$5.00 each, and tastings are complementary to Cuda Cadre wine club members. There is still a limited amount of the 2008 Cuda Amis, port style, wine available for tasting and purchase. There are special wine discounts throughout the weekend with 10% discount on purchase of 6 bottles or more, and 15% discount on case purchases. Roger Kardinal is playing on Saturday and Alder Creek

on Sunday. Both Roger, and the Alder Creek duo, play a wide range of 60's & 70's folk music. Andy's Candies on hand with Chocolate Toffee tastings and purchase. More information go to www.CudaRidgeWines.com or call 510-304-0914.

**4th annual Livermore Valley Uncorked** competition is accepting entries through Wed., Feb. 20. Sponsored by Tri-Valley Conservancy, open only to wines made from grapes grown in the Livermore Valley. Judging will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2013. The winners will be announced on March 12, 2013. For information and entry details go to www.trivalleyconservancy.org

**Barrel Tasting Weekend**, noon to 4:30 p.m., March 23 and 24, taste wines right out of the barrel, meet winemakers and more. Each winery will host a unique experience during barrel tasting weekend including at least one barrel sample for each ticket holder. Chance to pre-purchase wines before they have even been bottled (aka "futures")! Tickets are \$35 in advance / \$40 event day and includes barrel tasting at over 30 wineries on Saturday and Sunday, a logo wine glass and wine tasting map. Visit 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

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

**Gwendolyn Mok**, classical pianist performs 8 p.m. Sat., Feb. 9 at the Smith Center at Ohlone College, 43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont. Program features music of Brahms and Ravel. Mok will perform select pieces on her rare, Paris-built 1875 Erard piano, the brand owned and played by Maurice Ravel. \$15-\$20. Parking \$2. 510-659-6031 or smithcenter.com

**Tribute to John Denver**, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 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. Next performance Feb. 26. Band performs 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Dance Floor, Small Cover.

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

**Eddie Money**, Feb. 15, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, Albion Rd., San Ramon; 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. Information, contact Mark Duncanson at 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. 2400 First St., Livermore. 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 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 or 373-6800.

**The World of Webber: A Cabaret Tribute to the Songs of Andrew Lloyd Webber**. Broadway and stage veterans Tielle Baker, Kelly Brandeburg, and Kyle Martin with pianist and musical director Evan Alparone. Song selections include favorites from Cats to Phantom of the Opera; from Evita to Sunset Boulevard. Sunday, Feb. 17, 2:00 p.m. Tickets \$15-\$25; youth \$12; senior \$22; Group discounts available. www.firehousearts.org. 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

**The Kingston Trio**, (Sold Out) Feb. 17, 7 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 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 or 373-6800.

**Adrian Legg**, "guitarist of the decade," Feb. 22, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 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. 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Chamber Music trio 'Humboldt Pt'** 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.

**The Venusians concert**, Feb. 26, 7 p.m. The group's style fuses the ambient and atmospheric with enchanting melodies and entrancing rhythms. Program part of Livermore Reads Together, a community-wide reading program featuring Mary Roach's Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life in the Void. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. 925-373-5505.

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

**Mike Marshall, on mandolin**, Pacific Chamber Symphony, Sun., March 3, 7 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**San Ramon Symphonic Band**, March 8, 7:30 p.m. A Night at the Symphony, Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, Albion Rd., San Ramon; sanramonperformingarts.com. 973-3343.



**Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure, opens Feb. 14.** Appearing in the production are **Craig Dickerson as Sherlock Holmes** and **Steve Schwartz as Professor Moriarty**. For details see listing under **On Stage**. Photo - Terry Sullivan.

**Julian Lage Group**, March 12, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Red Clay Ramblers**, March 13, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Pleasanton Chamber Players**, March 17, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

**Steve Seskin & Friends** The Songwriters sing, March 16, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, Albion Rd., San Ramon; sanramonperformingarts.com. 973-3343.

**Archetti Baroque String Ensemble**, Del Valle Fine Arts concert, March 23, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Beatles tribute**, the Sun Kings, March 30, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

## 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. at 2 p.m. on Sun. Tickets at \$20-\$28 are available www.village-theatre-shows.com, or 925-314-3400; or the Community Center, 420 Front St.

