



Find Out What's Happening

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

Donor To Match Each Donated Meal

Open Heart Kitchen (OHK), the only hot meal program in the Tri-Valley area, is appealing to Tri-Valley residents and businesses to donate frozen turkeys and fixings in preparation for the upcoming holiday season. More than 1,500 turkeys are needed to meet the need of the region's hungry each holiday season.

To facilitate donations during the busy holiday season, OHK has developed an all-new online program at www.booster.com/OpenHeartKitchenHolidayMeals that allows donors to select one of three options: a \$20 donation that will provide a turkey for a local family, a \$50 donation that provides a turkey and ingredients for a full holiday meal for a local family, and a \$250 donation that will provide a turkey and full holiday meal for five local families. For a limited time, an anonymous donor will match each meal donated by donating an additional meal.

Those who prefer to deliver a turkey and/or fixings directly to OHK are also encouraged to participate. Frozen turkey and holiday fixing donations can be de-

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Livermore Police to Wear Body Cameras

Livermore Police officers will be wearing body cameras in the future.

At its meeting on Monday, the Livermore City Council authorized spending \$134,000 for the purchase of body cameras. The city will enter into a 5 year contract with Taser International for data storage.

As of 6/30/14, the accumulated balance of unexpended distributions of state Supplemental Law Enforcement Funds total of \$165,000. \$134,000 of these funds would be appropriated for the purchase of the TASER International Axon Flex body-worn cameras and the first year of Evidence.com online storage.

The remaining four years of the Evidence.com Online Services Agreement costs \$40,431 per year and will be incorporated into future General Fund budgets as an additional operating expenditure of the Police Department.

According to a staff report, officer body-worn cameras have benefitted both officers and the public alike. They accurately document encounters; improve digital evidence gathering; reduce time in court; increase successful prosecutions; streamline reporting; and are useful as a training tool. In addition, the cameras improve quality of service by efficiently clearing up public complaints, reducing liability claims and protecting officers from false accusations.

The camera to be used includes a wide field of vision

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Alameda County Orders Work to Stop on Proposed Cemetery

Work has begun on a cemetery in North Livermore before any required approvals or permits are in place. The area is within Alameda County's jurisdiction. Uses on the land are restricted by Measure D because it is outside the urban growth boundary.

The county public works department issued a stop-work order on Oct. 16.

Recently, two dozen peo-

ple, including six rabbis, consecrated what is planned for use as a Jewish cemetery in Alameda County on 4.5 acres across Interstate 580 from Livermore. There is currently a Jewish Cemetery at Roselawn Cemetery.

The land is next to Las Colinas Road about halfway between the North Livermore Avenue and First Street freeway interchanges.

The Magen David (Star

of David) cemetery will be a "cemetery within a cemetery," with Monte Vista Memorial Gardens (MVMG), occupying the remainder of the 105-acre site, according to T.W. Starkweather, chairman of MVMG.

The consecrators walked seven times around the boundary of the site in a ritual that emphasized the three basic pillars of Judaism: Torah, prayer and acts

of goodness and kindness, said Rabbi Raleigh Resnick, who participated in the ceremony. He is spiritual leader of Chabad of the Tri-Valley.

Issues still need to be resolved regarding plans for a cemetery. Measure D backers contend that if there were cemetery-related buildings on the site, no matter how rural they look, their uses violate the Measure. The county has noted that Stark-

weather failed to conduct an environmental review and obtain permits from State Fish and Wildlife.

In discussing plans, Starkweather said that Magen David will be managed and operated by a group responsible for its maintenance. The management will be a completely parallel and separate structure to MVMG. "We are not

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Young poll workers explain how to vote to one of the younger students.

Students Receive Lesson in Democracy

By Carol Graham

With media reporting a near record-low turnout of California voters, at least one Livermore polling place recorded a lofty 85% turnout.

Students at Arroyo Seco Elementary School turned up in droves to cast their votes for the governor of California during a Mock Election hosted by Lisa Wilson's combination 4th-5th grade class.

"One of the most important jobs of public education is to teach students about the rights and responsibilities that come with living in a democracy," said Wilson. "In just a few short years, these students will be voting. They will hopefully remember the thrill of getting to have a say in their government."

Wilder, grade 4: We have the right to vote because we

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LVPAC Appoints Chris Carter as Development Director

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) announced Chris Carter has been appointed Development Director, effective November 11, 2014.

He will have responsibility for donor cultivation and fundraising activities for LVPAC, including continuation of the current "Boost the Bankhead" program and

development of additional initiatives. A resident of Pleasanton, Carter joins LVPAC from St. Mary's College of California where he spent more than 11 years,

most recently as Director for Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving.

At St. Mary's College, Carter was responsible for creating and implementing

comprehensive programs to build connection and involvement among alumni and stimulate annual giving. During his tenure, Carter directed all the program-

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Baker Wins Assembly Seat, New Faces on Some Boards, Councils

Republican attorney Catharine Baker of Dublin is the Valley's new Assembly member, after defeating Democrat and Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti for the 16th District seat. It is currently held by Democrat Joan Buchanan, who will be termed out when the Legislature is sworn in on Dec. 1.

With just a few votes left to be counted on Tuesday, Baker received 69,128 votes, or 51.5 to Sbranti's 64,122, or 48.5 percent. Sbranti captured the Alameda County portion of the district with 51.9 percent of the vote. However, Baker won the more populous Contra Costa side 53.8 percent to 46.2 percent.

In Livermore, Mayor John Marchand ran unopposed, and received 17,909 votes.

For the two Livermore

City Council seats, newcomer Planning Commissioner Steven Spedowski led the field with 11,607 votes. He will replace Doug Horner, who is termed out. Incumbent Bob Woerner was returned to office with 11,032 votes. Chung Bothwell received 6400 votes, and Christopher Pareja 4269.

Jerry Thorne was re-elected Pleasanton mayor with 13,130 votes to 6383 for challenger Matt Morrison. In the City Council race, incumbent Kathy Narum led the field with 11,118. Joining her on the council is former planning commissioner Arne Olson, with 8200 votes. Olivia Sanwong won 6885 votes and George Bowen had 6625. Olson replaces Cheryl Cook-Kallio, who reached term limits.

Dublin will have a new



Celebrating the defeat of Measure T in Dublin are (left to right) Councilmember Abe Gupta, Seth Adams (Save Mount Diablo), Dick Schneider (Sierra Club) and Laura Mercier (Tri-valley Conservancy). For the story, see page 2.

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PET OF THE WEEK

All Zeppelin wants is a whole lotta love. The 6-month-old heartbreaker knows his time is gonna come, since he's wildly affectionate with a powerful leap. Give Zeppelin all your love today - adopt him from Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. For more info visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656. Photo - Valley Humane Society/M. Adkins

Resounding Defeat for Measure T

LVPAC

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Dublin residents spoke loud and clear on election day, rejecting the Measure T, "Let Dublin Decide." Over 83 percent of voters, 8,469 voted "no" on the measure, with 1,636 in favor of it.

The result protects Doolan and Collier Canyons, removing development pressure from the Tassajara and Las Positas hills stretching north to Mt. Diablo and Los Vaqueros. It also shifts the political landscape of Dublin, the fastest growing city in the state.

Sponsored by the developer Pacific Union, "Let Dublin Decide," Measure T would have allowed development in Doolan Canyon, the greenbelt between Dublin and Livermore. Pacific Union spent more than \$161,000 on its campaign.

Measure T was opposed unanimously by local environmental groups, the entire Dublin city council and planning commission, and all four candidates for mayor. Tri-Valley Conservancy and Save Mount Diablo were the major donors to the 'No' campaign along with many Dublin residents.

This past year, the coalition worked with long-time Dublin residents Morgan King and Dave Bewley of Save Dublin Open Space to draft an initiative to protect open space on the east and west borders of Dublin, including Doolan and Collier Canyons. This spring, the group collected 3650 signatures to qualify the "Dublin Open Space Initiative of 2014" for the ballot.

The developer Pacific Union also qualified a measure called "Let Dublin Decide." Later designated "Measure T," the developers' measure would have also created an urban limit line, but a much more expansive one including Doolan Canyon within areas that could be developed. Measure T would have taken control out of the hands of voters, leaving the city

council in charge, and would have directed the city to begin a process that would lead to development in the canyon.

In June, the Dublin City Council unanimously adopted the coalition's "Dublin Open Space Initiative" creating an Urban Limit Line on the eastern boundary of the city, making a western line permanent, and requiring a vote of Dublin residents to change the urban limit line. If Measure T had passed, the Dublin Open Space Initiative would have been trumped by Measure T.

Morgan King, former chair of the Planning Commission and one of the authors of the "Dublin Open Space Initiative of 2014," stated, "We appreciate the support of the entire city council and planning commission. The leadership of Mayor Tim Sbranti and Councilmember Abe Gupta really stands out. They worked hard to defeat Measure T."

Laura Mercier, Executive Director of the Tri-Valley Conservancy, added, "Doolan and Collier Canyons are the greenbelt between Dublin and Livermore. They include important agricultural lands and open space. They're also beautiful. Dublin residents have just told us that there are limits to growth and that they support protecting our hills and ranches. They want our kids to have open spaces in which to play."

The vote represents a change in philosophy in Dublin. In December 2010, environmentalists noticed an item on a Dublin city council agenda, a General Plan Amendment study for the "Dublin Preserve" project, 2,000 houses proposed by Pacific Union on 1450 acres in Doolan Canyon.

Dick Schneider, a volunteer with the Sierra Club's Bay Chapter, points out, "In 2010 when Pacific Union proposed their 2,000 unit

project in Doolan Canyon, we had very little support in Dublin. Four years later we had hundreds of volunteers, the support of thousands of residents, and a unanimous vote to adopt our measure by the city council of the fastest growing city in the state. Now, by defeating the developer's Measure T, Dublin residents have reaffirmed their interest in growth control and open space preservation."

Alameda County, Livermore and Pleasanton all have urban limit lines, as do all of the cities in Contra Costa County. The new initiative brought Dublin in line with the county and neighboring cities helping to protect open space and agricultural lands on both the east and west sides of Dublin.

"We all collectively defended Livermore's urban limit line in 2005," said Ron Brown, Save Mount Diablo's Executive Director, "Then Brentwood's urban growth boundary in June 2010, San Ramon's in November 2010, and now Dublin's in 2014. This is what we do, monitoring and responding to projects, working with residents and partners to protect our quality of life. Some developers rely on residents and neighbors being unprepared. We help the public to get involved."

Seth Adams, Land Conservation Director for Save Mount Diablo, added, "Defeating Measure T is not just about saving Doolan Canyon. Dublin is the fastest growing city in the state and was the last city in the area without an urban limit line. In June, the coalition created one. Now we've defended it. San Ramon did the same thing in 2010. This result will take a lot of development pressure off the Tassajara and Las Positas hills stretching north to Mount Diablo and Los Vaqueros."

East Bay Regional Park District had just bought the

first 640 acres for a new Doolan Canyon Regional Preserve. The future park was located adjacent to the area proposed for development. A hike was held there on April 13, 2011 to highlight the development threat. A coalition began building, including Tri-Valley Conservancy, Save Mount Diablo, the Sierra Club, Friends of the Vineyards, Greenbelt Alliance, the Alameda Creek Alliance, the California Native Plant Society, and Ohlone Audubon.

"The people of Dublin have made it clear that they are tired of urban sprawl and traffic and want to maintain their quality of life. This is a victory for the entire Tri-Valley," said Tammy Reus, President, Friends of the Vineyards.

Sexual Assault Support Group Is Offered

Tri-Valley Haven is offering a Sexual Assault Support Group for survivors of sexual assault. It will be held on Wednesday evenings. This support group is intended to help survivors of sexual assault gain further knowledge and understanding of the effects of sexual assault in their lives.

The goal is to provide a space for survivors to connect with each other and talk openly about their lives after experiencing a sexual assault. This group aims to support each participant as they discuss healthy coping skills and explore different strategies for healing.

This support group will meet on Wednesdays from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm at Tri-Valley Haven in Livermore. It will run for 12 weeks.

To sign up for the SA Group or for additional information, call Christine at Tri-Valley Haven at (925) 667-2707. Attendees must call ahead. No drop-ins please.

program has been very successful so far, but we still face a number of challenges in creating the solid financial foundation we envision for the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Art Center going forward. Chris can help us make that a reality as we move forward with our new vision," she added.

In September, LVPAC reached a joint agreement with the City of Livermore, County of Alameda and Bank of New York/Mellon to resolve the outstanding debt on the Bankhead Theater. The approximately \$3 million needed to fulfill the Bond Redemption Agreement was successfully raised, but additional funding through "Boost the Bankhead" and other sources is essential to carry LVPAC through year end and build the reserves necessary to ensure stability for ongoing operations.

A list of upcoming performances at the Bankhead Theater, as well as activities at the Bothwell Arts Center, is available online at www.mylvpac.com

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VOTING

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don't have a ruler. I like voting because it chooses who has power.

Lacey, grade 5: I voted the way I did because he's been doing things right and I want to keep it that way. I like how he's trying to save money so if there's an earthquake or something bad happens to California, we will have money saved up to help fix it.

All students from transitional kindergarten through fifth grade were eligible to vote.

"I think elementary students are old enough to understand much of what is happening with the election," said Wilson. "Younger students can understand about the colors and symbols of the candidates. Fourth and fifth graders can understand many of the campaign issues and advertising surrounding the election."

Savanna, grade 4: I watched lots of commercials for propositions, and my candidate's proposition helps with the drought. I thought we should have more drought preparation.

Joaquin, grade 4: I chose to vote for my candidate because I liked his proposition about medical services. New diseases are being discovered every year and they're killing tons of people.

The Mock Election fulfills state standards for fourth and fifth graders who study government and civic responsibilities.

"My class discussed local, state and national elections. We learned our elec-

tions at the local and state level have an effect on what happens in our classroom," said Wilson. "I'm about to introduce the American Revolutionary War to my fifth graders. Now we have firsthand experience of what those Colonists wanted. We also discussed voter apathy and why some people don't vote. Of course, my students thought this was just terrible that someone would choose not to vote."

Calissa, grade 5: I chose my candidate because I talked to my dad about it and he helped me decide. If you don't vote, you don't have a reason to say, "Oh, dang! I wish the other guy would've won." Your vote always counts.

Irina, grade 4: I voted for my candidate because he seems like a reasonable man, not one of those people who always wears suits. I will vote in a mock election until I'm 18 and able to do a real one.

Prior to the Mock Election, Wilson brought in political ads to teach students about advertising.

"The students noticed all the campaign signs around town and we discussed how the signs give candidates name recognition," said Wilson.

Nitti, grade 4, asked whether he would like to be a politician when he grows up, like a governor or senator: Yes, but I want to be on the school board.

The Mock Election took place the same time voting was going on at polling plac-

es throughout California.

Many students voted for candidates who addressed issues important to them, including the environment, drought preparedness, and funding for schools and parks. Other students had more intuitive reasons for backing a candidate.

Laila, grade 4: I think the person I voted for looks more innocent, and he looks like he could take care of things if anything bad happens.

Mackenzie, grade 4: The candidate I voted for seems like a nice family guy, like he would come to your party even though he has plans.

Wilson said that she has loved the process of elections ever since she was a child when her dad would make a huge electoral map that she would color in on election night.

"I hope students are excited about voting when they're adults," she said. "I like to show students voter registration cards that they can fill out at the public library when they turn 18. I hope they carry the memory of the elementary school Mock Election with them when it comes time for them to vote."

As for the results of Arroyo Seco's 2014 Mock Election, Jerry Brown received 68% of the votes, 379 out of 554, while Neel Kashkari earned 174 votes for 31%.

"There was one write-in vote for Santa," added Wilson. "The 'S' was written backwards."

LPD Receives Grant for Traffic Programs

The Livermore Police Department has been awarded a \$57,875 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a year-long program of special enforcement and public awareness efforts to prevent traffic related deaths and injuries.

The Livermore Police Department will use the funding as part of the city's ongoing commitment to keep roadways safe and improve the quality of life through both enforcement and education.

After falling dramatically between 2006 and 2010, the number of persons killed and injured in traffic collisions in California saw slight increases in 2011 and 2012.

The total number of traffic collisions occurring in Livermore so far in 2014 is down 11% from the same time last year. The total

number of people injured in traffic collisions is down 14% from this time last year. The Livermore Police Department hopes that by implementing this grant, it can continue to reduce the number of collisions occurring in the community.

"We are excited to partner with the Office of Traffic Safety and use these grant funds to further our traffic safety goals," said Chief Michael Harris of the Livermore Police Department. "Traffic safety has always been a top priority for our agency and for the community. This grant will allow us to work on a variety of traffic safety issues that we otherwise would not have been able to achieve."

Activities that the grant will fund include:

- Educational presentations
- DUI checkpoints

- DUI saturation patrols
- Motorcycle safety enforcement
- Distracted driving enforcement
- Bicycle and pedestrian enforcement
- Speed, red light, and stop sign enforcement
- Compilation of DUI "Hot Sheets," identifying worst-of-the-worst DUI offenders
- Stakeout operations to observe the "worst-of-the-worst" repeat DUI offender probationers with suspended or revoked driver licenses
- Specialized DUI and drugged driving training such as Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)

Funding for this program is from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

MEALS

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livered to the dining room of Ridgeview Commons Senior Center, located at 5200 Case Avenue, Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

"The optimal size is a 10-14 pound turkey that can feed a family and still have some leftovers," according to OHK Executive Director Linda McKeever. "The associated non-perishable holiday meal fixings are also very much appreciated during this time, such as stuffing mix, canned pumpkin and cranberry sauce, etc.," adds McKeever.

For more information about food donations to Open Heart Kitchen, please contact the Operations Director at (925) 580-6793.

Open Heart Kitchen feeds the hungry every weekday as an interfaith effort, and serves more than 260,000 meals annually. There is no qualifying process to receive meals.

In addition, Open Heart Kitchen provides the low-

income seniors of the Tri-Valley area a senior meal program at the Ridgeview Commons Senior Center,

5200 Case Avenue in Pleasanton. Hours are 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. each Monday through Friday.

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Four Arrested

The Pleasanton Police Department arrested four suspects charged with a variety of crimes.

All four suspects had been in the area for the past few days committing property crimes including mail theft, auto theft and auto burglary. Hundreds of pieces of stolen mail from the Central Valley, East Bay and South Bay regions were recovered. Two associated stolen vehicles were recovered in the hotel parking lot. Additional stolen property and illegal drugs were also seized.

The arrests took place on Nov. 9 at the Marriott Hotel after police were alerted that the hotel guests paid for a hotel room using a stolen credit card.

Taken into custody were Emmanuel Diaz - 29 year old male from Pleasanton; Xyris Espejo - 31 year old female from Morgan Hill; Rodney Tampo - 29 year old male from San Jose; and, Jose Vazquez - 26 year old male from San Jose.

Officers are continuing to unfold the series of crimes by connecting evidence located at the scene to reported thefts throughout the region. All four suspects were arrested and booked into Santa Rita Jail on various related charges.

Anybody with information about these crimes is asked to call the Pleasanton Police Department at (925) 931-5100.

Missing Child/Adult

On November 5, 2014 the Pleasanton Police Department was contacted by Pleasanton resident Rick Seymour regarding his missing eleven year-old daughter,

Sheena and ex-wife, Viola Astala. When Astala failed to bring Sheena for her regular visit with Seymour, he became concerned. He went to Astala's residence in Pleasanton to look for them but they were not there. Officers responded and also checked the residence and surrounding area but did not locate Sheena or Astala.

An investigation revealed Sheena was last seen by friends the evening of October 31, 2014, which was also the last day she was seen at school. Sheena and Viola are believed to be together and at this time police have no reason to suspect their safety is at risk. The Pleasanton Police Department is working in conjunction with national and local agencies to locate Astala and Sheena. They have both been entered into the Missing and Unidentified Persons System, MUPS.

Sheena is an eleven year-old white female, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, and has blonde hair and brown eyes.