**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 or 931-4848.

**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 or 373-6800.



# ART & ENTERTAINMENT

**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. 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 Morrisson 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.

**Tickets for the 32nd year of the Sunol Repertory Theatre** are on sale at Ellison Winery, 463 Kilkare Rd. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 on Sat. & Sun. between 11am-4pm. This is a first for the theatre "Murder in the House of Horrors" A Who Done It Mystery. Performances are Fri. & Sat March 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 & 23 at Sunol Glen School 11601 Main St. Sunol. Doors open at 7:30. Performance starts at 8 p.m. Beverages are sold at intermission by charitable organizations.

**Pippi Longstocking**, Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company production. March 1-10, Fri., Sat., and Sun., March 6 and 7. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Murder Most Fouled-Up**, a comedy by the award-winning playwright, Nikki Harmon, presented by Asbury Players Community Theater. It's the madcap story of a greedy family, a confused household staff and some unhappy spirits who only have 24 hours to find the treasure hidden by the diabolical Edwin Randolph and his ancestors. Performances March 2, 3, 8 and 9, 2013. Show time Friday and Saturday 8 p.m.; Sunday matinee 2 p.m. General admission \$10. Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore, CA. (925) 447-1950. Tickets available at the door or online at Brown Paper Tickets. For more information about this show or about Asbury Players Community Theater, go to [www.asburylivepresents.com](http://www.asburylivepresents.com).

**Ivy and Bean, The Musical**, March 9-17, 11 a.m., 2 and 4:30 p.m. Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon; [sanramonperformingarts.com](http://sanramonperformingarts.com). 973-3343.

## COMEDY

**Comedy@Firehouse**: Internationally acclaimed comic and TV personality Karen Rontowski has headlined all over the world, and is known for her clean, optimistic humor. Comedy festival favorite and playful humorist Phil Johnson opens. Wednesday, February 13, 7:30 p.m., Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. General admission tickets \$15. Purchase at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

org, or call 925-931-4848, or at the center box office. Parking is free.

## MOVIES

**Free Classic Film Series**, Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, 1st Thursday of the month, 7 p.m. through June 6, 2013. 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.

## DANCE

**Best of Smuin Ballet**, March 1, 7:30 p.m.; March 2, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

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

## AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

**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 Choral**, audition by appointment for April and May concerts at open rehearsal 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 Choral, 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 Choral is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. The Choral 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 Choral is available at <http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org/> or by calling the general information line at (925) 866-4003.

## OPERA

**La Traviata by Verdi**, presented by Livermore Valley Opera. Sat., March 9, 8 p.m.; Sun., March 10, 2 p.m.; Sat., March 16, 8 p.m.; Sun., March 17, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**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 subtitles. 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*.

**Science on Saturdays**, Feb. 16, 23, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Free series for students presented by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. 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.museummain.org](http://www.museummain.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).

**Livermore Reads Together 2013**, Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life in the Void, by Mary Roach. Events include the following (unless noted, events are held at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave): Sat., Feb. 9 at 12 noon (The Vine Cinema in Livermore): Classic Movie at the Vine: Mars Attacks!, a free showing of the science fiction comedy directed by Tim Burton; Sun., Feb. 10 at 2 p.m.: Why Do Science From Space? with Dr. Bill Craig, Payload Manager of NASA's NuSTAR Mission, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; Tues., Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.: Readers' Theater: Packing for Mars presented by Shakespeare's Associates; Sat., Feb. 16 at 2 p.m.: Cooking for Geeks: Real Science, Great Hacks, and Good Food with author Jeff Potter; Tues., Feb. 19 at 7 p.m.: Astronomy for Everyone: Size & Scale of the Universe with Dr. Kevin Manning, astrophysicist; Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.: Left Brain, Right Brain: Visualizing Science Through Art with Christopher J. Ford, RenderMan Business Director, Pixar Animation Studios; Sat., Feb. 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon: SpaceCrafts! — A Children's Program with space-related crafts for preschool through grade 3, and have your photo taken as an astronaut; Sun., Feb. 24 at 2 p.m.: Exploring Mars: Chronicles from a Decade of Discovery with author Scott Hubbard; Tues., Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.: The Venusians featuring global instrumental music; Wed., Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.: Out of This World Apps, computer apps that will rock your world. For more information, check the library's website at [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

**Ragin' Cajun**, Mardi Gras event, 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. 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 services during the course of their chemo and/or radiation therapy that are not covered by insurance. Tickets are available online at <http://www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org> or by calling (866) 862-7270.

**50th Annual Coin Show**, Livermore Valley Coin Club, March 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. Displays, bourse, prizes. Free admission, free wooden nickels, hourly drawings. Lunch available.

**An Evening with Lady Carolyn**, Tues., March 12, 7 p.m. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Lecture series. Celebrate Women's History Month with Carolyn Runnells, as the lovely Lady Carolyn. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**St. Patrick's Day Brew Crawl**, March 15, 6 to 9 p.m. downtown Pleasanton.

Downtown merchants, restaurants and local breweries. [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net)

**St. Patrick's Day Festival**, March 16-17, Civic Center, Dublin. Parade on March 16. [www.ci.dublin.ca.us](http://www.ci.dublin.ca.us)

**History Lecture**, Livermore Heritage Guild, new Livermore "Images of America" photo book featured. Doors open 7 p.m., talk begins at 7:30 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. \$2 donation suggested.

## Commission Grant Funds Programs at Altamont Creek

The Livermore Commission for the Arts (CFA) unanimously passed a proposal to award a grant to Altamont Creek Elementary School through the combined efforts of the CFA subcommittees, *Arts in the Schools* and the *Arts through Action*.

This is a two part grant. The first part will allow more than 300 first through third graders to attend a live performance of *Just So Stories* by Rudyard Kipling. The California Theatre Center (CTC) will bring this production to the school. The second part, still to be finalized, will provide dance classes to the more than 200 fourth and fifth graders. The total award from CFA is \$2,600. The Commission for the Arts would like to expand this pilot program bringing art offerings to every elementary school in the District, serving one school per year.

According to its website, the Commission for the Arts encourages programs for the cultural enrichment of the City; makes recommendations to the City Council regarding local cultural arts needs, activities, facilities and programs, including needs for visual and performing arts facilities; receives input from the community on issues relevant to arts policies; and supports the goals and priorities adopted by the City Council. Livermore has a well-established and distinctive cultural arts identity.

For more information about the Commission for the Arts, visit their website at <http://www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/clerk/comms/cac/default.asp>.

## NBC Bay Area News Anchor to Emcee Ragin Cajun Event

Jessica Aguirre will serve as emcee for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ragin Cajun Mardi Gras fundraiser for the Sandra J Wing Foundation.

Aguirre is an evening anchor at NBC Bay Area News. Her reporting has taken her to GITMO, the prison at Guantanamo Bay and to London where she reported on Princess Diana. She is a three time Emmy winner and host of the education series "Class Action."

The Ragin Cajun Mardi Gras Fundraiser is the primary source of income for the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation. The gala will include 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.

Tickets for Ragin' Cajun are available online at <http://www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org> or by calling (866) 862-7270. Those unable to attend the event, please consider purchasing a ticket for a beneficiary or make a donation to the organization.



## Guest Speaker at Bright Side of Life Women's Gathering

Lisa Nichols, internationally evangelist, will present "Leading From Your Place of Power" at The Bright Side of Life Women's Gathering Fifth Anniversary celebration on Thursday, February 28, 2013. The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. at Faz Restaurant, 5121 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton.

Nichols is the founder of Motivating the Masses and CEO of Motivating the Teen Spirit, LLC. Her workshops have been attended by over one million adults and teens.

She has appeared on the



**Lisa Nichols will speak at Bright Side of Life in Pleasanton.**

Oprah Winfrey Show, Larry King Live and on NBC's Emmy Award-winning show, Starting Over.

Nichols' book, No Matter What!, reached six bestseller lists, including the New York Times, within 37 days after its release in 2011 and has been published in 21 languages. She has received many awards in recognition of her empowering work.

"Lisa is a dynamic speaker with an extraordinary story and a tremendous ability to touch people's hearts and we are thrilled to give Bay Area women the opportunity

to experience her in person," says The Bright Side of Life Women's Community Founder Sahar Kordahi. "At our five year anniversary celebration, she will share how we can unfold our genius and leverage our past experience to create our new reality."

Refreshments will be served at the VIP Reception only.