Viola is a 54 year-old white female, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 170 pounds, and has brown hair and brown eyes.

This investigation is on-going. Anyone with information regarding their whereabouts should contact their local law enforcement immediately.

Corrections

Two animals identified as kit foxes are actually gray foxes. According to an expert in the field noted that it is not at all uncommon to confuse the two species.

The story about John Shirley's book was incorrect in stating that the book is new.

LIVERMORE RECYCLES

The City of Livermore is celebrating "America Recycles Day" with a **FREE COMMUNITY PAPER SHRED COLLECTION EVENT**

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EDITORIAL

Making a Difference

Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group will be honoring young innovators at its Fifth Annual Dreammakers and Risktakers luncheon.

The youngest honoree, Autumn Le, attends fourth grade at Croce Elementary School. After seeing people sleeping outside in the cold, she used her own money, then organized a drive to purchase sleeping bags for those in need. Le was also recognized recently by the Livermore Board of Education.

Amador Valley High School student Jacob Baer created a documentary highlighting Children of Deaf Adults.

Two other students, Neil Gupta from Monte Vista High and Armaan Sengupta from Dublin High, partnered to create a way for teenagers from around the world to connect and collaborate.

Dale Eldridge Kaye, CEO of the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group said of the students, "From a fourth grader who found a way to keep homeless people warm, to two students who formed an international online education system, to a documentary filmmaker who tells the story of a hearing child with deaf parents, these young people touch our hearts and illuminate the possibilities of the future."

It is good to learn about members of the generation who are making a difference. We salute both them and thank Innovation Tri-Valley for recognizing their efforts.

Over 70 Percent Support for Measure BB

Over 70% of Alameda County voters supported Measure BB, well above the two-thirds margin needed for victory. However, the measure failed to gain a two-thirds majority in Valley cities. It was approved in two precincts in Dublin, and the precinct near the future BART station in North Livermore. One precinct in Pleasanton, just south of I-580 and adjacent to Santa Rita Road also approved the measure.

The county vote was 237,806 "yes" and 98,833 "no."

The measure continues a one-half cent sales tax and adds another one-half cent to fund transportation projects through 2040.

"Passing Measure BB is a tremendous accomplishment, one that will be seen as a game changer for Alameda County and the Bay Area

for decades to come," said Alameda Alameda County Transportation Commission Chair Supervisor Scott Haggerty. "Yesterday, Alameda County voters said yes to improving our roads, yes to better BART and buses, yes to supporting the mobility of students and seniors, yes to a cleaner and more sustainable transportation system, and yes to creating 150,000 good quality local jobs. Thank you Alameda County and to the many supporters who worked so hard on behalf of our transportation future."

Measure BB will generate nearly \$8 billion over thirty years for essential transportation improvements in Alameda County. It is projected to yield \$20 billion in economic activity in the Bay Area and generate nearly 150,000 local jobs.

Funds will be used to expand BART, bus and com-

muter rail; keep fares affordable for seniors, youth and people with disabilities; provide traffic relief, and provides dollars to every city in the County to repave streets, fill potholes and upgrade local transportation infrastructure. There are funds identified to extend BART to Livermore and to complete the widening of Highway 84.

LIVERMORE MEASURES

Measures W and X were approved by Livermore voters. There was no organized opposition.

Measure W, which would restrict future increases in compensation for the mayor and councilmembers was approved by a 16,801 to 4,185 vote. In the future, increases will be based on the lesser of either the change in the Consumer Price Index or 5 percent of the existing compensation.

Measure X prohibits the

city from paying for health and welfare benefits for the council and city councilmembers. It was approved by a 14,874 to 6,072 vote.

VOTES STILL TO COUNT

Counting the votes had not been completed as of Tuesday. The latest returns were posted Tuesday morning after staff members worked late into the night.

Registrar of Voters Tim Dupuis said County elections staff was not able to complete all ballot processing. Election workers were given the day off Tuesday, the Veterans Day holiday.

They resumed counting on Wednesday.

The latest results showed that Alameda County has counted ballots submitted by 362,813 voters.

Under State law, Alameda County has until December 2 to certify its election results.

ELECTION

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mayor, replacing Sbranti, who was termed out after eight years. Councilmember David Haubert will replace Sbranti who was termed out after eight years. Haubert received 4326 votes. Councilmember Kevin Hart, who retains his council position, collected 3478 votes. Former Councilmember Kasie Hildenbrand had 1757 votes and Shawn Costello had 327.

In the Livermore school district, voters chose candidates for three seats for full four year terms. Results were Craig Bueno, 10,329; Anne White 10,164; Kate Runyon 10,029; Alan Heck-

man, 8746; and Belia Martinez, 7778.

Winner of the short term, two year seat, was Chris Wenzel with 8022 votes. The other candidates were McKinley "Mac" Day, 5260; Efrain Melendez, 2748; and Joe Iguain, 2234.

In the Pleasanton school board race, Mark Miller unseated one-term veteran Jeff Bowser. Incumbent Joan Laursen was returned to office. The vote was Laursen, 9679; Miller, 8468; Paige Wright 7719, and Bowser 7584.

In the race for Alameda County Schools Superin-

tendent, assistant superintendent Karen Monroe received 151,112 to beat Helen Foster, who received 114,711 votes.

Ayn Wieskamp won reelection in Ward 5 of East Bay Regional Park district with 55,607 votes to 17,243 for challenger Dev Gandhi.

On the LARPD board, the top three finishers were elected. They are Bob Coomber, 14,523 votes; Maryalice Faltings, 10,906; and David Furst, 10,591. Incumbent David Hutchinson finished fourth with 7384 votes.

On the Sunol school

board, appointed incumbent Victoria Cloutier led the field with 200 votes, and former board member Don Ball won the other seat with 191 votes. Denise Kent Romo was third with 167 votes.

Some of the newly elected people told The Independent what will be high on their agendas after they are sworn in.

Spendowfski said that he ran on three top priorities: protecting open-space, maintaining good long-term finance for the city, and continuing to enhance the health of the downtown.

Spendowfski added he would like to see the city improve its smoking regulations. Dublin has lifted its tobacco control policies to the level where the American Lung Association gives it an A. Livermore and Pleasanton have received a grade of D from the association.

Now that the recession crisis has eased, and the city has been hiring back needed personnel, Spendowfski wants to take a good look at the Capital Improvement Plan to see what projects might be financed.

New Councilmember Olson in Pleasanton wants to move ahead with the East Pleasanton Specific Plan, as he mentioned in his campaign. Also important is to encourage more retail uses on Main Street to build that area into a stronger hub.

Baker will be sworn in Dec. 1 in the Assembly. She has emphasized education reforms, including provision of more stable sources of funding for schools. "It's not just the money we have, but how we spend it," she said. Baker also wants to look at teacher tenure reform, and ways to reward good teachers. Using test scores as the only basis is not a good approach. There need to be other metrics to evaluate performance, she said.

Other priorities for Baker are to improve California's job climate, and the long-term financial stability of the state.

Miller's top priority on the Pleasanton school board will be changing the new school calendar for 2015-16, which was adopted last June by the current board. Miller said he would like to see the board postpone that adoption by one year. He believes there is a way to come to a compromise that will still end the first semester at the winter break, and not start as early as the currently adopted calendar says.

Listening more to parents is a key element in the process. That should be paramount as the board moves ahead in its work, said Miller. If the board wants the community's trust, it needs to be more open and transparent, he added.

Although already on the Dublin City Council, Haubert's new job as mayor is the city's leadership position. Haubert said that helping guide continuity and unity will be important. There will be one new councilmember still to come onboard, with Sbranti being termed out in December. Further, anytime there is a change in a group its dynamic changes.

The council also needs to check the city's growth plan on the Eastside and see in which direction it wants to go. Much of the plan is built. "We may be five years too late, but I will ask the question to see what direction the council wants to go," he declared.

Livermore Looking to Make Changes in Parking

Changes are being planned to better manage parking in downtown Livermore, making it more convenient for a host of users.

A parking study commissioned by the City of Livermore proposed fourteen strategies, including ways to improve the use of existing parking, as well as ways to provide more parking. Brian Canepa from Nelson Nygaard reported on the findings.

He pointed out that parking demand is high in the core area of the downtown. There is quite a bit of parking in privately owned lots that is under-utilized. "It is hard to find parking in desired areas, such as the Livermore Village site, the old Lucky parking lot, and along First Street. In addition some employees park for long periods in these areas."

The parking garage is under-utilized.

Canepa noted that currently time limits on parking end at 6 p.m. The peak period

of use is from 7 to 8 p.m.

The next step will be to prepare an implementation plan, including cost estimates and a comprehensive financing strategy.

Livermore has received a Planned Development Area Technical and Staffing Assistance Grant from MTC for \$100,000 that will be used to pay consultant costs to prepare the implementation plan.

Strategies include increasing passenger loading zones and enhancing ADA access, particularly near the movie theater and Bankhead Theater. Another proposal would improve parking garage and lot design, as well as safety by increasing lighting along the access paths. Signage would be used to provide directions to parking areas.

More on and off street bike parking is an option. Changing parking times is another idea. These include retaining parking time restrictions until 8 p.m. rather

than the current 6 p.m. Adding a four hour time limit in the Livermore Village lot would be used to create a higher rate of turn-over. Increased enforcement with the goal of encouraging employees in the area to use less desirable parking spaces thus freeing up prime spaces for visitors. The goal of the enforcement would be to shift behavior. Another option for employees would be to identify lots and spaces in under-utilized areas and provide incentives to employees to encourage use of these areas.

The city will look into working with private lot owners to implement sharing plans. Adding surface parking adjacent to the parking garage would add more parking. Valet parking during peak times is another proposal.

Building a new parking garage would provide the most benefit, according to the study. It is also the most costly option, estimated at

\$16 million.

Seven of the proposals could be implemented in about a year. Theses include adding more passenger loading zones and ADA access, improving safety at parking garages and lots, adding signage to guide people to the public parking garage, and improving on and off street bicycle parking. Also easily implemented would be revising and simplifying parking restrictions, encouraging a peak period valet service, and increasing enforcement of parking regulations.

One proposal, adding parking meters, is not considered a viable option at this time, according to Canepa.

Councilmember Stewart Gary noted that the city doesn't have the cash to build a parking garage on the Livermore Village site. The city should prepare a development master plan now that the big theater is no more.

Councilmember Doug Horner said based on the

Livermore Hires New Assistant City Manager

The City of Livermore has appointed Jenny Haruyama as Livermore's new Assistant City Manager. She currently serves as the Administrative Services Director for the City of Tracy.

Haruyama will start her position as Assistant City Manager on December 2, 2014.

"I am very honored and excited to serve the City of Livermore as its Assistant City Manager. Livermore is an extraordinary city with a bright future, which I am proud to be a part of," stated Ms. Haruyama.

Haruyama joined Tracy in 2012 as the City's first Administrative Services Director. While at Tracy, her duties included day-to-day management of the Administrative Services Department, which encompasses Finance, Human

Resources, and Information Technology. She was instrumental in balancing the City of Tracy's General Fund budget without the use of reserves, increasing Tracy's General Fund reserves by \$7.4 million (or 22%) over a two-year period, and implementing a General Fund Reserve policy which expanded the city's reserve designations. She also led an open government initiative to build community trust, while enhancing public access to city records and financial information. She also played a key role in the development of a High-Tech Incentive Policy and Program to attract and retain technology-based and manufacturing businesses.

Livermore City Manager Marc Roberts, states, "Jenny brings to Livermore a broad background

in local government with a strong skill set in project management, policy development, intergovernmental and community relations."

Prior to serving the City of Tracy, Haruyama worked for the Town of Los Gatos, serving in a variety of positions over a

period of 12 years, including the Assistant Director of Budget and Finance, Assistant to the Town Manager, and Administrative Analyst. Ms. Haruyama also served as a Senior Management Analyst for the City of Rancho Cucamonga.

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Thankful for Your Support Steven Spendowfski Livermore

Over the past several months, I have been overwhelmed by the amount of support I have received

during this election season. I would like to thank my campaign staff (led by Loreta Kaskey), volunteers, and those who formally endorsed me during the campaign. I would also like to thank everyone who made the time to speak with me at candidate forums, the farmers' market, and community events. Nothing would be possible without the support and encouragement of my wife and family.

One universal truth always surfaced during these discussions: Livermore is a great place to live. Our community is fortunate to have the support of wonderful arts organizations, volunteer groups, non-profit organizations, faith-based services, and local government agencies all working together to keep Livermore

on the right path. I consider it an honor to serve as a city council member, thank you Livermore residents.

School Board Election Efrain Meléndez Livermore

Thanks to all Livermore residents who voted last Tuesday, Nov. 4th. Good people have been selected and entrusted with the future of all our schools. I'm confident that they have our children as their #1 priority. I specifically want to express my sincere thanks to the voters who voted in support of my candidacy for the Two-Year School Board Trustee position. Our responsibility now as parents, as always, is to stay informed and as active as possible with the District and at each of our children's schools.

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CEMETERY

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building two funeral homes. When they need the infrastructure of our home on the site, we will make it available at nominal cost or no cost to the Jewish community," said Starkweather.

Starkweather said that Magen David exemplifies what Monte Vista can do for people of various beliefs — provide a place where they can conduct ceremonies and prepare plots in a manner unique to their own religion. He said that with 80 different ethnic groups in the county, it will be important in the future to have a cemetery that is able to meet the needs of any religion, or for that matter, any secular person. MVMG fills a need in the area, as other cemeteries are filling up, said Starkweather. He projects a likely 150-year life for the capacity of the cemetery, or perhaps longer.

Jewish people bury their dead with no concrete caps in the ground, above or below the coffin. Resnick said that it is consistent with belief in the Jewish scriptural quotation "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust." In that vein, wooden coffins are used, and even the screws are wood, so they decay, unlike metal screws, said Resnick.

Starkweather said in planning a full service facility on the site that it is important to have one place in the area with full on-site funeral services, including a mortuary, chapel, crematorium, and a columbarium as a final resting place for ashes for those who prefer it.

There also will be 35 acres of vineyards, from which MVMG intends to produce 20,000 cases of wine in the early years, and eventually 50,000 cases. A well drilled on the property yields 1000 acre feet of water per year, far more than the 80 acre feet per year that will be needed on site to irrigate the vineyards and other needs.

Some 20 percent of the profits from MVMG will be going to good causes, to be determined by an 11-member board. Further, the Magen David cemetery has agreed to match that form of tithing, and add another 20 percent, to bring their total to 40 percent, said Starkweather.

MVMG is comprised of about a dozen investors who live in the Tri-Valley, including Livermore residents, among whom are former Mayor Marshall Kamena and retired Navy Captain Tom McCaffrey. The group are all friends who want to bring a full-service cemetery to the Valley, said Starkweather.

Starkweather said that the facilities will not look like a cemetery. CalTrans has built a 15-foot sound wall along Interstate 580 next to the property as part of its freeway widening project. The wall will screen out buildings from view. Passers-by will see only the ridge tops, which will have the vineyards on them.

Aesthetically, the grounds will look like a vineyard in Tuscany. The mortuary will resemble a rural barn, said Starkweather. All of the hearses will be electric. The work vehicles on the grounds will be powered by fuel cells. MVMG intends to achieve a platinum LEEDS rating for the whole facility. Funeral times will be confined to a period between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., in order not to contribute to rush-hour traffic on I-580.

APPROVALS STILL NEEDED

Starkweather is hoping for an opening in 2015, though it could go into 2016, he said.

After a site investigation was conducted, a county inspector noted that a "considerable area has been graded and filled with various materials between Las Colinas Road and Arroyo Las Positas."

The county noted construction of a pedestrian bridge in the Arroyo Las Positas and the extension of the culvert to the tributary swale (at the arroyo).

"The work is in violation of the county's grading and watercourse ordinance, and likely in violation of other state codes," said the order. It referred to codes for the state Department of Fish & Wildlife and the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

The water quality board oversees discharges into streams and the alterations of their banks. Fish & Wildlife has oversight of threatened or endangered species habitat.

Andrew Hughan, a spokesperson for Fish & Wildlife, said there are three threatened or endangered species on the Monte Vista property: the tiger salamander, red-legged frog and burrowing owl.

Before Starkweather could do any of the work he began, he needed to have completed an environmental document, and submitted an application to Fish & Wildlife for the proposed work, which he did not do, said Hughan.

"This project does not have Fish & Wildlife approval. The bridge and any grading, on, in, around, or above state waters, needs to be addressed in the application and CEQA requirement," said Hughan.

Starkweather said that there was a misunderstanding about the bridge. There already was a bridge on the property built by the previous owner. One of the investors fell down because of the bridge's condition. Starkweather simply wanted to repair the bridge.

"The application was for a temporary crossing during the summer. It's a bridge that's 14-feet long. I paid the fee. I thought I was following the rules."

Starkweather said he is leaving a career as a builder of shopping and industrial centers to work full time on the cemetery and the vineyard. He said he knew from his developer experience that sometimes there are situations that are categorically exempt from CEQA.

"I believed we were OK, but it turned out they felt I did too good a job in rebuilding a temporary system. As soon as they indicated that I didn't follow the rules exactly, I removed the bridge," said Starkweather.

County assistant engineer Andy Cho, who issued the stop-work order, confirmed to The Independent this week that the bridge has been removed. The culvert work remained.

DIFFERENCES ON MEASURE D

Another concern raised about the cemetery come from backers of Measure D. Dick Schneider, who

was co-author of Measure D, said that if the cemetery were simply for burial, and has no buildings, it would meet Measure D regulations, which govern agricultural lands in the unincorporated area outside the urban growth boundary.

However, structures such as a mortuary, chapel, columbarium or crematorium are not allowed in an agricultural zone, said Schneider.

Measure D sets forth uses allowed as "community facilities" in agricultural zones. Among them are schools, nursery schools, colleges, libraries, outdoor recreational facilities, certain public utility buildings or uses, and churches, convents and rectories.

Starkweather contended that MVMG is allowed to build on up to 45,000 square feet of impervious surface. He noted that his attorney has told him that all he needs to do, "under our present zoning," is to acquire the necessary conditional use permits, and submit mitigation plans for such things as traffic.

However, Measure D supersedes former designations in the zoning ordinance, said Schneider. The legal language in Section 19 of Measure D is clear. Schneider quoted a passage of Measure D that says that no use permit may be granted if it conflicts with Measure D.

County assistant planning director Sandy Rivera said that she does not know the details of what MVMG wants, because there is no application submitted to the county. No CEQA document has been completed that is supposed to precede an application. However, Rivera said that Measure D is in the county General Plan. It governs questions in agricultural districts in the unincorporated areas.

State Senate Seat Open

With Mark DeSaulnier's election to a US Congressional seat, he will now have to vacate his seat in the California senate. Governor Jerry Brown will soon be calling for a special election for California State Senate District 7 that will occur early next year.

Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin are included in District 7.

Republican Mark Meuser has announced his intention to seek the vacated seat.

Meuser, a local attorney, was a candidate for California State Senate District 7 in 2012.

Democrat Joan Buchanan is expected to announce a run for the Senate seat. She is termed out of Assembly District 16. Republican Catharine Baker has been elected to represent District 16.

POVERTY

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Foundation, and the East Bay Leadership Council in conjunction with community services agencies and city and local business leaders.

"The purpose of the event was to highlight the issue of suburban poverty, as poverty in these areas can often be hidden," said Hacienda General Manager James Paxson. "Our goal is to begin a process of raising awareness, creating the foundation for collaborative impact, increasing connectivity between safety services, and increasing donors and volunteers for local nonprofits."

Paxson added that Helping Hands, Hacienda's community initiative, was created to help the Tri-Valley community through fundraising, granting and networking. Over the last six years, Hacienda Helping Hands has distributed more than \$100,000 to philanthropic organizations including Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, Open Heart Kitchen, Axis Community Health, Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center and Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch.

"The biggest misconception one hears is that poverty is not an issue in the area," Paxson said. "Addressing poverty is difficult but solvable, particularly through a collaborative effort from the different groups represented at the event."

Kaiser Permanente's mission includes a commitment to improving the health of the communities they serve. Since poverty is a key driver of poor health, reducing poverty and increasing prosperity is an effort Kaiser Permanente embraces.

"Poverty in the Tri-Valley is diverse," said Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit Manager Marianne Balin. "Many people would be surprised at who's struggling; it might be your recently divorced neighbor whose home is being foreclosed. Or, it could be your dental assistant or teacher's aide. Perhaps it is an elder who has outlived her savings, or a proud, struggling veteran. There is a distinct stigma around being poor, so our neighbors who struggle are likely to work hard to maintain the perception that all

is well."

Forum speakers were selected on the basis of their expertise on the subject, along with their ability to provide varying perspectives. Elizabeth Kneebone, co-author of "Confronting Suburban Poverty in America," has researched nationwide suburban poverty, including areas in close proximity to the Tri-Valley. Alex Briscoe, Director of Alameda Health Care Services Agency, spoke from a county perspective. Kelly Bowers, Superintendent of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, spoke about the challenges of poverty for children and their families.

"My presentation was titled 'Submerged in the Suburbs,' as folks are living below the poverty line yet struggle in silence, often due to stigma or difficulty navigating and accessing social services," said Bowers. "I have met hardworking folks who just need a temporary lifeline or boost, a voice, and access to resources, so that they can reboot. They have hopes, dreams, a work ethic, grit and determination, but the recent hard times have given them a setback. Their children are suffering. If we can invest in them and their education, there will be a guaranteed economic

return, for them personally as well as for our whole economy. We take risks when we invest in real estate and the stock market, but if we invest in our youth, via supports and education, there will be a guaranteed return."

Bowers added that she supports a three-step approach to alleviating poverty: awareness, analysis and action.

"I hope attendees gained a new awareness of the levels and concentration of poverty in the region, that they analyze the data to identify patterns and trends in order to determine root causes, and then strategically take action," she said. "It is not enough to talk about the issues or be aware of them; we must raise consciousness so that at every level we are combining our voice to initiate a call to action, and ensuring available resources are actually channeled to make a difference."

Balin agreed. "The team that produced the hidden poverty forum wants to make certain that the needs of the Tri-Valley are not overlooked just because they can be hard to see."

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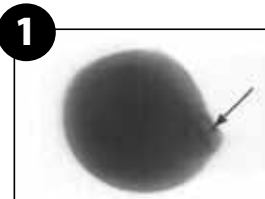
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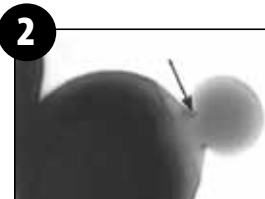
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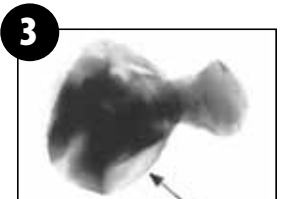
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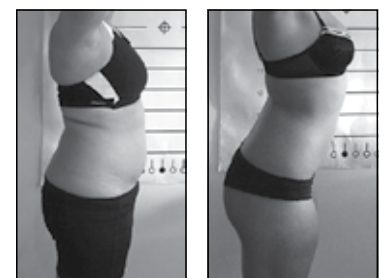


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SPORTS NOTES



Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club U16 division saw a great last game of the season on turf and under the lights. Team Cagliari was unstoppable with Danny Lopez and Josh King each scoring a hat trick. Also scoring goals were Kevin Wiest, Yavuz Ozkabak, Joey Brasil, Justin West and Gene Carns off of a penalty shot. Great defense was turned in by John Battaglia, Matt Gummerson and Luis Vizueth.



Livermore Fusion U11 Boys Black Select team played a great game against Benicia Arsenal to end the season. Jackson Nystrom scored a hat trick with 3 goals in the first half with assists by Diego Monize and Ryan Hansen. Hansen scored a goal of his own in the second half with an assist by Zachary Sousa. Kieran Campbell kept the Benicia defense busy with multiple crosses into the box while Tyler Caldeira showed great hustle to help the midfield maintain control of the game. Goalies Connor Morgan and London Bishop made some awesome stops and held the Benicia Arsenal team to only 2 goals. Gavin Rose, Jacob Sisto and Tyler Eaton played some solid defense keeping Arsenal to minimal shots on goal. Livermore Fusion U11 Boys team won 4-2.



The West Coast U12G Kaos finished out the season with two more wins over the weekend. On Saturday, Kaos beat Delta United 3-1. On Sunday, Kaos easily shutout Newark Elite 3-0. The girls close out their Norcal Premier fall league season with an impressive 7-1-2 record. Next up for Kaos is State Cup play against top teams from northern California. Pictured is West Coast outside-midfielder, Katie Reid, shielding the ball from a defender. Katie scored 3 of Kaos' 6 goals over the weekend.



Pleasanton Orange Pride's Jamison Grey getting ready to cross the ball. Photo - Kurt Emmett Rosenthal.

Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Orange Pride completed their undefeated regular season with a 4-0 shutout of the Lady Warriors. The Pride and the Lady Warriors played even for the first 15 minutes of the game. The Pride opened the scoring with some pinpoint passing from Summer Reeves to Kristen Kye who one-timed a pass to a streaking Jenna Brown down the middle. Brown scored again 5 minutes later on a left footed shot when Emma Tszoo cleared the ball from the Pride's defensive end to Jielin Eeo who fed Brown. Jenna Brown battled for the ball at midfield and was able to make a pass to Jamison Gray on the right wing just inside the box. Jamison took a shot that just eluded the Lady Warrior keeper to give the Pride a 3-0 lead. The Pride's final goal came with 5 minutes left in the half. Mollie McKay sent the ball from the midfield to Audrey Emmett on the left side. Audrey made a beautiful cross to the middle and Jamison Gray dribbled through several Lady Warrior defenders to score her second goal of the game and gave the Pride a 4-0 lead at half time. The second half saw the Pride apply consistent pressure on the Lady Warriors, but were unable to put the ball past the Lady Warriors' keeper to keep the final score 4-0. This was a final ending for the Pride. They finished the regular season at 10-0. They scored a total of 39

goals scored with only 4 goals against. The season was a reflection of the hard work and dedication, their skill, and team chemistry they exhibited from the first game to the last. Offensive players: Jenna Brown, Jamison Gray, Lexie Freeland; Defensive players: Emma Tszoo, Alexandra Greth, Alyssa Wu. **Rage Orange U14** finished its regular season with a 2-1 win against the Hercules FCA Reign at Val Vista, Pleasanton, on Saturday, Nov. 8. Rage defenders started off the scoring efforts when center back Ariyana Walling launched a powerful free kick in the third minute that was saved by the Reign goalkeeper. Reign fought back, but was stopped by Rage goalie Cierra Gray on the right wing just inside the box. The game's first goal was scored when Rage forward Gabriella Smith reacted quickly to tap in a loose ball that escaped from the Reign goalie's hands, off a free kick by teammate Julianna Pereira. Minutes later, Reign answered back with a goal. The two teams battled in the midfield, with multiple passes and crosses by Rage players Lucia Castaneda and Isabella Clark. Taking a free kick from 36 yards, Pereira kicked an arcing ball over the goalie's outstretched arms to find the back of the net for Rage's second goal. Rage offense kept pressure, with subsequent shots by Brooke Delaney and Taylor Metz. Late in the first half, Rage's Jessica Stubbs had a close on goal that just missed right. In the second half, Rage's Samara



Pleasanton Ballistic U12 Borussia Dortmund defeated Eintracht Frankfurt 2 to 1. Outstanding teamwork culminated in the victorious game for Dortmund. Drew Flanders scored the first goal, while Kyle Neuman outplayed Eintracht Frankfurt's goalie and scored the second goal for our team. Amazing performance were turned in by lead strikers, Ethan Kuo, Eli Esparaza, Gabe Payne, and Jonah Snider. Star defensesmen for this game were Nick Gibson, Anthony Mitine, and Izak Monette. Goalies, Adam Schwartz and Mason Purnell, guarded the goal and secured the victory.



The Livermore Fusion U13 Boys played their final match against Dublin United. The match ended in a 2 to 2 tie with a goal by Edgar Garcia and a beautiful head shot off a corner kick by AJ Morais. The U13 boys led by head coach Mike Buti and assistant coach Rob Nordvik finished in 2nd place with 6 wins, 1 tie and 1 loss. Every player stood out at one time or another: Traice Addington, Dylan Breesch, Michael Buti, Jake Carmichael, goal keeper Jeremy Dyson, Edgar Garcia, Matthew Gomes, Jacob Hutchinson, Kyle Johnson, AJ Morais, Cole Niermeyer, Caleb Nieto, Will Nordvik, Evan Nystrom, Aaron Toothman, Brandon Umeki and Austin Weinschelsum.



West Coast U9 Girls Krush pictured after winning Norcal Region 3/4 Broze East League include Madylin Harrell, Mina Shokoor, Jillian Barth, Coach Sara Giroto, Hailey Brackett, Sydney Goodwin, Kiara Franklin, Ciella Seals, Arianna Butler, Marina Rivera, Dakota Baird, and Kira Korsak.



Pleasanton Ballistic U10 saw Verona and Milan in action. Both teams were on fire and provided an excellent game. Senyi Yang made many diving stops in goal. Khilan Surapaneni and Kadin Sellami scored two goals each. Kadin Sellami scored both goals with the his brother, Zidane Sellami, providing the assists. William Zhai provided lots of energy in defense and offense. Verona finished the season strong. Top Offensive Players: Senyi Yang, Dylan Gray, Joshua Young; Top Defensive Players: Derek Wang, William Zhai, Jake Loeffler. Pictured is Kadin Sellami running down the field.

Ayoob, Ashley Lopez and Lauren Londono pelted shots on goal, but the Reign defense proved impenetrable. Rage's Hunter Faria, Hannah Gossett and Allison Defazio controlled the midfield by keeping the ball in the Reign side most of the second half. Reign's efforts at equalizing proved futile against the speed of Rage defenders Pereira, Walling, Sarah McKeever and Emma Monsen. The final score was 2-1 in favor of Rage Orange. Pleasanton Rage97 Orange took on the West Coast U17 team on Saturday, November 8th. Emma Halsch from West Coast scored first in the first half, with an assist by Misha Brewster. The Rage kept the game scoreless in the second half, and in the last few minutes of the game Rage defender Paige Harris crossed a ball from the halfway line up halfway into West Coast's half court for a waiting Gigi Vega who buried it, tying the score 1-1.

West Coast Soccer

West Coast U9 Girls Krush completed league games over the weekend, shutting out both Mustang Flash and Tri-Valley SC Blues to become league champions. Krush started off the weekend with a tough match-up against the second place Mustang Flash, where both teams

needed a win to stay atop the league standings. Ciella Seals got Krush on the board early in the first half with a goal assisted by Dakota Baird. Madylin Harrell added an insurance goal in the second half on a penalty kick. Sitting atop the league, all Krush needed was a win or tie against Tri-Valley to win the league. The girls came out a little slow, but Sydney Goodwin connected a nice pass to Ciella who put the ball in the net to give Krush a 1-0 lead. With the first half drawing to a close, Dakota Baird passed to Marina Rivera who netted a great goal to give Krush a 2-0 lead. The second half was all Krush as Ciella added 2 more goals to complete the hat trick. Krush went on to win 4-0 and were crowned League Champions.

Fusion Soccer

The Fusion U10 Boys Gold team wrapped up a highly successful season this weekend in Sacramento at the Nor-Cal Premier State Cup tournament. The team played at a high level all season, going 6-2-2 in combined League and State Cup qualifying play, placing them in one of the top brackets for this weekend's tournament. Fusion fought valiantly against extremely talented teams, including a decisive 3-1 victory against a team that had defeated them



West Coast Fury wrapped up the Nor Cal region 3/4 division championship with a 1-0 victory over Diablo FC Saturday morning in Concord. Fury finished atop the standing with a 7-0-1 record and overall are unbeaten in 17 of their last 18 matches. Kelena Brongiel scored the lone goal off an assist from Kaleigh Castillo. The Fury defense was tough as nails limiting the Diablo FC offense to 3 shots. Bella Romero, Castillo and Brongiel drew praise from Fury coach Ray Canevari. The game was a battle for 1st and 2nd place in the region. Faith Rogers, Kourtney Kessler and Angie Alfonso had standout performances.



Livermore Fusion U14 Boys Black (Storm) took 2nd place in the Fremont Kick or Treat Halloween tournament. The Storm opened with victories over Alameda Islanders 2-0 and 1-0 Fremont Arsenal. On Sunday, the Storm tied Dublin United Bullets 1-1, with most point in their group, the Storm moved onto the championship game against Castro Valley. The Storm came up short losing 1-0. Pictured are (front row) Nate Frazier and Cameron Schrader; (back row) Cameron Aslin, Alex Frazier, Ryan Lortie, Josh White, Max O'Connor, Josh Freitas, Jeremy Theobald, Max Bauer, Eduardo Ramirez, Jason Wigginton, Nate Swartz, Aidan Neely; not pictured Brian Schindler, Nathan Mendoza; coaches Jim Swartz and John O'Connor.



The Livermore High School girls varsity water polo team opened the NCS championships with an 11-6 victory over College Park, followed by a 9-7 victory over the 24-1 Alameda team. With the win, the team advanced to the final four, the first LHS water polo team ever to do so. Livermore faced San Ramon Valley in the semifinals on Wed., Nov. 12, after The Independent's deadline. Team members are Madelyn Potts, Kayley Clark, Julia Hall, Katie Johnston, Alicja Gornicka, Jessica Elfin, Alex Kerin, Gianna Paden, Fiona Weaver, Julia Matthews, Emily Hawkins, and Katelyn Johnson. They are coached by Andrew Troxell and Amanda Johnston. Also in the picture is proud LHS principal Alberto Solórzano.



The Pleasanton Rage 05 Orange completed their league season with a victory over Livermore Fusion 3-0. The result means that the team finished 1st in the Norcal Premier gold division. The team finished with a record of 7-0-2 with 34 goals scored and only 7 against. The girls finish the season next weekend by playing in the State Cup Semi final against Modesto Ajax in Manteca. If they win they will play in the final on Sunday November 16th. Pictured are (from left, top) Layla Mai, Angelema Akanyirige, Paige Bennett, Coach Dave Shaw, Katie Salonga, Phoebe Kmetz; (bottom) Angelina Ricupati, Sydney Stimson, Makenze Mapes, Katie O'Sullivan, Macy Lehrer, and Olivia Walinski.

The final game of the season proved to be a thriller. A 2-2 score at halftime held up, and the game ultimately went to double overtime. Unfortunately, the Gold team could not secure the decisive goal and lost 3-2. 2014 proved to be a leap forward for the Gold team. Following the Fusion model of building from the back, defenders Cameron Angotti and Chris Amaya consistently kept teams at bay.

The midfield developed throughout the season, with stellar play by Sawyer Bartlett, Peyton Braun, Ayden Kellerher, Alec Michaels and Daniel Yanez. Forwards Zachary Huerta, Mick Maier, Joaquin Sanchez and Matthew Sunnergen constantly pressured the defense. Goalkeepers Kyle Denton and Andrew McKeever kept their opponents out of the net with tremendous diving plays week after week, while adding to their team's offense throughout the

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campaign. Coach Isaac Robledo led the Gold team.

Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks swam at the "Thanksgiving Splash" on November 1-2, 2014. The meet was hosted by the Livermore Aquacowboys and took place at the Robert Livermore Community Center in Livermore.

The 497 athletes at the event competed in 2497 entries.

Representing the Pleasanton Seahawks: Paige Bennett (8) with 5 New Best Times, Alexis Mesina (6) 7BT, Mithra Senthil (8), Jessica Tsai (7) 2BT, Nabil Danandeh (8) 1BT, Aayush Gupta (8) 2BT, Andrew Kanarsky (8) 2BT, Sahil Mehta (8) 6 BT, Alexander Suen (8), Adam Valentine (8) 2BT, Raghav Vats (7), Dominick Wonosaputra (8) 2BT, Brayden Ye (8) 2BT, Zoe Chu (9) 1BT, Christina Coatney (10) 4BT, Camille Demange (10) 2BT, Adora Do (9) 2BT, Aria Harris (9) 1BT, Breuklynn Harris (9) 1BT, Lauren Jhong (10) 2BT, Alcina Kenny (9), Olivia Kim (10) 3BT, Jaiya Labana (9) 2BT, Aven Lee (10) 3BT, Cynthia Li (9) 2BT, Florence Rui Lin (9) Sydney Lu (10) 3BT, Sophia Pedersoli (10) 1BT, Jasmine Phan (9) 3BT, Sophia Stiles (9) 5BT, Vivian Sun (10) 4BT, Chandra Tien (10) 1BT, Christina Tsai (10) 2BT, Emily Tai (10) 1BT, Dahlia Versteeg (9) 3BT, Crystal Wang (10) 1BT, Mica Wang (10) 2BT, Kyle Chen (10) 2BT, Michael Chen (10) 2BT, Akshay Gupta (10) 3BT, Peter Hui (10) 2BT, Gregory Kanarsky (10) 1BT, Alexander LeCoque (9) 2BT, Jordan Lee (9) 2BT, Tom Li (10) 2BT,

Brycen Martin (9), Karan Saini (10) 2BT, Aric Shen (9) 2BT, Alexander Smedley (10) 5BT, Gordon Tam (10) 1BT, Eric Tandan (10) 3BT, Ronin Tsang (10) 3BT, Ethan Wang (9) 1BT, Aiden Wong (9) 4BT, Kevin Yuan (9) 5BT, Emily Chen (12), Megan Chung (12) 1BT, Nikita Gautham (11) 2BT, Kaela Lee (12) 1BT, Mackenzie Lee (12) 5BT, Jocelyn Martin (11) 5BT, Kirsten Patron (12) 1BT, Gracie Quinn (11), Stephanie Shao (12) 3BT, Navya Singh (12) 2BT, Nicole Stiles (11) 7BT, Claire Suen (12) 4BT, Emma Washam (12) 2BT, Gwyneth Wong (12) 5BT, Sophia Xing (12) 3BT, Josh Atre (11), Mattias Bengtsson (11) 1BT, Timothy Ding (12) 2BT, Jaewoo Kim (11) 4BT, Andrew Li (12), Aditya Mehta (12) 3BT, Lleyton Plattel (12) 2BT, Alex Ren (12) 5BT, Jovanni Shen (11) 1BT, Divjot Toor (11) 1BT, Justin Tsai (12) 5BT, Madhav Vats (12) 3 BT, Alexander Wang (11) 3BT, Cynric Ye (12) 3BT, Elisabeth Balicanta (13) 2BT, Kyra Black (13) 2BT,

Emily Claridge (13) 3BT, Caroline Eckel (13) 3BT, Amber Fornoles (14) 2BT, Hannah Franzwa (14), Morgan Gallagher (13) 3BT, Medha Gautham (13) 2BT, Chloe Gosselin (13) 2BT, Daniella Hawkins (13) 3BT, Isabella Hernandez (13) 3BT, Nawoo Kim (14) 1BT, Marissa Lawrence (13) 5BT, Victoria Luo (13) 5BT, Alison Martin (14) 2BT, Amanda Mobley (14), Christy Neufeld (14), Ruby Quinn (14) 1BT, Katherine Risher (13) 1BT, Isabella Smedley (13) 5BT, Paulina Umansky (13) 1BT, Emma Valentine (14) 5BT, Mattias Blanco (13) 3BT, Dannon Dai (13) 3BT, Calvin David (13),

Tristan Guerrero (13) 6BT, Timothy Kanarsky (13) 1BT, Kyle Kenny (13) 5BT, Aaron Lee (13) 4BT, Aaron Lin (13) 3BT, Alexander Luo (13) 4BT, Robert Mitu (13) 5BT, Matthew Neufeld (14), Jalen Shen (13), Nicholas Skinner (13) 2BT, Benjamin Sproul (14) 4BT, Robert Torres (13) 3BT, Hudson Tsang (13) 3BT, Jack Wilkerson (13) 1BT, Bryce Wong (13) 5BT, Nicholas Wonosaputra (13) 5BT, Eric Wu (13) 3BT, Alexandra Hernandez (15), Sofia Moufarrej (15) 2BT and Niklas Bengtsson (15) 2BT.