Tickets to the event are \$35 if purchased before February 14, 2013 and \$40.00 thereafter. They may be purchased at [www.thebrightsideoflifecenter.com](http://www.thebrightsideoflifecenter.com).

A limited number of VIP sponsorships are available at \$127 and include the VIP Reception with Lisa Nichols. For additional

details, contact Michele Bowen at (925) 447-7900 or email [thebrightsideofflife@gmail.com](mailto:thebrightsideofflife@gmail.com).

## Wines and Valentines to Raise Funds for Museum on Main

Two historical institutions -- Pleasanton's Museum on Main and Castlewood Country Club, will pair up for the 6th Annual Wines and Valentines fundraiser on Fri., Feb. 8, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The evening will feature a Garre Vineyard's guest speaker sharing information about the winery's pairings for the four-course dinner. Live and silent auctions featuring exceptional items are also planned.

Tickets, \$85 per person, are available at the Museum, 603 Main Street, or at 925.462.2766. Proceeds will benefit the Museum. Castlewood is located at 707 Country Club Circle.

It is appropriate for the museum to hold its fundraiser at Castlewood given its historical connections to Pleasanton. George and Phoebe Hearst purchased property in the hills above Pleasanton in 1880. After his death in 1891, Phoebe hired Julia Morgan to design a Spanish-Moorish, Hacienda del Pozo de Verona; Phoebe moved in the 50-room showcase in 1899 and entertained such notable guests as Thomas Alva Edison and Crown Prince Albert of Belgium among others. After Phoebe's death in 1918, the family sold the estate and it was converted into a country club, which did not make it through the stock market crash. It became a dude ranch in the 1930s-40s until it was developed into Castlewood in the 1950s. In August 1969, the original house burned to the ground in an electrical fire.

## Local Teens Participate in Poetry Out Loud Event

Alameda County high school students are among hundreds across the state working hard to interpret, memorize and recite classical poetry.

At stake are hundreds of dollars on the state competition level and thousands at the national finals of Poetry Out Loud—a competition run by the California Arts Council in the state and started by the National Endowment for the Arts to engage high-school students in the presentation of poetry through memorization and performance.

Participating schools include Amador Valley High School and Foothill High School in Pleasanton and Dublin High School in Dublin, and others. The

Alameda County Poetry Out Loud competition will be held on Thursday, February 13th, 4:30pm at the Alameda County Lakeside Plaza Building, 1401 Lakeside Drive, 11th Floor, Oakland. This event is open to the public.

"The Poetry Out Loud program celebrates the County's commitment to youth and the support of the belief that the arts and creativity are an essential component to Alameda County's successful and thriving community," said Rachel Osajima, the Director of the Alameda County Arts Commission.

The California Arts Council has partnered with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry

Foundation to support the expansion of California Poetry Out Loud.

"This program is amazing. It was beautiful to watch the students interpret and express their understanding of the poems they chose," said Erik Sherer, Librarian, Amador Valley High

School, Pleasanton.

For more information contact the Alameda County Arts Commission by email [artscommission@acgov.org](mailto:artscommission@acgov.org) or phone at (510) 208-9646. For more information about the program, please visit [www.cac.ca.gov](http://www.cac.ca.gov) and [www.poetryoutloud.org](http://www.poetryoutloud.org).

## Brownies Invites Public to Take Part in Locks of Love Marathon

The Girl Scout Brownie Troop 30321 along with Anita's Salon and Gift Boutique will be hosting a Locks of Love Marathon on Sunday, February 10 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm.

The goal is to have as many "donors" as possible donate their hair. The Hair will then be sent to the Locks of Love Organization.

The Locks of Love Organization collects hair to create wigs for disadvantaged children with severe hair loss due to medical treatments and health conditions. Many Girl Scouts are coming out to donate to this worthy cause. The public is invited to take part. Please visit [www.locksoflove.org/donate.html](http://www.locksoflove.org/donate.html) for complete details and requirements.

Those who wish to participate are asked to please call Troop Leader BaBette at 925-297-9282 to schedule

an appointment. Anita's Salon, along with the professional stylist team, have agreed to donate their time to help support this worthy cause. They ask that donors come with clean dry hair. Permed or colored hair is fine to donate but that bleached hair cannot be accepted. Anita's Salon has also agreed to donate a portion of their sales to The Locks of Love Organization. Those who cannot make the Feb. 10 date, just give them a call and schedule an appointment. All hair collected during the month of February will be included in this Girl Scout donation.