SHORT COURSE MEET
The Pleasanton Seahawks swam at the Pacific Swimming Senior Circuit short course meet. The Terrapins Swim team hosted 628 swimmers competing in 3138 entries on November 7-9, 2014 at the Concord Community pool in Concord, CA. Representing the Pleasanton Seahawks: Emily Claridge (13) achieved 2 new best times, Jacqueline Davis (14), Caroline Eckel (13) 1BT, Amber Fornoles (14) 2BT, Hannah Franzwa (14), 1BT, Daniella Hawkins (13) 1BT, Miranda Heckman (13) 7BT, Nawoo Kim (14) 2BT, Christy Neufeld (14), Paulina Umansky (13), Emma Valentine (14) 2BT, Christiana Zuniga (14) 2BT, Calvin Chui (13) 1BT, Jonah Cooper (14) 1BT, Calvin David (13), Christopher Jhong (14) 3BT, Tyler Lu (14) 2BT, Christina Chong (16) 4BT,



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Granada High School ran over crosstown rival Livermore High 42 to 7 in an EBAL varsity football game. It was the third straight win for the Matadors over the Cowboy.

Samantha Howell (15), Victoria Kaleta (16), Annalisa Parker (16), Moriah Simonds (16), Ryane Skinner (16) 1BT, Sarah Wang (16), Danielle Zacharias (16), Jared Brandley (16) 5BT, Brandon Brown (15) 3BT, Michael Martin, Jonathan Mui (16), Maxime Rooney (16), Nathaniel Sproul (16) 6BT, Alex Suehiro (15) 1BT, Jeffrey Tang (16) 3BT, Preston Tsang (16) 3BT, Shahini Ananth (17) 1BT, Iris Brand (17), Eva Chung (17) 2BT, Andrea Hall (17) 4BT, Amanda Helle (17) 1BT, Caitlyn Plattel (17), Kennedy Trues (17) 1BT, Mary Woods (17), Alexander Gilchrist (17) 3BT, Anthony Jhong (17) 1BT and Robert Scott (17) 2BT.

Spring Lacrosse

Spring 2015 Registration is now open for Livermore Phantom Lacrosse. Early bird registration includes a \$50 discount as well as access to fall and winter tune-up clinics. See www.phantomlacrosse.org for more info.

PGSL Registration

2015 Registration is now open for all divisions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League. All girls living in Pleasanton, Dublin or Sunol are eligible to play. Visit the PGSL website for registration information (www.pleasantonsoftball.org). Register by December 1, 2014 to avoid a late fee. For more information, contact PGSL Registrar-Kris Jernstedt. Evaluations for grades 3-8 will be scheduled for early December. Dates, times and location TBD.

LGSA Softball

LGSA: Livermore Girls Softball Association welcomes all Livermore girls aged 5-18, no experience necessary. Online registration is open now at LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org, or register in person on Tuesday, November 18 from 6-9pm at Joe Michell K-8 School. Sign up by November 18 to receive an early bird discount. Visit the website or email info@LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org for more information.

LNLL Registration

2015 Livermore National Little League walk-in registration will be held Sat., Nov. 15 and Dec. 13 from noon to 4 p.m. at Mt. Mike's Pizza, 2175 First St., Livermore.
Registration open to ages 4 to 15 before April 30, 2014. Register early so the league knows how many teams will be needed and to avoid late fee charges.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Foothill High School improved its EBAL league mark in varsity volleyball with a victory over crosstown rival Amador Valley. Foothill recorded wins of 25-15, 25-9 and 25-17.

For more information, go to www.livermorenational.com or call 925-443-5655.

Bah Humbug! 5K

The 22nd Annual San Ramon Bah Humbug! 5K run and walk will be held Dec. 6 in San Ramon. The race

begins at 9 a.m.
This year's Bah Humbug will be a chip timed race on the certified 3.1 mile course. This is a fun, flat, paved route beginning at the San Ramon Community Center at Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. right off the 680 freeway at Bollinger Canyon Road. Participants will receive a holiday long-sleeved shirt and the Bah Humbug Ornament.
Race day registration begins at 7:30am and the race starts at 9am. Registration is available online at www.active.com search Bah Humbug, San Ramon or on the City of San Ramon website www.SanRamon.ca.gov. For more information about this event call (925) 973-3200 or email parcs@sanramon.ca.gov.

Runners are requested to bring a can of food to be donated to the Contra Costa County Food Bank to assist those in need during the holidays. Canned food donations will be collected at the registration table.
Costume awards will be given for Most Grinch-Like, Best Holiday Spirit, and Best Group Theme.
Introducing the Mayor's Crown, which will award the lowest combined times of the 2014 Bah Humbug and 2015 Run San Ramon pre-registered 5K runner. The Mayor's Crown winner will be recognized at the 2015 Run San Ramon event.

Tryouts for Firecrackers

Nor Cal Firecrackers 10u team just completed a very successful Fall season and making plans for the coming year.
Tryouts for the 2015 Spring/Summer season will be held on the dates posted below:
Sunday, Nov. 23rd: 9:00 am - 10:00 am pitchers/catchers; 10:00 am - 1:00 pm all position players



Pleasanton Seahawks pose for a photo after the swim meet.



Pictured are members Fusion U10 Boys Gold team in action.



West Coast Wolves played their first game of second round State Cup this past Sunday. Falling behind 0-2 early on, Wolves never gave up. They came back fighting hard for the 6-3 victory over Bay Oaks Barca. Goals scored by Eddie Topete (2), Emi Olmos, Shelby Gutierrez, Luke Sorensen and Matteo Crivello.



West Coast Wrath U14 girls remained unbeaten in Fall League following their 8th straight win, a match against the Mustang Rampage. The team coached by Kendra Perry, includes Kylie Karter, Camryn Hunsinger, Regan Mah, Janessa Sanchez, Steffanie Angelo, Sydney Myers, Kate Wallace, Savannah Seals, Brianna Radliff, Lindsey Philips, Allyssa George, Tyler Enderlein, Abby Hoobing, Kaylie Lawsen, Kaila Vasconez, and Francesca Hyde. Abby Hoobing pictured in action.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Livermore-Granada Boosters' 5th Annual "Race to the Flagpole" was held over the weekend with distances of a 5K run/walk, 10K run, half marathon and one-mile fun run. The event started at Independence Park. All race proceeds support the Livermore-Granada Boosters scholarship program.

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Livermore Racer Ranked Nationally



Jason Bohl racing in Port Angeles, WA. April 20, 2014

Seventeen year old Livermore resident, Jason Bohl is currently ranked as the second fastest downhill rider in the United States. The Granada High School senior competes as a downhill mountain bike racer.

Bohl recently competed in the qualifying race of the World Cup in Wyndam, New York where he captured 5th place.

Even though racing downhill is a one-person sport, Jason says that he is thankful to have Brandon Bohl and Conrad Culleney on his side. "They are always helping me out and teaching me new stuff," he says. The three athletes train, race and travel together.

Jason Bohl, Brandon Bohl and Conrad Culleney are team members of "1 Shot Racing," a downhill mountain bike racing team based in Northern California. "We are a passionate group of cyclists that live life in alignment to our name, "1 Shot." " The team is spon-

sored by: Santa Cruz Bikes, Royal Racing, Bell Helmets, Maxxis Tires and Renthal. The team, along with coach Ron Balthasar can be found carving trails and winning medals at some of the most beautiful places throughout the US and Canada. The sport requires a lot of traveling, which has given Jason the opportunity to see new places.

From the outside, the crazy, exciting world of mountain biking can be confusing and a little intimidating. There are many different styles of mountain biking - cross country, free ride and endurance to name a few. The rising popularity of extreme sports has helped to bring downhill (DH) mountain biking into the mainstream sports consciousness of an international audience.

DH is a style of biking that emphasizes fast, technically complex descents of mountain bike trails. The sport tends to focus on using trail obstacles like

roots, logs, rocks, cliffs, and streams as enhancement, not hindrances to the ride. These obstacles allow riders the opportunity to exhibit their skills and individual flair. Jason grew up riding dirt bikes with his brothers and friends; this gave him a foundation to grow his DH riding skills. This style of riding requires the utmost technical precision and athletic ability in order to successfully navigate all the obstacles.

Jason began racing at the age of 14. Since then he has trained hard to reach his race goals. In a DH race, competitors race from the top of a mountain to the bottom, performing nimble maneuvers while traversing dangerous terrain. The athlete who makes it to the bottom of the mountain with the quickest time is declared the winner. Riders start at intervals, often seeded from slowest to fastest. "Sitting on your bike in the start gate you start hearing the 6 start

beeps going off, that's when your adrenalin kicks in and you don't think about anything but getting down the mountain the fastest," Jason stated. Courses typically take two to five minutes to complete. Winning margins are often less than a second.

Jason says, "In a race run you are pushing yourself to a whole other level going as fast as you can, not braking through rock gardens, pedaling out of corners, being aerodynamic down the open sections, trying to do whatever you can to be the fastest. You have to be going as fast as you can but not be out of control. Towards the end of the track you are usually exhausted but one of the best feelings is when you cross the finish line knowing you had a fast, smooth run. Then you can finally take a step back and start looking forward to your next race."

The athletes wear full-face helmets, body armor and ride trustworthy bikes. A good rider develops a partnership with his or her bike. Jason knows what his bike can handle and trusts that it will get him to the finish line. The bikes are specifically designed and engineered for flying down single-track mountain trails at death-defying speeds, and designed to deal with obstacles like logs and boulders, or the impact of taking jumps off ledges. They are outfitted with full suspension, in both the front fork and the rear posts. They have thick, knobby tires to deal with all sorts of terrain like: inches of mud, soft forest floors, slick leaves, and jagged rocks.

DH bikers are always looking for competitions and races to indulge in and show off their skills. As the 2014 racing season comes to a close, riders continue to train and plan for the beginning of the next season. The Sea Otter Classic, held each April near Monterey, California, is a major riding event that opens the racing season. Jason and other mountain bikers are really laid back and mountain bike races tend to have a casual, fun atmosphere.

Cities to Host Grant Workshops

The Cities of Livermore and Pleasanton will co-sponsor two application workshops for the following fiscal year 2015-16 grant programs:

- City of Livermore Housing and Human Services Grants
- City of Pleasanton Housing and Human Services Grants
- City of Pleasanton Community Grants - Youth / Civic Arts

The workshops are designed for non-profit organizations that serve Tri-Valley residents. The grant programs offered by the two cities provide funding for a wide variety of human services, community development, housing, youth, and civic arts projects and programs in the Tri-Valley. Most of the grants are focused on activities that benefit lower income residents.

In the current fiscal year (2014-15), the cities are collectively providing over \$1.3 million to projects and programs including: medical visits and health care access for the uninsured; child abuse prevention services; meals and supportive services for seniors; mental health care; substance abuse counseling; domestic violence and homeless shelters; rental assistance for job training participants; fair housing counseling and tenant-landlord services; housing rehabilitation for low income homeowners; community cultural events; art projects and programs; and many more.

City staff will discuss the application processes and distribute application packets at the workshops. Attendance at one of the scheduled workshops is mandatory in order to apply for City of Livermore funding and is strongly encouraged for the City of Pleasanton. Both workshops will be identical in format and content, and it is only necessary to attend one workshop.

The first workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Livermore City Council Chamber, 575 Pacific Avenue in Livermore. A second workshop will be held on Tuesday, December 9, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Pleasanton City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue in Pleasanton.

To RSVP for attendance at one of the workshops, please contact Sheryl Jenkins, City of Livermore, at (925) 960-4434, or email sljenkins@cityoflivermore.net.

Livermore to Hold Paper Shredding Event

The City of Livermore is celebrating "America Recycles Day" with a Community Paper Shred Collection event open to all Livermore residents (identification will be required) on Saturday, November 15, from 9 am - 12 pm in the parking lot of Livermore's City Hall at 1052 South Livermore Avenue. All shredded materials will be recycled.

Livermore residents may bring up to 3 banker boxes (10"x12"x24") of material to be securely shredded onsite for free. Shred-It, a certified document destruction company will provide services at the event.

The following documents will be accepted: White and colored paper (clips, staples, and rubber bands are OK), file folders, and, window envelopes

Please remove photographs, any plastic sheet protectors, binders, newspapers and magazines from materials to be shredded.

Visit the Livermore Recycles website at www.livermorerecycles.com or call the City of Livermore's Recycling Helpline at 925-960-8015 for more information.

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Holiday Tea

Reservations are now available for the Holiday Tea at the Heritage Park and Museums. Tea will be served in the charmingly rustic Sunday School Barn and guests will enjoy plenty of delectable treats and dainty tea sandwiches served with steaming hot tea in beautiful china cups.

The barn will be trimmed in lovely holiday decor and Santa will make an appearance at each tea. Four seatings are available at 11:00 am or at 2:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7.

Additional information can be found at Facebook www.dublin.ca.gov.

Dementia Program

Heritage Estates and Professional Healthcare At Home are offering a class on The Seven Stages Of Dementia.

It will be presented by Professional Healthcare At Home on Saturday, November 15, 2014 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

The program will be held at Heritage Estates Retirement Community, 850 East Stanley Blvd., Livermore.

This class will help develop strategies for coping, while maintaining compassion and understanding through all the stages of the disease. RSVP at Heritage Estates 925-373-3636

Speed Watch

The Educational Speed Watch Program is a service offered by the police department to neighborhoods to address speeding vehicles.

Members of the Livermore Police Volunteer organization have been trained in the use of handheld Radars in measuring the speed of moving vehicles. Members of this program can be requested in neighborhoods

within the city to determine if vehicles are traveling above the posted speed limit. The program is an educational tool to notify the registered owners that their vehicle was observed driving above the posted speed limit based on the results of the Radar.

The volunteers park in a safe location, in teams of 2, and use the Radar to determine vehicle speeds. If a vehicle is noted to be going over the posted speed limit, the volunteer documents the vehicle's license plate, make and model. The information is then processed and a letter is sent to the registered owner of the vehicle informing them that their car was noted as driving over the speed limit.

Citizens are encouraged, if they feel that speeding is a problem in their neighborhood, to call 371-4850 and ask for the Volunteer Speed Watch Coordinator. Citizens will be contacted to schedule a monitoring of their neighborhood. Reporting citizens may be asked to join the Volunteers to see first hand the speeds of the vehicles in their neighborhoods and to get education on other speed issues.

Nature Programs

November Stars is the Sat., Nov. 15 program to be presented by Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 6 p.m. at Sycamore, Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

It is the perfect time to come out to Sycamore Grove for an evening of night activities and astronomy. Keep your eyes peeled for early Leonid meteors. This program will include walking about three miles on paved and unpaved trails.

Turkey Time will be presented on Sun., Nov. 16. Meet Ranger Amy Qolitzer at 2 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Road.

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

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$3 donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Healing Hands

Massage Envy Spa announced that the Bay Area region - including 40 clinics - raised \$30,339 during the annual Healing Hands for Arthritis event.

The one-day, national event took place at more than 1,000 Massage Envy Spas on Wednesday, Sept. 17, where \$10 from every massage and facial was donated to the Arthritis Foundation to help find a cure for the 50 million adults and 300,000 children affected by the disease. Since 2011, Healing Hands for Arthritis has raised over \$3 million for the Arthritis Foundation.

In addition to hosting Healing Hands for Arthritis, Massage Envy Spa is a national sponsor of the Arthritis Foundation's signature event, Walk to Cure Arthritis®. Massage Envy Spa owners from across the country support their local Walk to Cure Arthritis events by sharing information about the benefits of massage therapy, providing chair massages and raising awareness of the Arthritis Foundation's mission.

Grief Support

The Hope Hospice Grief Support staff will present a special workshop, Handling the Holidays, to talk about ideas and choices that can make a difference in the way those who are grieving handle the holidays. This workshop will:

- Provide ways to manage grief at family or social events
- Help participants explore fear, anxiety or strong emotions connected to the holiday season and the loss they may be feeling
- Explore exit strategies for unexpected grief bursts
- Provide practical ideas to help make holiday preparations less overwhelming
- Invite the exchange of ideas to memorialize lost loved ones at holiday gatherings
- Present self-care techniques to help make the holidays more tolerable, even enjoyable

The workshop will be held on Thurs., Dec. 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hope Hospice Grief Support Center, 6377 Clark Avenue, 2nd floor, Dublin. Fee is \$30 fee for community members

Pre-registration is required. Call 925-829-8770 to reserve a space in the workshop.

Hall of Fame Deadline

The deadline for nominations to the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame has been extended by three weeks to Friday, November 21. The program honors outstanding women from the community each year at a luncheon and awards ceremony that raises funds for noteworthy causes including a Youth Scholarship Fund.

The 22nd Annual Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame luncheon and awards ceremony will be held Saturday, March 21, 2015, at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral on Lincoln Avenue

in Oakland. The event will be hosted by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women.

Nominations are now being accepted for outstanding women in 12 categories: Business and Professions; Community Service; Culture and Art; Education; Environment; Health; Justice; Non-Traditional Careers; Science, Technology, Engineering; Sports and Athletics; Philanthropy and Youth.

The deadline to submit nominations is November 21, 2014.

The 2015 Women's Hall of Fame inductees will be announced in December and will be honored at the March 21, 2015 event. Visit our website at <http://www.acgov.org/cao/halloffame/> to submit an online nomination or to obtain more information, or call (510) 272-6984.

Outdoor Programs

Save Mount Diablo is holding the following events:

Hike Chaparral Spring: Nov. 22 from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. Although named for its natural spring, the trees are so lovely here that some choose to adopt them to commemorate loved ones and treasured memories. Please RSVP to smdinfo@SaveMountDiablo.org or for more info.

Restore Marsh Creek Habitat: Dec. 6, 9 a.m. to noon. Enjoy the beauty of Marsh Creek while taking care of the habitat it provides by weeding and watering native bunchgrass plots, woody plantings and the banks of the creek. Bring a lunch and picnic with us in the gazebo after a satisfying morning of restoring one of Contra Costa County's most precious natural resources. Please RSVP to jcartan@SaveMountDiablo.org or (925) 947-3535. More info.

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OBITUARIES



Dr. Paul Weiss: Nuclear Physicist, Teacher, Activist and Volunteer

Dr. Paul Weiss of Livermore, CA, passed away on Friday, November 7, 2014, at age 76, following complications of cancer. Born March 14, 1938 in New York City to Joseph and Eva Weiss, he was raised in New York and later in Miami, FL. At 16 he received a scholarship to attend the University of Chicago, where he completed his undergraduate degree. He received a Ph.D. from Florida State University in 1962 for his work on the elastic scattering of alpha particles from Silicon-28. As a nuclear physicist, Paul worked at both the Lawrence Livermore and the Los Alamos National Laboratories.

In Livermore he was highly respected as an early leader of Congregation Beth Emek, and was responsible for the consecration of the first Jewish burial ground in the Tri-Valley. An original member and president of Interfaith Housing, he personally secured the funding to build Hillcrest Gardens, the nation's first housing project for low-income seniors. After building two additional projects, the organization recently celebrated its 40th anniversary, and recognized Dr. Weiss for his contribution to the community.

In Los Alamos he was an active pilot in the Civil Air Patrol, flying search and rescue missions in the mountainous terrain. He also became a community activist, a leading member of the local Jewish congregation, as well as a participant in the theatrical productions. When his project at LASL's [RW1] ended, he left Los Alamos's high elevation and returned to Florida, where he worked on optical instruments at United Technologies for several years before becoming a science teacher in local high schools, and an astronomy professor at a community college. His students were always energized by his enthusiasm, and by his special curriculum additions, including leaving the classroom to watch lift-offs at Cape Canaveral.