Anita's Salon and Gift Boutique is located at 206 South J St. in Livermore. Remember the hair cut is free and that you will be making a difference in the lives of others.

## Entries Sought for 'Fresh Works'

The 3rd Annual "Fresh Works" Open Juried Exhibit at the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center is accepting submissions through Wednesday, February 13. The call for new 2-D and 3-D art works completed within the last two years is open to all area artists age 18 and over. Artists must be current residents of the San Francisco Bay Area. All submissions must be for sale. The works may not have been exhibited previously in Pleasanton. Each artist may submit up to three works for consideration for the entry fee of \$30.

The final exhibited selections and all awards will be chosen by the juror. Awards will be presented at the opening public reception on Saturday, April 27, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Kathleen Mitchell will serve as juror for the show. Mitchell is currently the Burton and Deedee McMurtry Curator of Prints, Drawings, and Photographs at the Cantor Arts Center, Stanford University. Most recently she curated "When Artists Attack: Honore Daumier and La Caricature, 1830-1835" and "Guardians: Photographs by Andy Freeberg, an Exhibition in Three Parts." Previously, Mitchell had been an Assistant Curator at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. There she co-curated the exhibition "American Scenes: Winslow Homer" (2008) among other noted work. In addition, she taught a course on modern Mexican art at the Massachusetts College of Art as adjunct lecturer. Mitchell holds her Ph.D. from University of California at Santa Barbara.

Information and submission form are available at the Harrington Gallery, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton, online at [www.firehousearts.org/harrington-gallery](http://www.firehousearts.org/harrington-gallery), or by contacting the Visual Arts Coordinator at 925-931-4849 or [jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov).

## Fenestra Hosting Barrel Tasting

Fenestra Winery will be hosting its 30th annual Barrel Tasting Weekend on February 16th, 17th and 18th, from noon to 5pm, all three days. Entry fee is \$10.00 (no charge for wine club members).

Unreleased wines will be sampled right from the barrel while owner Lanny Replogle, and winemaker Meredith Miles share interesting tidbits and facts on the wines.

Fenestra will offer glimpses into 2011 vintages of Livermore Touriga Nacional, Livermore Tempranillo, Lodi Tempranillo, and Cabernet Sauvignon from Ghielmetti Vineyards. There will also be an introduction to the first-ever True White.

Fenestra is located at 83 Vallecitos Rd Livermore. For information, phone 925-447-5246 or email [info@fenestrawinery.com](mailto:info@fenestrawinery.com)



# BULLETIN BOARD

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

**Mt. Diablo Rose Society**, monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, 7:30 p.m., at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Rose expert Dave Bang will present a program on "Nutrient Sprays and Compost Teas." Visitors are welcome. For more information contact (510) 331-6115; www.mtdiablorosociety.org.

**Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind**, meeting on Saturday, February 9, from 1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in Cafeteria Room 2 at Valley Memorial Hospital in Livermore, 1111 East Stanley Blvd. Any visually impaired or interested person is urged to attend. Call, Carl, 449-9362 for more information.

**Armchair Travelers**, Thurs., Feb. 14, 1:30 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue. Deserts of Southern California in full bloom as photographed by Dale Schauer. Highlights of regions near Tehachapi, Palm Springs, Joshua Tree National Park and Anza-Borego Desert State Park will be presented from numerous visits. There is no admission charge. www.livermorelibrary.net.

**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.

**NARFE**. Federal employees and retirees are invited to attend a monthly luncheon meeting on Thursday, February 14th, at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 A Main St. in Pleasanton, to learn about a national association that advocates for them. The Tri-Valley Chapter 397 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) will hold the meeting. Attendees need not be NARFE members. Formed in 1921, NARFE represents five million Federal workers, retirees, spouses and their survivors. A no host luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m., and a business meeting will follow at 1 p.m. Look for chapter signs at the restaurant side entrance. To request more information, directions or transportation to the meeting, please call Gary at (925) 373-6758. Background on NARFE is on the Web at http://www.narfe.org.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club**, Sat., Feb. 9, 33 or 43 miles Cinderella training rides, meet 9 a.m. at San Ramon's Central Park, Carol D. at carolco6@yahoo.com. Sat., Feb. 9, 45-50 miles faster paced ride from Heather Farm, meet 9:30 a.m. Gail Blanco, 872-1001 or Alberto Lanzas 510-825-9581. Sun., Feb. 10, 60 miles from old Nob Hill parking lot in Livermore to Mines Road junction and back, meet at 9:30 a.m. Marc Goroff, 337-1848. Sun., Feb. 10, 30-40 miles from Shannon Park to Sunol/Ohlone Park and back, meet 9:30 a.m. Steve Kowalewski, 510-246-2815. Sun., Feb. 10, leisurely ride along Iron Horse Trail, meet 9:20 a.m. at Dublin location of Livermore Cyclery, Bob Heady, 980-07989. Wed., Feb. 13, 40 miles staging area at Pleasanton Ridge to Calaveras, meet 10 a.m., Alberto Lanzas, 510-825-9581. 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 Valley Garden Club**

will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 14 at the Aisal School multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Natalie Elola, owner of the Lucky Garden in the Village Green Shopping Center in Dublin, will discuss unique advantages, possibilities, techniques and equipment of Hydroponic Growing. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Bev at 925-485-7812 or visit www.lagvc.org.

**Dress a Girl Around the World**, make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Meetings are once a month. The next Sew-Fest is Saturday, February 9th from 9 am to 3 p.m. at St. Augustine Hall Pleasanton. Help is needed with sewing, ironing, cutting; and come for an hour or all day. Please bring a bag lunch if the plan is to stay all day. A lot of fabric and pillowcases are available, so there are many kits ready to sew. Donations are always accepted. Those who can't attend the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, please contact the organizers for kits that can be sewn at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

**18th annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party**, hosted by Assistance League® of Amador Valley, will be held on April 13 from 12-4 at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. The event includes charming tea tables decorated by the members, delicious food, raffle prizes, lucky teacups, a hat contest and silent auction. Penny Warner will be the guest speaker. She is an award-winning author, family life columnist and child development educator. The tickets are \$50 and must be reserved by March 29. Proceeds from this event provide school clothes and shoes to children in need. For information, call Annette at (925) 462-5275, or go to www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org.

**Emeritus Senior Living**, grand re-opening celebration, 4 to 7 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 28, 355 West Grant Line Rd., Tracy. Tours, entertainment, food and beverages. RSVP to 209-835-1000.

**Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour**, Registration for the Sunday, May 5, 2013 tour is now open. A variety of bird- and butterfly-friendly, pesticide-free, water conserving, low maintenance gardens open on Sunday, May 5, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at various locations throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. More than 40 garden talks will be scheduled throughout the day. Native plants will be sold at numerous locations over the course of the weekend of May 4 and 5 during the Tour's Native Plant Sale Extravaganza. www.bringingbackthenatives.net

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA.**, Lunch in Dublin. Feb. 14, 1 p.m., RSVP by Feb. 11 to Harriett, 447-8229. Friendly bridge, Feb. 16, 1 p.m., RSVP by Feb. 9 to Ruby, 462-9636. Brunch in Livermore, Feb. 17, 11 a.m., RSVP by Feb. 14 to Hilda, 398-8808. Happy hour in Pleasanton, Feb. 21, 5 p.m., RSVP by Feb. 19 to Marge, 828-5124. Breakfast in San Ramon, Feb. 24, noon, RSVP by Feb. 21 to Janet, 443-3317. Lunch in San Ramon, Feb. 27, 11:30 a.m., RSVP by Feb. 24 to Marsha, 830-8483.

**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 6-6:45 p.m. in the cafeteria of the schools. 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. www.livermoreschools.com.

**Pleasantonians for Peace**, candlelight vigil 7 p.m. Wed., Feb. 13 in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton. Participants will

reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, February 27, between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Call Cathie Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowding@pacbell.net. www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org

**Health and Fitness Classes** at CareMore Care Center, 4270 Rosewood Dr., Pleasanton. No cost or preregistration is required. Tai Chi: Tues. and Thurs. through Feb. 28, 10 a.m. Chi Kung: Tues. and Thurs. through Feb. 28, 11 a.m. Zumba: Thursdays through Feb. 28, 9 a.m. Chair Yoga: Mondays through Feb. 25, 10:30 p.m.