Returning to Livermore, he was happy to be working once again at LLNL with many of his former colleagues, and made many contributions to new programs such as NIF. He also joined the Livermore Valley Opera Chorus, appearing in such productions as "Carmen," and enjoyed singing in the Beth Emek Choir. His community volunteer work included hosting the Beth Emek Seniors, helping at food drives, and becoming an activist in local politics. Many remember his front-page photo standing at the Totem Pole Park with sheep spray-painted "Ewe bet we don't want Pardee's new development."

An active member of the Mac Users' Club, the Livermore Airport Commission, and the HAM Radio Club, he volunteered for HAM radio relays at the Livermore Rodeo and the bicycle races on Mt. Hamilton and Mt. Diablo, reporting accidents where phone contact was difficult.

He is survived by his daughter Dr. Tamra Walthall of Waco, TX, his sons Ben Weiss of Clear Lake, CA, Eli Weiss of Henderson, KY, and Kevin DeMarco of

Davis, CA, and grandchildren Telly Walthall, Rydell Walthall, and Carson Weiss.

He will also be missed by his "children," pets Missy, Charlie, Harley and Maxine.

Paul will always be remembered as someone who put his total commitment into every project, volunteered to help anyone in need, roast a turkey for the hungry, and work for the betterment of his community.

Memorial services were held at Congregation Beth Emek. Burial took place at Roselawn Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Congregation Beth Emek in Livermore, CA, and to the Livermore Public Library.

Sidney F. Leon

Resident of Livermore

Sid was born on April 19th, 1932 in Hilo, HI. He moved to Oakland at age 2, and was a lifetime resident of the Bay Area, most recently of Livermore. Sid left us to be with God, his mother, brothers and sisters on October 27, 2014.

He graduated from Oakland High School in 1950. He was a decorated Marine Corps Vet having enlisted in 1952 and being wounded in action in Korea in March of 1953. He was proud of his service and a Marine until the end. You always knew when he was around because of the Marine Corps stickers you'd find on your car, windows, or whatever else they would stick to.

He was a born entrepreneur. Having worked as an owner of auto parts stores, a machine shop, automotive electronics repair shop, hot dog stand, sports card shop, race horse owner, teacher with the Hayward USD, and an inventor. He never made a million but loved what he did.

He enjoyed the outdoors; hunting, fishing and a day at the track. He was a sportsman and an avid fan of the Giants, A's and 49ers. Later in life he participated in the annual "Golden Age Games", traveling the U.S. and winning multiple gold, silver and bronze medals. He was also a member of the BPOE and gave freely of his time to assist anyone or organization that could use his help.

But his greatest passion in life was entertainment and the joy it brought to others. Having performed in numerous musical productions throughout the Bay Area he was recognized as a viable talent and offered opportunities to advance in that career, but he chose to be with his family and bring us his special brand of joy individually, either through a song, humor or outgoing personality. If you ever met Sid, you were in awe. He wouldn't touch your heart, he'd grab it, and you will never forget him.

His happiness in life was bringing happiness to others, always giving and asking for nothing in return.

He was a unique, loving and caring man who God put on this earth for our benefit. The mold has been broken, all we can do is take a piece of him with us, remember the joy he brought to us and perhaps pass a part of that along to another. He would like that, and his legacy will live on.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Emily, three brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his brother Ed and sister-in-law Mary, sons Brad and Brian, daughters Mary and Rebecca, numerous nephews, nieces, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and countless friends, all of whom he considered family. One of the most

important persons in his life, his constant companion and his soul mate for almost 40 years, Betty, and Betty's daughters Michelle and Laurie and their families who Sid considered as his own extended family.

So to our "love, brother, dad, uncle, grandpa, granddad, pop, papa and The Great One" we say thank you for everything you have given us. Thank you for teaching us through your example how to be gentle, kind, tolerant and a giving person. And thank you for all the happiness and wonderful memories you have instilled into our lives. You will never be forgotten. Semper Fi!

Family and friends attended services on November 4th, at Holy Angels Funeral & Cremation Center, 1051 Harder Rd., Hayward to celebrate Sid's life.

Jim Coelho



Jim Coelho was born in San Jose, California to Emily Mori Coelho and John Rose Coelho. Jim is preceded in death by his parents and his late wife, June Callejon Coelho. Jim is survived by his wife Virginia, sister Nancy Coelho Margherita (Bob), brother John Coelho (Jeanne), daughters Mary Wilson (Daniel), Teresa Blake (Randy), Julie Mast (Warren), stepchildren Gaela Wylie (Eric), Benn Burns, Alison Bettencourt (Mike), many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jim was raised on a small diversified crop and livestock ranch in the San Francisco Bay area. Jim attended the University California Davis, California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo, and Cal State Hayward studying Administration and Agricultural Education. It was at a young age that Jim began his 65+ year passion and career of cattle ranching. While maintaining and growing his irrigated pasture, row crop pasture, stocker cattle in Dixon-Davis and his cow-calf herd in the Mission San Jose area of Fremont, California, Jim was also the Director of Agriculture at Livermore Valley School District for 25 years and the founder and teacher of the Agriculture Business Management program at Chabot College.

Previously, Jim served as a member of the Board of Directors at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton, where he served as President of the Board. Among many other leadership roles he served on the Boards of the Alameda County Farm Bureau, the Sierra Bay Farm Credit Association and the California Agricultural Leadership from 1971 to 1973, and served on the California Cattleman Association Convention and Legislative Action Committees. He was also a member of numerous organizations, including the National Cattlemen's Association, serving on the Research and Education Committee and belonged to Cattlefax.

There will be a Celebration of Life for all family and friends at the Alameda County Fairgrounds on Monday, November 17,

2014 from 4pm-7pm in the Exhibition Hall Area. Private burial services will be held. In lieu of flowers the family requests remembrances in Jim's name to the donors local F.F.A. Chapter or 4H Club.

Otto "Rus" Sonnenschein

Sept. 29, 1931 to Nov. 8, 2014



Rus was an avid fisherman who would take daily trips to his favorite fishing hole, Shadow Cliffs.

He is survived by his 3 children, 5 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, and his best canine buddy, Oscar.

Melvin Henry Thomas

Oct. 28, 1943 - Nov. 8, 2014

Melvin Henry Thomas, 71 of Patterson passed away Saturday, November 8th at his residence.

Mr. Thomas was born in

Norman, Oklahoma and was a resident of Patterson for 8 years. He was a brick mason for 50 years. He enjoyed fishing and bus rides to casinos.

Mr. Thomas is survived by his wife, Rose Thomas; son, Shawn Thomas; daughters, Kim Munro, Mishelle Gaines, Heather Thomas-Archuleta all of Patterson, Michelle Thomas and Dana Thomas both of Modesto; 10 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Tina Thomas.

A Visitation will be held from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm followed by a Funeral Service at 12:00 pm, Saturday,

November 15th at Hillview Funeral Chapel in Patterson. Interment will be private.

Donations may be made to: Covenant Care Hospice, 1550 Fulkerth Road, Turlock, CA 95380.

Services conducted by Hillview Funeral Chapel, Patterson.

Sondra Sharon Lambaren

Sondra Sharon Lambaren, 72 of Livermore Ca. died November 9, 2014. "Sandi," daughter of Willard and Lola

Mayes, passed a way surrounded by her family. She is survived by her daughter, Diane; sister, Mary - all of Livermore. All those who knew Pat, knew of his love for family and friends. And then there was his love for GOLF. He was an active member of SIR Branch 101. He also enjoyed playing fast-pitch softball, photography, skiing, and gardening. Per his wishes, there will be no services.

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time in Alabama.

After his time in the service, he was employed at Sandia National Laboratories and then went on to work with PG&E, where he retired after 32+ years. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Chris; son, Mike and daughter, Diane; sister, Mary - all of Livermore.

All those who knew Pat, knew of his love for family and friends. And then there was his love for GOLF. He was an active member of SIR Branch 101. He also enjoyed playing fast-pitch softball, photography, skiing, and gardening.

Per his wishes, there will be no services.

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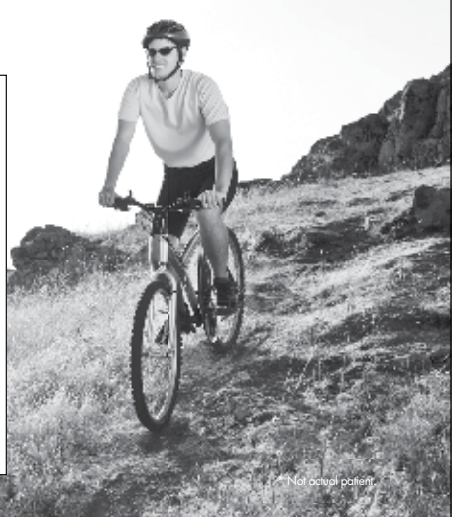
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Bob Simmermaker

Jan. 8, 1921-Nov. 9, 2014
Livermore - Celebrating the Life of a Truly Remarkable Man

Bob Simmermaker passed away peacefully after



a short battle with cancer on November 9 in the company of his wife Dolores and daughters Sandy and Janice.

Born January 8, 1921 in Bremerton, Washington to father Elmer J. Simmermaker and mother Charlotte Brock, Bob had two brothers Jess and Ralph. In his own words his education was "a hit and miss ordeal." Never graduating from high school, he went from carnival worker to a career in the Navy followed by a 15-year career at LLNL as an electronics tech and lastly a career in real estate. Bob was a true

American success story.

While serving in the Navy, Bob met and married Clara Nelson in 1945. Together they had three daughters, Sharon, Sandy and Janice. After Clara's death in 1993, Bob married Dolores Forbes with whom he spent the remaining years traveling the globe and, of course, pursuing a passion for golf.

Bob will be remembered for his laughter, dry wit, and unflinching generosity. His was a life of gentleness and good humor.

He leaves behind his wife Dolores, daughters Sandy and Janice, nine grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren. His memory will live long in all of our hearts.

A memorial service will be held at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore at 2 p.m. on Friday, November 14.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to Hope Hospice of Dublin, CA.

Rest in peace dear friend.
Callaghan Mortuary,
447-2942.

Combining 'Tinkertoy' materials with solar cells for increased PV efficiency

Researchers at Sandia National Laboratories have received a \$1.2 million award from the U.S. Department of Energy's SunShot Initiative to develop a technique that they believe will significantly improve the efficiencies of photovoltaic materials and help make solar electricity cost-competitive with other sources of energy.

The work builds on Sandia's recent successes with metal-organic framework (MOF) materials by combining them with dye-sensitized solar cells (DSSC).

"A lot of people are working with DSSCs, but we think our expertise with MOFs gives us a tool that others don't have," said Sandia's Erik Spoerke, a materials scientist with a long history

of solar cell exploration at the labs.

Sandia's project is funded through SunShot's Next Generation Photovoltaic Technologies III program, which sponsors projects that apply promising basic materials science that has been proven at the materials properties level to demonstrate photovoltaic conversion improvements to address or exceed SunShot goals.

The SunShot Initiative is a collaborative national effort that aggressively drives innovation with the aim of making solar energy fully cost-competitive with traditional energy sources before the end of the decade. Through SunShot, the Energy Department supports efforts by private companies, universities and national laboratories to drive down the cost of solar electricity to 6 cents per kilowatt-hour.

DSSCs provide basis for future advancements in solar electricity production

Dye-sensitized solar cells, invented in the 1980s, use dyes designed to efficiently absorb light in the solar spectrum. The dye is mated with a semiconductor, typically titanium dioxide, that facilitates conversion of the energy in the optically excited dye into usable electrical current.

DSSCs are considered a significant advancement in photovoltaic technology since they separate the various processes of generating current from a solar cell. Michael Grätzel, a professor at the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne in Switzerland, was awarded the 2010 Millennium Technology Prize for inventing the first high-efficiency DSSC.

"If you don't have everything in the DSSC dependent on everything else, it's a lot easier to optimize your photovoltaic device in the most flexible and effective way," explained Sandia senior scientist Mark Allendorf. DSSCs, for example, can capture more of the sun's energy than silicon-based solar cells by using varied or multiple dyes and also can use different mo-



Sandia National Laboratories researcher Vitalie Stavila inserts a substrate patterned with electrodes into a temperature-controlled liquid-phase reactor for depositing MOF thin films. Sandia's research team plans to combine MOFs with dye-sensitized solar cells, a technique it believes will lead to advancements in photovoltaic technology. (Photo by Dino Vourmas)

lecular systems, Allendorf said.

"It becomes almost modular in terms of the cell's components, all of which contribute to making electricity out of sunlight more efficiently," said Spoerke.

MOFs' structure, versatility and porosity help overcome DSSC limitations

Though a source of optimism for the solar research community, DSSCs possess certain challenges that the Sandia research team thinks can be overcome by combining them with MOFs.

Allendorf said researchers hope to use the ordered structure and versatile chemistry of MOFs to help the dyes in DSSCs absorb more solar light, which he says is a fundamental limit on their efficiency.

"Our hypothesis is that we can put a thin layer of MOF on top of the titanium dioxide, thus enabling us to order the dye in exactly the way we want it," Allendorf explained. That, he said, should avoid the efficien-

cy-decreasing problem of dye aggregation, since the dye would then be locked into the MOF's crystalline structure.

Allendorf, a MOF expert and 29-year veteran of Sandia, calls the materials "Tinkertoys for chemists" because of the ease with which new structures can be envisioned and assembled.

Allendorf said the unique porosity of MOFs will allow researchers to add a second dye, placed into the pores of the MOF, that will cover additional parts of the solar spectrum that weren't covered with the initial dye. Finally, he and Spoerke are convinced that MOFs can help improve the overall electron charge and flow of the solar cell, which currently faces instability issues.

In addition to the Sandia team, the project includes researchers at the University of Colorado-Boulder, particularly Steve George, an expert in a thin film technology known as atomic layer deposition.

Introducing Youth to the Arts

The Bankhead Theater's Marketing Director, Nancy Mueller, who spent twenty years in the wine industry, first at Concannon, then at Wente, is excited about the bright future ahead for the Bankhead Theater and for the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC). With new directors coming aboard and a new plan going forward, it's all looking up, she says.

2014 marks the first time the Bankhead offered a subscription series option, starting at \$125 yearly. Mueller states, "Our membership has skyrocketed! It's up 33% this year."

Although the facility has a full slate of programs occurring throughout the year, many are on the weekends, leaving the Theater available for mid-week rental. It has become a yearly destination for companies like Toyota, and Comcast, which holds a regional meeting there annually staging a full-on team Jeopardy!-style competition.

Looking back on her seven years with the Bankhead, Mueller says she's proudest of her involvement with the youth outreach portion of the LVPAC program, both in the school system and at the Bothwell Arts Center. Opened in 2006, the Bothwell Arts Center offers affordable studio rentals for visual artists, with 30 multi-use studios and working spaces in two

locations in downtown. LVPAC works to provide diverse access to the arts and educational outreach to students of all ages in the Tri-Valley area.

Mueller says, "We have served over 100,000 students in our seven years, about 14,000 annually. As art and music have been cut from educational programs, we want to help fill the void in the school systems. We like to say we are putting STEAM back into education by add 'A' for 'Arts' to the STEM program."

There are a multitude of visual arts classes, from colored pencil workshops to scout art badge classes. Also offered are the performance classes, like African drumming and dance, Jazz improve and folk dancing.

Mueller points to the recent grant from the City of Pleasanton to Cheza Nami's Cultural Arts and Learning (CAL) program, which was developed in collaboration with LVPAC to provide educational assemblies on African culture at Pleasanton elementary schools.

Founded to encourage the appreciation of the rich culture of Africa, Cheza Nami, which means "come play with me" in Swahili, shares the beauty of African dance, drumming and play. A total of 12 assemblies will be offered to six elementary schools in the City of Pleasanton. It is anticipated to reach a total of 2,400 students during

the 2014-2015 school year.

One of the Jazz Improv instructors at Bothwell, Matt Finders, grew up in Livermore. He played the trombone on the Tonight Show. He was in Nancy's jazz class in middle school, and she's delighted that he's returned to his roots in Livermore to teach today's youth.

It's actually ironic that she's working in the Arts at all, Mueller says. Her Mom was an active artist and teacher. "I was a tomboy," she recalls. "My music teacher in 4th grade begged me to give up the flute! I started out on the clarinet, which was even worse. At least I can play the radio!"

One of her fondest moments occurred recently when members of the Mariachi Club, ages 5 to 18, were invited to meet the extraordinary performers of Mariachi Sol de Mexico, who were performing at the Bankhead.

During their sound check, the students got to ask the Mariachis questions about their family life and what it was like to be professional musicians. One of the youngsters asked if the group could perform an acapella tune.

"It was such an amazing and inspiring experience for everyone," says Mueller. These young handsome men, all decked out, readily complied, giving the audience a thrill they hadn't anticipated. "We hope to have the students perform with them next year."

Supercomputers link proteins to drug side effects

New medications created by pharmaceutical companies have helped millions of Americans alleviate pain and suffering from their medical conditions. However, the drug creation process often misses many side effects that kill at least 100,000 patients a year, according to the journal Nature.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory researchers have discovered a high-tech method of using supercomputers to identify proteins that cause medications to have certain adverse drug reactions (ADR) or side effects. They are using high-performance computers (HPC) to process proteins and drug compounds in an algorithm that produces reliable data outside of a laboratory setting for drug discovery.

The team recently published its findings in the journal PLOS ONE, titled "Adverse Drug Reaction Prediction Using Scores Produced by Large-Scale Drug-Protein Target Docking on High-Performance Computer Machines."

"We need to do something to identify these side effects earlier in the drug development cycle to save lives and reduce costs," said Monte LaBute, a researcher from LLNL's Computational Engineering Division and the paper's lead author.

It takes pharmaceutical companies roughly 15 years to bring a new drug to the market, at an average cost of \$2 billion. A new drug compound entering Phase I (early stage) testing is estimated to have an 8 percent chance of reaching the market, according to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

A typical drug discovery process begins with identifying which proteins are associated with a specific disease. Candidate drug compounds are combined with target proteins in a process known as binding to determine the drug's effectiveness (efficacy) and/or harmful side effects (toxicity). Target proteins are proteins known to bind with drug compounds in order for the pharmaceutical to work.

While this method is able to identify side effects

with many target proteins, there are myriad unknown "off-target" proteins that may bind to the candidate drug and could cause unanticipated side effects.

Because it is cost prohibitive to experimentally test a drug candidate against a potentially large set of proteins -- and the list of possible off-targets is not known ahead of time -- pharmaceutical companies usually only test a minimal set of off-target proteins during the early stages of drug discovery. This results in ADRs remaining undetected through the later stages of drug development, such as clinical trials, and possibly making it to the marketplace.

There have been several highly publicized medications with off-target protein side effects that have reached the marketplace. For example, Avandia, an anti-diabetic drug, caused heart attacks in some patients; and Vioxx, an anti-inflammatory medication, caused heart attacks and strokes among certain patient populations. Both therapeutics were recalled because of their side effects.

"There were no indications of side effects of these medications in early testing or clinical trials," LaBute said. "We need a way to determine the safety of such therapeutics before they reach patients. Our work can help direct such drugs to patients who will benefit the most from them with the least amount of side effects."

LaBute and the LLNL research team tackled the problem by using supercomputers and information from public databases of drug compounds and proteins. The latter included protein databases of DrugBank, UniProt and Protein Data Bank (PDB), along with drug databases from FDA and SIDER, which contain FDA-approved drugs with ADRs.

The team examined 4,020 off-target proteins from DrugBank and UniProt. Those proteins were indexed against the PDB, which whittled the number down to 409 off-proteins that have high-quality 3D crystallographic X-ray diffraction structures essential for analysis in a computational setting.

The 409 off-target proteins were fed into a Livermore

HPC software known as VinaLC along with 906 FDA-approved drug compounds. VinaLC used a molecular docking matrix that bound the drugs to the proteins. A score was given to each combination to assess whether effective binding occurred.

The binding scores were fed into another computer program and combined with 560 FDA-approved drugs with known side effects. An algorithm was used to determine which proteins were associated with certain side effects.