**Aahmes Shriners, Crab and Prime Rib Feed** on Saturday, Feb. 9th 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.

**LARP Rummage Sale**, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District's annual Rummage Sale 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 23. The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. www.larpd.dst.ca.us or 925-373-5700.

**Free Healing Touch Sessions** for Tri-Valley Veterans February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11 and June 8. Available time slots: 9:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., or 11:30 a.m. Free Healing Touch sessions for active, inactive, combat or retired Veterans from any military branch. Healing Touch Program is endorsed by the American Holistic Nurses Association. Advance reservation required as space is limited. Sessions held at Las Positas College, Veterans First Center, Building 1000, Livermore. Student status is not required. For more information or to schedule a session, please visit www.quantumhealingth.com or call 925-352-8917.

**4th annual Crab Feed & Auction**, Alisal Elementary School PTA fund-raising. Sat., March 2, 6 p.m. to 20 p.m. at the California Center, 4400 Rosewood Dr., Pleasanton. \$45 per person includes all you can eat crab (or chicken), bread salad and pasta, no host bar, silent and live auctions, music by The Regulars. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.alisalpta.org.

**Excel classes** presented by the 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 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.

**Bingo Bash**, The Italian Catholic Federation, BRANCH #285, is holding its annual bingo bash, a fund-raiser to aid the Cooley's Anemia research at Children's Hospital-Oakland and the group's college scholarship fund. The event will be held Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Hall, 372 Maple St., Livermore. There will 10 games of bingo, dancing to the music of DJ Joe Buonsante and a raffle and Line dancing led by Melanie Calabrese - all for \$10.00 per person. Beverages, Pizza, and snacks available for purchase. Reservation deadline: Feb. 11. Call Helen W. at 925-462-3798. If unable to attend, a donation would be appreciated.

Mail donations to ICF c/o E. Meier 6597 Lansing Ct., Pleasanton. CA 94566.

**Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated** presents author and speaker, Marcus Ruiz Evans, on Thursday, February 7, 6:30 p.m., Cattleman'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 ten years. Dinners: \$26 members; \$30 guests. Contact Devy Torrance at deandevy@2004@yahoo.com or 925-234-2209.

**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.smscco.org. Evening includes raffle prizes and dancing. Additional information at njfromindy@yahoo.com or 216-2519.

**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.

**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.healingtherapistfoundation.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

**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, or contact Jennifer at 925-373-5500, extension 5576.

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

**RELIGION**  
**First Presbyterian Church**, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. Contemplative

Service in the Chapel, 10:30 Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program. For more information www.fpcl.us or 925-447-2078.

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

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

**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

**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; workshops on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Children's program on Sunday morning and first Fridays. The community is welcome. United CC is an Open and Affirming ministry. Call 449-6820 for more information.

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

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

**Faith Chapel Assembly of God**, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School for all ages 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Intercessory prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. 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 NRC and Re.Gen for youth, and children's choir for kids. Child care during all events. 447-1848, www.trinitylivermore.org.

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

**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 925-846-4436

**St. Innocent Orthodox Church**, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service at 10 a.m. For details please see our website at www.stinnocent.net or call Fr. Leo Arrowsmith at 456-0845.

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

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church**, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, Sunday services with Rev. Joyce Parry Moore - Rector. 8:00 am Contemporary 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/ for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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. 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



# Milestones Community

## Lisa Tromovitch Elected Vice President of Shakespeare Theatre Association

Lisa Tromovitch, founding Artistic Director of Shakespeare's Associates (producer of the outdoor summer Livermore Shakespeare Festival), was elected Vice President of Shakespeare Theatre Association (STA) last month at its annual conference.

The conference, held at a different Shakespeare company site each year, was hosted by Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival at DeSales University in Center Valley, PA, January 6th through the 12th.

Over 100 attendees from 50 companies represented eight countries.

"STA has been my training program for Artistic Direction," stated Tromovitch. "I've been attending regularly since 1998 and have learned everything from cultural tourism marketing to breakthroughs in First Folio text research. This is how I continue my training both as an organizational

leader and as a scholar/practitioner of Shakespeare production." Tromovitch previously served as chair of the STA Artistic Focus group.