The Lab team showed that in two categories of disorders -- vascular disorders and neoplasms -- their computational model of predicting side effects in the early stages of drug discovery using off-target proteins was more predictive than current statistical methods that do not include binding scores.

In addition to LLNL ADR prediction methods performing better than current prediction methods, the team's calculations also predicted new potential side effects. For example, they predicted a connection between a protein normally associated with cancer metastasis to vascular disorders like aneurysms. Their ADR predictions were validated by a thorough review of existing scientific data.

The team's findings provide drug companies with a cost-effective and reliable method to screen for side effects, according to LaBute. Their goal is to expand their computational pharmaceutical research to include more off-target proteins for testing and eventually screen every protein in the body.

"If we can do that, the drugs of tomorrow will have less side effects that can potentially lead to fatalities," LaBute said. "Optimistically, we could be a decade away from our ultimate goal. However, we need help from pharmaceutical companies, health care providers and the FDA to provide us with patient and therapeutic data."

The LLNL team also includes Felice Lightstone, Xiaohua Zhang, Jason Lenderman, Brian Bennion and Sergio Wong.

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Andy Wier (pictured right)



Learn about 'The Martian' at Livermore Library Program

Livermore native Andy Weir will talk about his debut novel, *The Martian*, on Sunday, November 16, 2014 at 2pm, at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

He will talk about his novel, answer questions and sign copies. This event is free. Copies of his book will be available for sale.

Andy Weir attended Livermore High School in the '80s. Both his father and step-mother worked at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Weir was first hired as a programmer for Sandia National Laboratory at age fifteen and has been working as a software engineer ever since. He is a lifelong space nerd and a devoted hobbyist of subjects like relativistic physics, orbital mechanics and the history of manned spaceflight.

In February 2014, *The Martian* was released in hardcover in both the U.S.A. and 19 countries worldwide, debuting on the New York Times Best Sellers list. On May 13, 2014, the Hollywood Reporter stated that Ridley Scott was in negotiations to direct an adaptation of *The Martian* that would star Matt Damon as Mark Watney.

Six days ago, astronaut Mark Watney became one of the first people to walk on Mars and now, he's sure he'll be the first person to die there.

After a dust storm nearly kills him and forces his crew to evacuate while thinking him dead, Mark finds himself stranded and completely alone with no way to even signal Earth that he's alive—and even if he could get word out, his supplies would be gone long before a rescue could arrive.

Chances are, though, he won't have time to starve to death. The damaged machinery, unforgiving environment, or plain-old "human error" are much more likely to kill him first.

Mark isn't ready to give up yet. Drawing on his ingenuity, his engineering skills—and a relentless, dogged refusal to quit—he steadfastly confronts one seemingly insurmountable obstacle after the next. Will his resourcefulness be enough to overcome the impossible odds against him?

For more information about *The Martian* and Andy Weir, visit www.andyweirauthor.com.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have

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

Author to Talk about Experiences in War Series

The Pleasanton Public Library presents a timely program on Sunday, November 16 at 1:00 p.m. (just after Veterans Day) as part of its War Comes Home series.

The program is made possible through a generous grant from CalHumanities and the California Center for the Book. It was inspired by Cal Humanities' War Comes Home, a statewide conversation about veterans returning to California.

This element of the series features a visit from Kenneth Levin, a retired United States Navy Commander and decorated Vietnam War veteran. Levin is the author of a novel and a book of short stories based upon his experiences. He is also a frequent speaker in the veteran community.

All library programs are free and open to the

Final Session in Parenting Education Series Set

The City of Pleasanton wraps up the 2014 Fall Community Education Series on Wednesday, November 19 with "Parents and Homework: What's Your Role?"

The program is co-sponsored by the Pleasanton PTA Council and features a presentation by Margaret Dunlap, a schools program director from Challenge Success.

The presentation will include a discussion about how the dynamics of homework have changed in recent years, how to minimize homework stress, and how to make homework a more positive experience. Also included will be information on the latest trends and research about homework, tips on how to best support a child's homework efforts, and strategies on how to communicate and collaborate effectively with teachers about homework.

Interested participants can register for this free

program (course number 59251) at pleasantonfun.com, or at the event.

The program will be held in the large meeting room of the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Homework is a controversial topic that has gained much attention in the past decade with concerns that students are stressed by the race for high achievement. The 2014 Brown Center Report on American Education at the Brookings Institution studied trends in homework for nearly the past 30 years and concluded that with one exception, the homework load has remained stable since 1984. Interestingly, the exception is nine-year-olds, an age group that has experienced an increase in homework primarily because (nationally) many students who once did not have any, now have some.

The parent education series was developed by

the Community Services staff, in conjunction with the Pleasanton Youth Commission. The series was designed to meet the goals of the Youth Master Plan.

The Free Community Education Series will return in winter 2015 on January 21 with "Progressive Parenting for the 21st Century."

For more information, visit <http://ptownlife.org/parent-education-series>, or call (925) 931-3474.

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Veteran Actors Set the Stage For an Encore

Weary of playing grannies and grandpas, a group of seasoned local actors has emerged from the wings as The Encore Players.

Valley schoolteacher Patrick Moore, a longtime actor, conceived the original idea—a theater company for older actors. He liked the idea of using their theater savvy and experience to create quality productions for the local community.

So did a number of people who had acted, directed and/or designed sets and costumes and lights for the Cask and Mask Players, a community theater group that thrived for about 20 years until the mid-1970s.

Once the actors got together, it didn't take long to plan their opening show. It's "Love Letters," by A.R. Gurney. The local production of the play, currently a hit revival in New York City, will open February 13, 2015, for three performances in Livermore's Bothwell Arts Center.

Auditions for the play are open to experienced actors 55 years of age and older. The cast consists of a man and a woman, who play old friends from privileged backgrounds. The actors are both seated onstage, but their characters sit alone and each reads aloud the letters he or she wrote over a 50-year relationship.

The auditions are scheduled for 4 pm Saturday, November 22 at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Actors will be asked to read scenes from the script. A copy of the play is available to read or borrow at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave.

For questions about the Encore Players or the auditions, please contact Patrick at moorep-cleve@gmail.com, or telephone him at (510) 710-0015.

No appointment is necessary for the auditions, but an email indicating you are coming would be appreciated.



Preservation Hall Jazz Band back in Livermore.

New Orleans Legends Allen Toussaint and Preservation Hall Jazz Band Bring 'Oh Yeah' Tour to the Bankhead

The heart, soul and spirit of New Orleans arrive in Livermore this November when the Preservation Hall Jazz Band returns to the Bankhead Theater with legendary R&B musician Allen Toussaint on their "Oh Yeah!" tour.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame singer, pianist and songwriter Toussaint is one of the most influential figures in New Orleans R&B. The Preservation Hall Jazz Band and Toussaint have long been friends and musical collaborators, but this marks the first time they have been on tour together. In one of the last of three dozen stops across the country, the "Oh Yeah!" Tour reaches the Bankhead Theater on Thursday, November 20, 2014. Tickets are \$52 or \$69 for adults and just \$16 for students.

R&B icon Allen Toussaint is known for his string of hits including "Working in the Coalmine," "Holy Cow," and "Ride Your Pony." In 1977, his song "Southern Nights," as performed by Glen Campbell, earned him a Grammy Award nomination. Over his prolific 40-year career as a musician, songwriter, and record producer, Toussaint has worked with such music industry giants as

Paul McCartney, Paul Simon, The Rolling Stones, Etta James and Elvis Costello. His music has been featured in numerous films. Honoring his tremendous legacy across musical genres, Toussaint has been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the Songwriters Hall of Fame, and the Blues Hall of Fame.

Few names more clearly evoke the sounds and timeless traditions of New Orleans than that of the Preservation Hall Jazz Band. Music director Ben Jaffe, who plays tuba, bass and banjo in the band, is the son of the founders of Preservation Hall, the legendary New Orleans jazz venue and the band's home base. Under Jaffe's leadership, the PHJB has evolved, expanding its roots and gaining new fans. The PHJB was awarded the National Medal of Arts in 2006 for its historic contributions and long term commitment to fostering the musical heritage of New Orleans. In 2013, their 50th Anniversary album won a prestigious NAACP Image Award.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets can be purchased at the box office, online at www.bankheadtheater.org or by calling 373-6800.

Firehouse Arts Center Membership Drive Underway

The City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Division in cooperation with the Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) has announced the Firehouse Arts Center holiday season membership drive. The new membership program, introduced at the beginning of this Fall Season, is part of an ongoing partnership between the City-owned and operated Firehouse Arts Center, located in the historic Pleasanton Downtown area, and the PDA.

Three different options are available, starting at \$50.00, for a full year of discounts and promotions. Benefits include ticket discounts, drink vouchers, logeod gift items, and other added perks at each tier. With each membership purchased, patrons of both



Firehouse Arts Center

the Firehouse and its sister venue the Amador Theater, will also receive discounts to participating downtown Pleasanton restaurants and

retail stores.

“We are very excited about the mutually supportive relationship between the shows and arts pro-

grams at the Firehouse and the surrounding downtown merchants,” says Rob Vogt, the City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Division

Supervisor for both the Firehouse Arts Center and the Amador Theater. “The membership program offers a great incentive for theater patrons to enjoy downtown restaurants and retailers, and vice versa.”

Memberships are good for one year from the date of purchase. At the Producer (\$125.00) and Director (\$200.00) level, members will receive a 10% ticket discount to many of the Firehouse Arts Center and Amador Theater events and productions.

Membership information is available online at www.FirehouseArts.org/memberships, by calling (925) 931-4848, or by visiting the box office in person at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave, Pleasanton.

Family Fun Day Set

The public is invited to attend the Las Positas College Child Development Center's "Family Fun Day" on Saturday, November 15, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Tour the child development center while the kids enjoy face painting, a petting zoo, popcorn, a silent auction, and more.

The facility consists of seven classrooms for toddler and preschool programs for children ages 18 months to 5 years old. There is currently space available in the childcare program, which provides 3-4 teachers per classroom. It is a teaching facility for the college's child development program.

Families currently seeking childcare are welcome to contact Center Director Corinna Calica at 424.1575 or CCalica@laspositascollege.edu. For information regarding the center go to laspositascollege.edu/childdevelopmentcenter.

Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore.

Rock Stars Perform Classic Holiday Concert for the Whole Family Food Donation Drive benefitting Open Heart Kitchen

Classic hits, classic carols . . . fused into one, or as December People guiding light Robert Berry noted, “It’s where ‘White Christmas meets ‘White Wedding’ for the holidays.” The family-friendly holiday rock extravaganza known as ‘December People’ is headed to the historic Amador Theater to kick off the Holiday season, and at the same time give a big helping hand to the hungry in the local Tri-Valley. For this concert, ticket holders are asked to bring donations for the big Open Heart Kitchen Holiday Food Drive. DP will be joined on 2 numbers by the Tri-Valley’s Cantabella Children’s Chorus.

Reserved seating tickets are \$25-\$35 plus a food donation for the lobby barrels (see www.openheartkitchen.org for suggested items). The show goes on Saturday, Nov. 29, at 8:00 p.m., at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Purchase tickets online at www.firehousearts.org, by phone at 925-931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton.

Says DP founder Robert Berry, “These guys have sold millions of records in the other bands they perform with. But as December People, they get to come together to play traditional holiday songs in Classic Rock style for the benefit of local food banks. December People’s goal is to put on a spectacular holiday show and at the same time give back to the local community.”

Berry adds, “This year in particular the Tri-Valley and Open Heart Kitchen need all the food donations they can get. We are finding more and more that people really like the fact they are helping their neighbors and getting a fun show at the same time.”

Open Heart Kitchen has been feeding the hungry in the area since 1995, providing hot meals and box lunches free of charge to anyone in need, to eat on site or take-to-go, with no questions asked or qualifying process. OHK served over 281,000 meals last year alone. For information go to www.openheartkitchen.org, or call (925) 580-6793.



December People in concert.

Tickets Available for 'Les Mis' Performances in January

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre will perform *Les Misérables* in January at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, weekends Jan. 17 to 31.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday with an additional matinee at 2 p.m. on Sa., Jan. 31.

Les Misérables is a sung-through musical based on the novel *Les Misérables* by French poet and novelist Victor Hugo. It features music by Claude-Michel Schönberg, original French lyrics by Alain Boublil and Jean-Marc Natel, with an English-language libretto by Herbert Kretzmer.

Set in early 19th-century France, it is the story of Jean Valjean, a French peasant, and his quest for redemption after serving nineteen years in jail for having stolen a loaf of bread for his sister's starving child. Valjean decides to break his parole and start his life anew after a kindly bishop inspires him by a tremendous act of mercy. He is relentlessly tracked



down by a police inspector named Javert. Along the

way, Valjean and a slew of characters are swept into

a revolutionary period in France, where a group of young idealists make their last stand at a street barricade.

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The show is directed by Kendall Tieck, musical direction by Mark Aubel, choreography by Christopher Olson, and vocal direction by Sierra Dee

The cast includes the following: Jean Valjean: Mischa Stephens, Javert: Matthew Liebowitz, Bishop: Robert Sholty, Cosette: Kristen Vellinger, Eponine: Katherine Delacruz, Thenardier: DC Scarpelli, Madame Thenardier: Jennifer Stark, Fantine: Morgan Breedveld, Marius: Nikita Burshsteyn, Enjolras: Greg Zema, Grantaire: Ron Houk, Feuilly: Peter Budinger, Courfeyrac: Sam Leeper, Combeferre: Lucas deAyora, Joly: Dominic Dagdagan, Lesgles: Mike Freeman, Provoaire: Scott DiLorenzo, Gavrouche: JD Cerruti, Young Cosette: Emily Joy Kessel, Young

Eponine: Juliana Morrow, Babet: Matt Busbee, Brujon: Steve Kirch, Claquesous: Charlie Gay, Montparnasse: Kurt Hornbacher.

Appearing in the ensemble are Pam Ballin, Annika Bergman, Rebecca Davis, Max DeSantis, Kaylyn Dowd, Aimee Hennessy, Jeremy LaClair, Leslie Lawrence, Alexandria Lish, Dennis Logsdon, Carrie

Menefee, Anne Milbourne, Abby Peterson, Aimee Roylance, Lisa Saaz, Taylor Sundstrom, Carly Tilson-Lumetta, Susan Tonkin.

Tickets are available now at the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore, online at www.bankheadtheater.org or by calling 373-6800.

Visit www.tri-valleyrep.org for more information.



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Wente Vineyards to Host Summer Shakespeare

Livermore Shakespeare Festival will stage its 2015 season on the grounds of the Wente Vineyards Estate Winery and Tasting Room on Tesla Road in Livermore Valley wine country.

The site was selected by Festival producers, Shakespeare's Associates, after an extensive search of potential locations.

"The Wente family has been tremendously supportive of the arts in our community and we are delighted to be partnering with them. Due to its atmosphere and intimacy, the Wente Vineyards Estate Winery and Tasting Room is the ideal venue for Livermore Shakes to continue its tradition of professional theater under the stars with an offering of award-winning wines and food," states Shakespeare's Associates Board Chair, Beth Trutner.

Wente Vineyards Fourth Generation Winegrower and Chief Executive Officer, Carolyn Wente adds, "We are extremely excited that Wente Vineyards is the new home for Livermore Shakespeare Festival. Our family winery

has a history of contributing to the local community, especially when it comes to Performing Arts so this is a perfect fit for us. We look forward to hosting Livermore Shakes next summer and enjoying the performances."

Livermore Shakes will erect a stage and set up chairs on the sprawling lawn at the Estate Winery site for five weeks in the summer of 2015. Wente Vineyards offer an array of picnicking and dining options from picnic food on site to pre-theater culinary experiences at the Restaurant at Wente Vineyards.

Producing Artistic Director, Lisa A. Tromovitch has chosen Shakespeare's popular comedy *As You Like It* and Jane Austen's romance *Sense and Sensibility* for the summer 2015 season.

Performances will run July 2nd – August 2nd at the Wente Vineyards Estate Winery and Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. Tickets sales will begin in February of 2015. For more information visit www.Livermore-Shakes.org or call (925) 443-BARD.

Hope Hospice Honors Veterans



Livermore resident Thais Carlucci proudly displays one of the blankets she created for veteran patients on hospice.

As the nation pays tribute to the men and women who have served the country on Veterans Day, the Hope Hospice team honors its veteran patients and those who care for them, as well as volunteers, staff and board members who have served in the military.

Hope Hospice participates in We Honor Veterans (WHV), a program of Na-

tional Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs. This program helps the hospice team honor veteran patients' service to our country and to enhance the quality of care provided to help meet the needs of veterans.

"Our goal is to ensure excellent end of life care for our nation's Veterans

and their families," says Hope Hospice social worker Felicity Burdick, MSW." She says a patient's military service history is highly relevant to helping staff members provide the most appropriate, personalized end-of-life care. "It is our privilege and honor to assure that every veteran is able to receive hospice care at the time and place of need."

Hope Hospice works with VA professionals, veterans, volunteers, and other interested organizations to offer quality services and educational events to provide information about advance care planning, available resources, and care options.

Earlier this year, long-time Hope Hospice Home Care volunteer Thais Carlucci began a special project as a way to say thank you to veteran patients. She creates plush lap blankets adorned with patriotic symbols – the American flag, stars and the American bald eagle – to be given to these patients.

"When I visit our veteran patients and they talk about their time in the service, it's clear that it's something they're really proud of – it doesn't matter if they served for two or 20 years – it's important to them," Carlucci says. "Making these blankets is a tiny part of how we at Hope Hospice honor our veterans."



Students pose for photo.

School Needs Votes to Win

Junction Avenue K8 School in Livermore is asking for members of the community to cast just one more vote this November. It's all part of the National Red Ribbon Photo Contest, sponsored by the National Family Partnership®. A vote for the photo entered by Junction's ASB Leadership class will help local youth remain drug free.

Students and faculty at Junction school teamed up to talk about the benefits of leading a drug-free life and decorated their halls or doorways with artwork featuring the 2014 theme, "Love Yourself. Be Drug Free®." Once their masterpiece was complete, a photo of their creativity was entered in this year's Red Ribbon photo contest.

Whoever receives the most vote wins \$1,000 to be used for drug prevention efforts to help more students to stay away from drugs.

Voting is simple. The deadline is Nov. 19th. Just visit <http://redribbon.org/vote/> and click vote on Junction's photo entry. Search by Junction Ave. or Jan Bennett, leadership teacher. An individual can vote up to 10 times per day in support of the Junction entry.

One school and 10 families will be announced Dec. 5th as winners of the National Red Ribbon 2014 Photo Contest.

The contest is sponsored by the National Family Partnership, national sponsors of the annual Red Ribbon Campaign – the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation. Learn more about Red Ribbon Week at www.redribbon.org.

'Prelude to Winter' Theme of Harmony Fusion Chorus Concert

Harmony Fusion Chorus, a women's barbershop chorus and chapter of Sweet Adelines International, presents "Prelude to Winter" with an afternoon of carols and popular holiday songs. Joining the chorus is the Tri-Valley's award-winning Cantabella Children's Chorus Honors Choir, as well as Ladies First, an award-winning young women's barbershop chorus from Concord.

Prelude to Winter will be performed at 2 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 15 at Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton.

The chorus' performance will feature holiday favorites

such as Sleigh Ride, and Winter Wonderland, familiar carols such as Carol of the Bells, and Chocolate in My Stocking a holiday song in the barbershop style.

The Cantabella Honors Choir, directed by Eileen Chang, will share a few excerpts from a carol sequence by Welsh composer William Mathias (1934-1992) in the great tradition of A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten, as well as Dancing Day by John Rutter. This work will be followed by two very familiar carols, Patapan and It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year.

Ladies First, directed by Christian Emigh, will per-

form a selection of holiday music sung in the barbershop style.

A reception for all guests will be immediately following the performance in the church fellowship hall.

Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. Seniors (65+) and students are \$16 in advance and \$18 at the door. Advance tickets may be ordered at www.harmonyfusion.org, or by calling Carrie Shaeffer at (925) 846-1857 or email shaeffer1@earthlink.net.

More information about the Harmony Fusion Chorus is available at www.harmonyfusion.org.

'Destination Mexico' Exhibit Looks at Tourism in Mexico over the Years

Forest Home Farms Historic Park and the Glass House Museum present "Destination México," an exhibition organized by the DeGolyer Library at Southern Methodist University, the Clements Center for Southwest Study and Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Beginning in the 1880s, private companies and entrepreneurs in the United States began promoting tourism to Mexico, labeling the country "a Foreign Land a Step Away."

"Destination México" illuminates eight decades of tourist travel to Mexico, from the first rail connections in the mid-1880s to the advent of the jet age in the late 1950s.

The exhibition displays a large collection of mementos from many tourists' travels to Mexico, including post cards, saved leaflets and organized snapshots from the Boone Family Collection. "Destination Mexico" also examines the influence of political and economic conditions in Mexico and the United States and technological developments on tourism.

The exhibition is available to the public until De-

cember 13 and is included as part of a tour of the Glass House Museum. Forest Home Farms and the Glass House Museum are open to the public on the Second Saturday of each month from 10am-2pm. Docent lead tours are available at 10am, 11am, 12noon and 1pm are \$5 per person. Private group tours and student education tours are also available weekdays by appointment. To arrange group visits, contact Sharon Peterson at (925) 973-3282.

Forest Home Farms Historic Park is located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon. Call (925) 973-3284 for more information.

Interfaith Interconnect Service to Honor Concept of Gratitude

Gratitude is taught by all religions. To honor that concept, Interfaith Interconnect is holding its second annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. The public is invited to see and hear how different faiths express thankfulness.

The service will be on Sunday, November 23, 2014, from 4:30 to 5:30 PM at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton. There will be a reception in the church hall immediately following the service.

Registration for the free service will be available in early November through Eventbrite.

Representatives from the Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Jewish, Church of Latter-day Saints, Unitarian Universalist, and other communities will participate.

Interfaith Interconnect is composed of sixteen Valley congregations. Our mission statement is: "To enrich, inform and educate ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cultures in our valley."

For more information, contact the group at interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com. Interfaith is also on Facebook.

Tri-Valley Community Thanksgiving Dinner Set

A coalition of businesses, churches and community organizations is hosting the 3rd annual Community Outreach Dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th from 12pm to 4:00pm at St. Raymond Catholic Church, 11555 Shannon Ave, Dublin.

It will be a traditional sit-down dinner with turkey and all the trimmings for those in need of a place to go for Thanksgiving Dinner—especially families, seniors, military and singles. In addition to a wonderful meal and community gathering, there will be light entertainment and children's activities.

The dinner is supported by all four mayors of Pleasanton, Dublin, Danville and San Ramon, as well as many churches and community organizations. Anyone who needs a place to spend Thanksgiving Dinner is invited.

For details and a flyer, see www.TVC-Thanksgiving.com which has additional information as well as volunteer information. For questions email at trivalleyoutreach@gmail.com, or call 925-829-8956.

Holiday Spirit Stroll Returns To Downtown Pleasanton

The Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) will present the second annual Holiday Spirit Stroll on Saturday, November 22 from 5 - 8 p.m. More than 20 downtown merchants will be paired with local breweries, wineries and bars for a festive night sampling beer, wine and cocktails. This fun event will coincide with Magical Holiday Evening, an annual shopping event on Main Street on November 22 from 4 - 7 p.m. Streets come alive to usher in the season with live music, special offers and an early visit from Santa Claus.

Presale tickets are available for \$35 online as well as at Redcoats Pub - 336 St. Mary Street and Studio Seven Arts - 400 Main Street. On Friday, November 14, ticket prices will be raised to \$40. Tickets can be redeemed on Saturday, November 22 from 4:30-7 p.m. at the starting location, Firehouse Arts Center located at 4444 Railroad Avenue. If the event is not sold out, tickets will be available for \$45 cash or check only.

Beer, wine and cocktails will be served by 21st Amendment Brewery, Altamont Beer Works, Boa Ventura de Caires Winery, Blue Agave, Eight Bridges Brewing, Handles Gastropub, Lagunitas Brewing Company, Little Valley Winery, Main Street Brewery, Mendocino Brewing Co., Murrieta's Well, The Mead Kitchen, Redcoats Pub, Schubros Brewery, Wente Vineyards, The Winemakers Studio at Wente Vineyards, Working Man Brewing Company and more.

The Pleasanton Downtown Association encourages

everyone to enjoy downtown responsibly. To support this effort the PDA will be selling designated driver tickets for \$10 on the night of the Holiday Spirit Stroll and the event programs will include taxi contact information.

The Holiday Spirit Stroll is sponsored by New Leaf Community Markets. Event is rain or shine, no refunds. For information, call the Pleasanton Downtown Association (925) 484-2199, or go to www.pleasanton-downtown.net.



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Senior Living Facility Celebrates 1st Anniversary

By Carol Graham

When a 99-year-old resident of Livermore Valley Senior Living received an iPad from his grandchild, volunteers were there to teach him how to play games on it.

"One cannot overestimate the value of this kind of therapy for the elderly," said Jill Biggs, RN and Director of Volunteer Services for Hope Hospice. "Volunteers play cards, checkers and other games, providing patients with activities and companionship. Their families experience relief knowing there are others providing emotional and social stimulation for their loved one."

As Livermore Valley Senior Living (LVSL) celebrated its one-year anniversary on October 21st, administrators, volunteers and family members were on hand to share what they've learned about helping loved ones transition to assisted living.

"Moving Mom out of her home to another state with unfamiliar surroundings was very difficult for everyone," said Dave Frank. "LVSL welcomed Mom and helped make her feel cared for and secure. The staff are very engaged with the residents. They take time to pamper her, painting her nails and curling her hair. We also liked that we were able to personalize her room with our choice of paint color, her own furniture, and personal effects."

Located at 3356 East Avenue, LVSL is ahead of the curve by offering an environment that blends top-notch medical care with the cozy warmth of home.

"We have an enhanced care model that bridges the gap between assisted living and skilled nursing," said Co-owner and CEO Jasleen Dhillon. "We have nurses on staff every day, and each resident is



Monce Padilla and Zae Miller prepare a room for a guest.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

assigned a nurse as a case manager. We also have a staff physician who visits monthly and works closely with our residents and their families. Most importantly, we create a partnership with the families of our residents to facilitate the transition into our community, as well as for ongoing compassionate care."

In fact, it's this type of partnering that most effectively enhances the transition of a patient into assisted living.

"It's a team effort. Families, caregivers, doctors and the residents themselves are all partners in care," said Dhillon. "Families know the resident intimately and can work with us to make them comfortable and happy. For example, family members can decorate the bedrooms with familiar items, and suggest favorite activities and TV shows. They

can let us know whether a resident is shy and needs a lot of quiet time, or is social and wants to be in the middle of the action."

Two months ago, when Helen Shirley needed more attention than she'd been receiving at a memory-care facility, she moved to LVSL.

"This is a very attractive facility inside and out, with the park-like patio," said husband John Shirley. "The care givers are all very nice, attentive, truly interested in Helen and her needs, and respond very fast when needed. She likes her care givers, and they like her."

"Our residents transition to assisted living more smoothly when they know their families haven't abandoned them, and that they will see them often," said Dhillon. "Although patients' health issues may continue to escalate, it be-

comes equally if not more important to place an emphasis on caring for elders' emotional well being."

To benefit residents, assisted living and skilled nursing facilities are beginning to focus more on offering programs designed to keep elders active, engaged and upbeat.

At LVSL, one such program is pet therapy. "Many patients have had pets for many years and miss that relationship," said Dhillon. "Dr. Pat Wheeler and her assistants bring in therapy dogs on a weekly basis. The unconditional love of a pet has been proven to lower stress, offer mental stimulation and create a renewed interest in life."

Other programs include gardening, memory walks, and music and dance performances, while an inter-generational program at LVSL opens the door for children and teens to

interact with patients.

"The elderly have so much rich wisdom and knowledge and so many wonderful stories," said Dhillon, noting that the young visitors often help patients write their biographies. "It truly is a blessing to spend time with them every day."

Additionally, Hope Hospice volunteers visit patients regularly.

"Many people are not aware of the benefits of receiving hospice care earlier on their pathway," said Biggs. "Society sees hospice as the last place one goes when death is imminent. On the contrary, hospice is a vital way of living during the course of a terminal illness. Most of the time, patients can be admitted into a hospice program like Hope Hospice and enjoy its many benefits for months before the time of death."

Biggs added that when elder care is performed solely by family members, "It's a 24/7 task that offers no relief from one day to the next. Often patients' needs continue and increase, creating mental and physical exhaustion for those providing care. I gain great satisfaction from my role providing volunteers for patients to have companionship and for the family to have respite."

At LVSL, Dhillon is adding a new Respite Care program for seniors who are interested in part-time or short-term care.

"Seniors can be dropped off at our facility during the day to be properly cared for while relatives are at work or busy," she said. "This will be a great way for seniors to be assisted during the day-time but continue living at home. It will also help caregivers who are going out of town and need someone to take care of their relative."

All agree that knowing and understanding options is essential for caregivers facing the admittance of a loved one into assisted living.

"It's hard to see a person who's been strong and independent for 60 or 70 years unable to do for themselves many of the most basic tasks. It's a challenge to help residents maintain their sense of dignity and self-respect," said Dhillon. "Yet it's the small moments that are the most heartwarming, like when we really connect with a resident and they smile, laugh, and feel respected, loved and genuinely good about themselves. We treat our residents as if they were our own parents and grandparents. At LVSL, we've become like family."

For more information, visit livermorevalleyse-niorliving.com or hopehospice.com.



Pele Rising by Rosales Shaw (top) and Homage-Richard by Louise Gray

Color, Texture, Form

Expressionism is on display in the paintings of Louise Gray, Lenore Kreit and Marco Rosales Shaw display at Prudential California Realty, 1983 Second Street, Livermore. The show, "Color, Texture, Form," runs through Jan. 5.

A reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres will be held Sunday, Nov. 16, from 4 to 6 p.m. The event is free to the public. Donations of canned goods will be accepted for the Alameda County Food Bank.

Gray taught art in the public schools for many years before beginning her own creative and experimental exploration of a variety of watermedia in an effort to explore patterns, shapes and relationships.

Using linework, layering of colors, texture and sometimes collage to enhance the surface, she pushes the limits of her understanding and curiosity, then invites the viewer into the painting, to feel and respond to it.

Kreit's lifelong love of art that began at the age of 5, when her mother enrolled her in a still life charcoal class. She studied art in high school and college. After raising a family, she resumed her art work in 2002. Her first love is Impressionism, the way color and light play to convey an impression or suggestion of a moment. She works in a variety of media including: acrylics, oils, watercolors, pastels and even egg tempura from a 13th-century text.

Rosales Shaw was born in Mexico and spent some years travelling before settling in California as a young man. He started his own business as a house painter, and had been a successful craftsman for years, bringing houses to life with a soft brush. But it was when he received a gift of canvas and acrylics that his talent truly found expression. He did not so much start to paint, as explode.

His bold, unique works have been displayed in various venues in the San Francisco Bay Area, in mixed media exhibitions as well as single artist shows, and in digital gallery events. Along the way his works have inspired many poems by renowned California poets

The show is open for viewing during business hours, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., or by appointment.

For information, contact Cher Wollard at 925 784-4679 or cherw@cherw.com



Dublin Launches 'Discover Dublin for the Holidays' Campaign

The City of Dublin, in partnership with the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, has kicked off its 4th Annual "Discover Dublin for the Holidays" shop local campaign. At the Dublin City Council meeting on November 4, the City Council also proclaimed Saturday, November 29, as "Small Business Saturday."

This national event, held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, encourages holiday shoppers to patronize independently owned businesses that are small and local.

The annual "Discover Dublin for the Holidays" campaign is a free program designed to promote awareness of the benefits of supporting Dublin businesses. Every taxable dollar spent in Dublin benefits the community by funding services such as public safety, park and street maintenance, and City-sponsored events. It also helps the local business community by driving

consumer spending to their doorsteps.

The shop local campaign is driven through social media. A "Discover Dublin for the Holidays" Facebook page, www.facebook.com/discoverdublin, will list information about shops and promotions going on throughout the holiday season. The number of "likes" to the page has grown to over 740, and many businesses have reported an increase in sales following a posting.

This year, the shop local campaign is introducing "Discover Dublin" shopping bags. Local businesses are encouraged to give customers their purchased merchandise in specially-designed "Discover Dublin" shopping bags. This will allow merchants and shoppers to show their support of the Shop Local program. The shopping bag program kicks off on Small Business Saturday, November 29. Dublin-based businesses can pick up the

bags from Dublin City Hall or the Dublin Chamber of Commerce while supplies last.

Future efforts to expand the promotion of Dublin-based businesses beyond the holiday season are planned. In an effort to continue to attract support for businesses throughout the year, the Facebook page will be renamed, "Discover Dublin! Shop Local." Plans include the promotion of January's statewide "Restaurant Month" program, with a focus on Dublin restaurants and dining options. In Feb-

ruary, in coordination with local Visit Tri-Valley efforts, Staff will promote Dublin as a site for "Romancing the Arts." Plans also include a "Spring/Graduation" focused campaign, as well as a "Back to School" shopping program in the summer.

For more information about "Discover Dublin for the Holidays," contact Shari Jackman, with the City of Dublin, at (925) 833-6650 or via email at shari.jackman@dublin.ca.gov, or Jim Telfer, President and CEO of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, at (925) 828-6200.

Valley Veterans Foundation to Benefit from 'Swirl for a Cause'

Swirl for a Cause! For the entire month of November, Swirl on the Square will be donating 100% of their One Hope Wine tasting fees to Valley Veterans Foundation. They will have an extra-special night on Wednesday, November 19, where not only the One Hope tasting fees will be donated, but 10% of all net receipts from Swirl and tastings too.

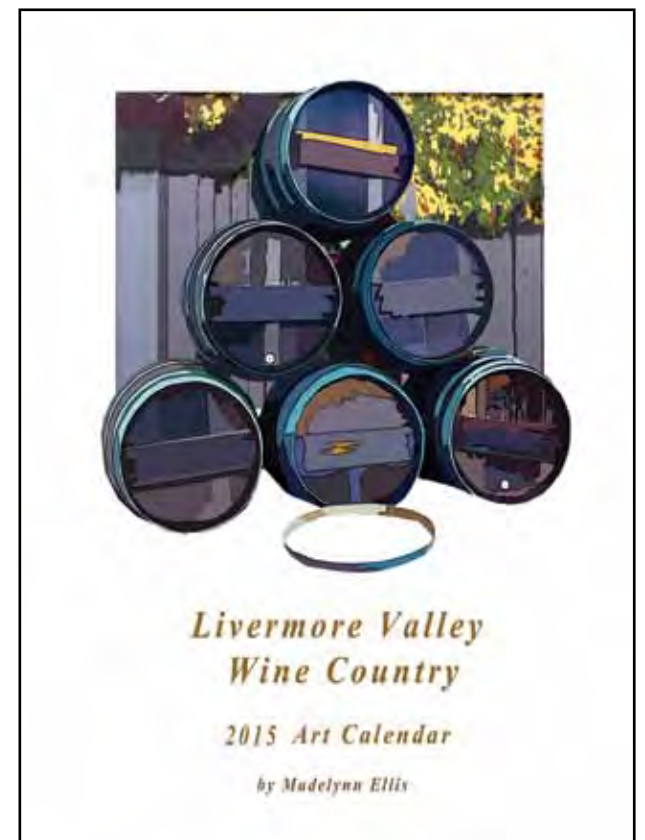
Over the last decade, Valley Veterans Foundation (VVF) has provided general and financial support for military veterans. When a loved one returns from deployment it is not only a joy for the family but a time for the community to show their support. VVF coordinates with other veteran support

groups to make "Welcome Home" celebrations special.

VVF began a concerted effort 5 years ago to connect with and find ways to support our local returning military veterans seeking a college degree and to find ways of easing the transition from military service to civilian/college life. Funding now includes scholarships to Las Positas College.

Swirl on the Square is located at 21 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 925-447-1400. Hours for November 19 are 5-9 pm. with live music 6-9pm

For more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Valley-Veterans-Foundation/591769444210415> or <http://www.swirlonthesq.com>



LAA Gallery's Holiday Boutique Open House on Fri., Nov. 14 from 11:30 am – 8 pm and on Sat., Nov. 15 from 11:30 am – 4 pm at the Carnegie Building located at 2155 3rd St., Livermore. Unique art and craft works, wearables and jewelry will be available for holiday gift giving. Artists will be on hand to discuss their work. Refreshments will be served. Regular holiday gallery hours will be Wed. – Sun. 11:30 – 4 as well as Mon. 12/22, Tues. 12/23 and Wed. 12/24.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

Members of the Pleasanton Art League Public Art Circuit are currently exhibiting art at six businesses in the Pleasanton - Dublin Area. Viewing locations are: Bank of America at 337 Main Street, Pleasanton; Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at 777 Peters Street, Pleasanton; Sallman, Yang, & Alameda CPA's at 4900 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton; US Bank at 749 Main Street, Pleasanton; Edward Jones at 6601 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin; and The Bagel Street Café at 6762 Bernal Avenue Pleasanton. If interested in becoming a member of the Pleasanton Art League or for information regarding the Public Art Circuit, call John Trimmingham at (510) 877-8154.

Texture and Luminosity – A Mosaic Art Exhibit, on display November 7 through December 13. New installation at the Harrington Gallery. 17 artists from the Bay Area and beyond in new exhibition co-curated by Pleasanton mosaic artist and instructor Glynnis Kaye and Harrington Gallery Director Julie Finegan. A wide variety of styles and types of mosaic artwork will be

on view, from a traditional, Byzantine approach, to contemporary styles and applications, including stone, glass, tile, and smalti. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Donations always appreciated. Exhibit dates: November 7 through December 13.

Daniel Kanaan – Enso Collection. Fascinating installation curated by The Harrington Gallery and Firehouse Arts Center. Large and medium scale water media works (largest is 7 x 7 feet), depicting the "enso," the Japanese word for an uninhibited, hand-drawn circle. In Zen Buddhism, Enso is intended to express a moment when the mind is free to let the body create. International artist Daniel Kanaan has exhibited alongside such noted artists as Lucian Freud and Frank Auerbach. The public is invited to explore and enjoy the exhibits during Firehouse Arts Center open hours. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated. For more information, contact Gallery Director: JFinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov, or call the gallery: 925-931-4849.

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MEETINGS/CLASSES

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

ACC/Art Critique & Coffee – Local Artist Group sharing Plein Air work of Pleasanton called "Our Town" is now at the Pleasanton Library & Tully's for the month of August. See original artwork in Oil, Acrylic and Watercolor by Award Winning Artists, Claudette McDermott, Loralee Chapleau, John West, Judi Caplan and Alka Vaidya. Locations such as the Alviso Adobe, The Museum on Main, Marilyn Murphy Kane Trail, Milfleur and more, can be seen through the Artist's Eyes when you visit the Library at 400 Old Bernal Ave, Pleasanton. Hours are 10 am. – 9 p.m. Mon-Thur, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Fri. – Sat, 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

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

Piano and keyboard lessons, For children to adult. Beginner to early intermediate level. Half-hour private classes or small group classes offered. Twice-yearly recitals. (925) 216-7231 or email thomasin_d@hotmail.com for further info.

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

Ukulele Circle, Meetings held the 2nd and last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located

at 1756 First St., Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs.