Tromovitch also serves as the Chair of the Department of Theatre Arts at University of the Pacific, which co-produces the Livermore Shakespeare Festival.

The Festival celebrated its tenth anniversary last

summer, at Concannon Vineyard with productions of Hamlet and The Merry Wives of Windsor. LSF 13 will feature The Taming of the Shrew and The Liar by David Ives, adapted from the comedy by Pierre Cor-

neille. Tickets go on sale in February. Visit [www.LivermoreShakes.org](http://www.LivermoreShakes.org) or call 925-443-BARD (2273) for information.

Visit [www.stahome.org/](http://www.stahome.org/) to learn about STA.

## ValleyCare Auxiliary Presents Check for \$250,000

The ValleyCare Auxiliary recently presented ValleyCare CEO Marcy Feit with a check in the amount of \$250,000 to be used to fund patient equipment upgrades throughout the health system including items for the CCU, Surgery, Skilled Nursing and the NICU. "This dedicated group of volunteers offers ValleyCare invaluable resources not only in the services they perform, but also in the funds they raise," says Feit.

Since the Auxiliary was formed in 1958, these volunteers have donated nearly \$6 million dollars and given over 1.75 million hours of their time serving the people of the Tri-Valley. Funds raised primarily come from sales in the Gift Shop, located in ValleyCare Medical Center lobby and the Thrift Shop, located in downtown Livermore.

Consisting of approximately 380 members, the ValleyCare Auxiliary is committed to providing comfort and assistance to the patients, visitors and staff. Volunteers serve in a variety of ways including: greeting visitors and patients at the information desks; working the Gift Shop and Thrift Shop; assisting at the ValleyCare Health Library; transporting patients and delivering flowers.

"These volunteers symbolize the dedication and compassion of our community," says Feit. "I believe we could not provide the high level of service we do without the commitment of our Auxiliary."

For information about joining the ValleyCare Auxiliary, please call their information line at 925-734-3368.



**Pacific Siamese Rescue and its four sister organizations around the country are celebrating a milestone reached recently: The rescue of the 20,000<sup>th</sup> feline. The five separately incorporated 501c(3) nonprofit organizations are located, respectively, in Virginia, Texas, Colorado, Northern California, and Southern California. Every cat is examined by a vet, vaccinated, given all necessary medical and dental care, and spayed or neutered if necessary. Each organization is funded by adoption fees (generally \$100 or \$125 per cat), donations, fund-raising activities, and grants. Pacific Siamese Rescue (PSR) serves Northern California and the Pacific Northwest. Based in Carmichael, California (near Sacramento), it operates numerous foster homes in Sacramento and in the San Francisco Bay area, including Livermore and Dublin. It is staffed entirely by volunteers. The organization is currently going through a period of renewal and innovation to allow it to serve its foster cats and adopters better. It is always in need of more volunteers, especially foster homes, so that it can help even more Siamese cats. For information go to [cn.siameserescue.org](http://cn.siameserescue.org).**

## Education

The University of Wyoming lists 21 students from California on the 2012 fall semester academic Dean's and Dean's Freshman Honor Roll. Among them is Brandon Joshua Fischer of Livermore. The honor roll consists of regularly enrolled undergraduates above freshman standing who earned a 3.4 or better grade point average, and freshmen who have earned a 3.25 or better grade point average. To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

Loyola Marymount University has announced the students named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2012 semester. Among them are several students from Livermore: Nicole Conrad, Catherine Fletcher, and Dante Sblendorio. Students named to the Dean's list have completed 15 semester hours at LMU and earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better. Additionally, a student must have completed all of his or her courses and never received an F in any course.

Matthew Calder of Livermore has been named to the Fall 2012 Dean's list at Hofstra University.

Students from Livermore made the Seattle Pacific University 2012 Autumn Quarter Dean's List. Students on the Dean's List have completed at least 12 credits and attained a 3.50 or higher grade point average. The students are Ethan James Moody, Nathan Eric Preece, and Katie Jeannette Thralls.

## Military



Air Force Airman Victoria R. Wheeler (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.

Wheeler is the niece of Larry Fisher of Pleasanton. She is a 2010 graduate of Bakersfield Christian High School.

  
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