Fun Tangles Holiday Workshop, instructor Maryann Kot; Sat., Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Fee \$45. Workshop incorporates pen and ink drawing in repetitive patterns with colored media to enhance the design. Christmas Cards are the theme for this workshop and students will go home with two cards that they have designed. Supplies are included in the fee. (students bring their own colored media supplies). www.maryannkot.com. Sign up at Way Up Art and Frame, Second St. Livermore 925-443-3388

WINE & SPIRITS

Wine Competition Entries sought, The San Francisco Chronicle is currently accepting wine entries for the 2015 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, the largest wine competition of American wines in the world. The deadline for entries is November 20, 2014. Information and entry forms are available at www.winejudging.com

Wine Wednesdays, Livermore Valley wineries will be hosting "Wine Wednesdays" each Wednesday through October. One featured winery will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. to help guests "wine-down" from the work week or just grab a taste of wine before going out to dinner in the Tri-Valley. Nov. 19, Crooked Vine Winery and Stony Ridge Winery. Check for the winery listings at www.lvwine.org.

Fall Fiesta and Club Pick Up Party at Charles R Vineyards. Nov. 15, noon to 4:30 p.m. Live music by Steve and Nadia will highlight the wine and food pairings. In addition to the wine pairings, Port will be served with Bonnie's famous Port Brownies. Special recipes and pairings will be available for holiday gatherings. 8195 Crane Ridge Rd., in Livermore.

Wente Vineyards Restaurant, dessert and wine pairing, Sat., Nov. 15, 2 to 4 p.m. \$25 public, \$20 Club Wente members. Limited seating. Reservations required so call 925.456.2405 today. Event will be held in The Tirage Building, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

B.Y.O.C. - Be Your Own Corker! Sunday, November 16 from 1:00-4:00. Recycle empty and clean 750 ml wine bottles and let Charles R Vineyards fill them up with a special table wine for \$10.00 per bottle. Meet Charles R and learn about the behind-the-scenes bottling techniques. Hands on fun, wine, corks and labels provided. Charles R Vineyards is located at 8195 Crane Ridge Road in Livermore.

4th Annual International Tempranillo Day is coming. Las Positas Vineyards will be honoring this amazing varietal with a 3 day special event Nov. 14,

15 and 16 featuring its Tempranillo varietal with a unique flight paired with Spanish cheeses and marinated olives. \$10 for club members and \$15 for non-members, and the flight will be offered Friday - Sunday 12-5pm. For more information please call 925-449-9463 or email curt@laspositasvineyards.com

Nottingham Cellars, Friday, November 21, 6:30-9:00 pm Nottingham Cellars 5th Anniversary Celebration Come raise a glass with us to toast the 5 year anniversary in the Livermore Valley. Favorite wines from each vintage since our beginning will be poured. Each wine will have a special food pairing. This event is limited to 60 guests. \$65/\$50 Club Members. RSVP Required. For tickets contact Dave at 925.294.8647 or daved@nottinghamcellars.com

Artisan Spirits & Brandy Works will be pouring the Gold Medal winning Vodka and new releases of Raspberry Rapture, Vodka and Orange Spice Liqueur (Holiday in a Glass), and Brandy barrel tasting. Nov. 28, 29 and 30, noon to 2 p.m. at 5963 Graham Court, Suite D, Livermore., (925) 371-8606.

Thomas Coyne Winery Fall Open House, November 28, 29 & 30 noon to 5 p.m. The 2012 Petit Verdot will be released. 2405 Research Dr., Livermore. (925) 373-6541. <http://thomascoynewinery.com>

Bottle your own wine and brandy tasting for the Holidays at Eckert Estate Winery on Nov 28, 29 & 30, noon to 5 p.m. at 5963 Graham Court, Suite D, Livermore. (925) 371-8606 or www.eckertestate.com

Holidays in the Vineyards, noon to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 6 and 7. Livermore Valley wineries showcase their decorated tasting rooms, offer special wines, and feature arts, crafts, holiday music, activities and more. Donated toys are given to the local Toys for Tots program. Admission is free, however, tasting fees may apply and vary by winery.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

Manhattan Transfer, 7 p.m. Sun., Nov. 16. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Preservation Hall Jazz Band & Allen Toussaint, 7:30 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 20. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Abbey Road, classic albums live - the Beatles. 8 p.m. Fri., Nov. 21. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

2nd Annual Holiday Youth Music

Festival, youth twist on the tale of "A Christmas Carol." Nov. 29, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

December People plus OHK Holiday Food Drive benefit: Nov. 29, 8 p.m. DP puts on these amazing holiday shows each year to benefit local food banks, and asks ticket holders to bring as much food donations to the concerts as they can. Band: Gary Pihl (Boston), Robert Berry (Greg Kihn Band, Sammy Hagger Band), David Medd (The Tubes), David Lauser (Sammy Hagger Band), Jack Foster (Jack Foster Band). Tickets \$25-\$35 (a steal). Venue: the historic Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. Purchase at: www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Box Office at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. SPECIAL GUEST: DP will be joined on 2 numbers by the Tri-Valley's own Cantabella Children's Chorus.

Pleasanton Community Concert Band, holiday concert. 2 p.m. Nov. 30. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Pacific Chamber Symphony, 2 p.m. Nov. 30. Frideric Handel—Messiah. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Las Positas College, music department recital, 12:30 p.m. Dec. 3. Main Stage, Performing Arts Center, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts>

Andy McKee, acoustic guitar. 8 p.m. Fri., Dec. 5. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Holiday Concert at Dublin Heritage Park, Dec. 6 and 7 at 3:30 p.m. at the Old St. Raymond Church. Pre-purchased tickets: \$5 youth (12 & under), \$8 adult (13 and older) Ticket prices at the door: \$7 youth (12 and under), \$10 adult (13 and older). Light-hearted musical celebration of the season. (925) 556-4500 for more information.

Livermore-Amador Symphony, presents Musical Masterpieces, 8 p.m. Sat., Dec. 6, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

An Irish Christmas, 2 p.m. Sun., Dec. 7. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Las Positas College, chamber choir, orchestra, wind ensemble, 7 p.m. Dec. 7. Main Stage, Performing Arts Center, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts>

Asbury Christmas Concert – Asbury United Methodist Church will hold its 18th Annual Christmas Concert at 7 PM on Sunday Dec. 7, 2014 in its Sanctuary at 4743 East Ave. in Livermore. All of Asbury's vocal choirs, the Asbury Band, several instrumentalists and the Asbury Ring-



Give a gift that gives twice by supporting Open Heart Kitchen. These unique annual desktop calendars by local photographer Sue Evans, highlight the beauty of the Tri-Valley each month with a new image. The case becomes the holder and they can be customized to create a marketing piece for a business or give them to neighbors, friends, office mates or people who have left the area. A portion of each sale supports Open Heart Kitchen in Livermore. Pricing is from \$5-\$12 each depending on the quantity ordered. Calendars are on sale at Studio 7 in Pleasanton or contact Sue Evans Photography for quantity order pricing at www.PhotographyBySueEvans.com or 925-989-4113.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ers will be performing. Asbury's pipe organ will also be part of the evening's musical offerings. The concert is open to the public. A free will offering can be made at the door. There will be a punch and homemade cookie reception immediately following in the Fellowship Hall. For more information call Jean Braun at 449-4168, the church office at 447-1950 or e-mail: Terrig@asburylive.org

David Lanz: Forever Christmas with Special Guest vocalist Kristin Amarie, Dec. 12, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Las Positas College, Winter Jazz Night, instrumental and vocal, 8 p.m. Dec. 12. Main Stage, Performing Arts Center, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts>

Close to You: Christmas with The Carpenters A Tribute to the Songs of The Carpenters, Dec. 13, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Vintage Brass Quintet performs a holiday concert. 2 p.m. Sun., Dec. 14 at the Pleasanton Library. Sponsored by Friends of the Pleasanton Public Library. On admission charge. /www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/services/library/programs.

Dan Hicks and the Hot Licks, New Year's Eve Party, 8 p.m. Wed., Dec. 31. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

ON THE STAGE

Firehouse Arts Center Membership Drive: The City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Division in cooperation with the Pleasanton Downtown Association announces holiday membership drive. Memberships are valid for one year from purchase, and start at \$50. Three different options for becoming a Firehouse Member, and enjoy ticket discounts, drink vouchers, downtown merchant discounts, and other perks. Membership info at www.firehousearts.org, and in person at the Firehouse Box Office: 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, or 925-931-4848. Hours: Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and 2 hours prior to performances.

Little Shop of Horrors, Tracy Repertory Theatre at the Grand Theatre on Central Avenue. The shows are November 14 (7PM), 15 (1 & 7PM), 16 (1PM), 21 (7PM), and the 22 (1PM). Theatre located at 715 Central Avenue, Tracy. www.tracyrep.org/

Telling Tales at the Douglas Morrison Theatre; Unforgettable Holiday Stories, on Monday, November 17, 2014. 8 p.m. Douglas Morrison Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. \$5 open seating. (510) 881-6777; www.dmtonline.org. All are welcome to contribute and participate. Send a story idea to tales@dmtonline.org.

org. For complete "Telling Tales Story Guidelines," visit the DMT website at www.dmtonline.org

Singin' in the Rain: Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre kicks off their 5th Season of professional musical theater at the Firehouse Arts Center with a new production of the beloved movie classic. 1920's Hollywood is the setting for this zany, light-hearted romantic comedy about the early days of the "talkies," when many a movie studio found itself scrambling to salvage the career of its chimpunk-voiced silent picture star. Directed by David Judson, music direction by Brett Strader, choreographed by Staci Arriaga. Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. through November 23 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Reserved seat tickets are \$17-\$38. Purchase online at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Candide, based on the novel by Voltaire and featuring Leonard Bernstein's score, this rollicking musical satire chronicles the lives and loves of Candide, a simple soul whose glass is always half-full. Nov. 7-30. Douglas Morrison Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. (510) 881-6777; www.dmtonline.org

LUMA: Theater of Light, 8 p.m. Fri., Nov. 14. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The Comedy of Errors, Nov. 14-23, Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m. and Sun. 2 p.m. Las Positas College Main State, Performing Arts Center, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts>

Creations of Impulse Presents: Holiday Shorts, a Long Winters Tale 2014, Dec. 4 and 5. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

My Son Pinocchio Jr., Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company, Dec. 12-21, Fri. 7:30 p.m., Sat. 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Sun. 2 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

COMEDY

Big Fat Year End Kiss Off XXII Comedy Show featuring Will Durst And Company, 8 p.m. Dec. 26, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org. 373-6800.

MOVIES

Classic Film Series, First Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. through June 2015. Pleasanton Library meeting room. The programs are free and all are welcome to attend. Note that some films are mature in content and may not be suitable for children.

DANCE

Las Positas College, dance production, 8 p.m., Dec. 6. Main Stage, Performing Arts Center, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts>

The Nutcracker - Valley Dance Theater, annual Tri-Valley holiday event: full production of The Nutcracker, accompanied by the Livermore-Amador Symphony. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Dec. 13, 20 and 21, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Dec. 14, 2 p.m.; and Dec. 19, 7 p.m. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Square dancing for all ages 8 years and up, Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm at Del Valle High, 2253 5th Street, Livermore. Families and friends welcome. September classes are free to new dancers. Questions? Margaret 925-447-6980.

CHORAL

Harmony Fusion Chorus, a women's barbershop chorus and chapter of Sweet Adelines International, presents "Prelude to Winter" with an afternoon of carols and popular holiday songs. Joining the chorus is the Tri-Valley's award-winning Cantabella Children's Chorus Honors Choir, as well as Ladies First, an award-winning young women's barbershop chorus from Concord. 2 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 15 at Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. Seniors (65+) and students are \$16 in advance and \$18 at the door. Advance tickets may be ordered by visiting the chorus website at www.harmonyfusion.org, or by calling the chorus performance chairperson Carrie Shaeffer at (925) 846-1857 or email shaef1@earthlink.net.

Annual Sing-It-Yourself Messiah, Valley Concert Chorale, December 5, 2014, 7:30 pm, Asbury Methodist Church (New location), 4743 East Ave. Livermore. www.valleyconcertchorale.org

Cantabella Children's Chorus: annual winter concert, Make We Merry, Saturday, December 13 at 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM, at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. For the 23rd year in a row, Cantabella presents a seasonal blend of reverence and merriment featuring Tri-Valley children from K-12 performing choral music accompanied by professional chamber musicians. Repertoire includes Salvator Mundi's A Carol Sequence by William Mathias and other more familiar carols such as Feliz Navidad and It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year. Audience sing-along too! Come celebrate the sounds of the season! Tickets: Adults \$18. Youth under 18 free (restrictions apply). For information and tickets, go to Cantabella.org/tickets.

Holiday Classic & Contemporary, Valley Concert Chorale. Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton; and Dec. 14, 3 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore. www.valleyconcertchorale.org

A Chanticleer Christmas, 7:30 p.m. Tues., Dec. 22. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

OPERA

Amahl and the Night Visitors by Gian Carlo Menotti, presented by the Livermore Valley Opera. 2 and 5 p.m. Sat., Dec. 13, First Presbyterian Church, 202 5th St., Livermore. Ticket information at www.livermorevalleyopera.com

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

Storied Nights: An Evening of Spoken Word. 2nd Thursday of each month. Features local authors reading their work 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Peet's Coffee and Tea, 152 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Sponsored by LVPAC and Peet's. Information go to <http://facebook.com/StoriedNights>

Kelly Corrigan: Family History - Can We Escape It? Author of "The Middle Place" and "Glitter and Glue." 7:30 p.m., Nov. 13. Rae Dorrough Speaker Series, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org. 373-6800.

Holiday Craft Boutique, Saturday, November 15, 2014, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Presented by the Dublin Senior Center and the Dublin Senior Foundation. Selection of original handmade arts and crafts. Entrance is free. For more information call (925) 556-4511 or email seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov.

Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave: November 16: Best-selling sci-fi author, and Livermore High School graduate, Andy Weir will speak about his book "The Martian." www.cityoflivermore.net

Holiday Spirit Stroll, 5 to 8 p.m. Sat., Nov. 22, Pleasanton Downtown Association merchants pair with local breweries, wineries and bars to sample beer, wine and cocktails. Priced from \$35 for early birds at pleasantondowntown.net. Event coincides with Magical Holiday Evening.

City of Dublin's 31st Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Thursday, December 4, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM, at the Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza. The Dublin Unified School District Children's Choir, under the direction of Irene Fong, and the Fallon Middle School Jazz Band, led by Lee Carpenter, will provide seasonal entertainment. Refreshments

will be served after the performance, and children may meet a special visitor from the North Pole. For more information, contact the City of Dublin Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 556-4500.

Christmas Display Opening Date: Deacon Dave's House of the Dove 32nd Annual Christmas Display will open December 5th at 6:30 p.m. the first Friday in December. Christmas Procession will come down Hillcrest Ave. from Fordham Way to the House of the Dove where the opening ceremonies will take place. The Christmas Display will close Thursday January 1st. New Years Night at 9 p.m. 352 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore.

Holiday Tea, Dublin Heritage Park and Museums. Dec. 6 and 7 at 1 p.m. \$25 per person. Lunch will begin with scones, lemon curd and a hot pot of tea, followed by finger sandwiches, cheese and an indulgent dessert. Tour the Kolb House, decorated for a farm Christmas morning. (925) 556-4500 for more information

Annual Hometown Holiday Celebration in Pleasanton on Saturday, December 6 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. along Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. The centerpiece of this free event is a festive, community-based parade followed by the lighting of a huge holiday tree

in front of the Museum on Main. www.cityofpleasantonca.gov

Home for the Holidays, December 6, 2014 -- 12noon - 4 p.m. Downtown Livermore, horse drawn carriage rides, holiday performances and snow in Lizzie Fountain. livermoredowntown.com

19th Annual Holiday Sights & Sounds Parade and the lighting of Livermore's Holiday Tree "Bruce Sprucetree," Dec. 6, downtown Livermore, 6 p.m. local marching bands, music, light displays, and Santa Claus. Tree lighting to follow parade. livermoredowntown.com

Las Positas College, stories and speeches, 7 p.m., Dec. 11, Main Stage, Performing Arts Center, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts>

Ravenswood Victorian Yuletide, Sunday, December 14, 2014, noon to 4 p.m. Music, entertainment, carriage rides, food, crafts. Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Free admission.

Trinity Church, Livermore, traditional Christmas presentation of the birth of Jesus Christ. All new for this year. Presentation will be December 18th through the 21st this year at Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Avenue, Livermore, 7 to 9 pm each evening. The presentation is free and everyone in the Bay Area is invited.

Dig for treasure at the Special Book Sale

Books for gifts, books to keep, books at bargain prices will be waiting for browsers and buyers at Livermore's Civic Center Library on Saturday, November 15.

The Friends of the Livermore Library invite book-lovers to come by the Library from noon to 4 pm. Community rooms A and B will be chockfull of books for all ages, DVDs of films and TV shows including many entire TV seasons, music CDs, LP records and sheet music. Friends' members have special hours; they are invited to come early, starting at 10 am. Membership forms will be available at the door.

Friends Bookstore manager Catie Neilson is enthusiastic about this year's offerings, which start at \$1. High-value books go for \$10 and up. She promises plenty of good fiction and nonfiction for every taste. "We have a quality selection of children's books, many lovely cookbooks, a large number of classics, plus books on hobbies, history and religion," she added.

Someone will doubtless grab one special treasure—a set of DVDs of "National Geographic" magazine covering the 1910s through the 1990s; or, how about all nine seasons of "The X Files"?

Again this year the Friends are selling 2015 desk calendars with 12 beautiful 4 x 6 nature photographs for \$10. Photographer Sue Evans donates a portion of her income to Open Heart Kitchen. All Friends proceeds go directly to the Library.

Milestones

Lawrence Livermore National Security announces Recipients of \$100,000 Community Gift Program for 2014

Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS), the contract manager for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), has announced the recipients for the 2014 LLNS Community Gift Program. These gifts, totaling \$100,000, reflect LLNS' commitment to local communities.

LLNS received 89 applications totaling more than \$850,000 in requests. Thirty-seven applications were selected for awards totaling \$100,000 through a committee review process. The majority of these awards serve children in the Tri-Valley area and San Joaquin County, with a focus on literacy, science, technology, engineering and math education and cultural arts. Other recipients focus their charitable efforts toward veterans, senior citizens and those without homes.

Bill Goldstein, LLNS president and LLNL director presented the awards during a reception at the LLNS office in downtown Livermore on Monday. "It is an honor to be able to recognize these organizations for the tremendous work they do and the success of their programs," Goldstein said.

Goldstein presented LLNS Community Gift Program awards to the following organizations:

- Agape Villages Foster Family Agency, San Joaquin County certifies foster families who will provide loving, stable and nurturing homes for abused and neglected children.
- Assistance League of Amador Valley, Operation School Bell provides clothing, school supplies, mentoring and tutoring to underserved school children in the Tri-Valley.
- Boy Scouts of America, STEM Encampment provides an environment to cultivate and inspire the next generation of critical thinkers and innovators.
- Central Valley Youth Symphony offers tuition assistance to young musicians, affording them the opportunity to play great symphonic music.
- Chabot Space & Science Center in Oakland inspires and educates students of all ages about our planet and the universe.
- Del Arroyo 4H offers opportunities for underprivileged children to build confidence, learn responsibility and develop important life skills.
- Discovery Bay Odyssey of the Mind, International Problem-Solving Competition delivers the opportunity for gifted students to think outside the box in technical and engineering fields.
- Dublin Partners in Education Career Exploration delivers educational enhancement programs including a career exploration program that utilizes STEM speakers.
- Dublin Unified School District, High School Chemistry Program prepares students for college and a future career utilizing modern equipment in their science laboratories.
- Emerson House provides transitional shelter to homeless men in Tracy as well as security, hope, encouragement to seek employment and removing them from the streets.
- Exceptional Needs Network offers a free overnight camp for special needs children in Livermore's Camp Arroyo.
- Good News Bears strives to help alleviate pain, suffering, loneliness, trauma, loss and fear by offering encouragement through the distribution of stuffed animals.
- Granada High School, Environmental Science and Biology Laboratories allow students to investigate technologies providing relevant and rigorous hands-on experience.
- Lammersville Unified School District, Altamont Elementary School prepares students with hands-on learning, placing amplified emphasis on STEM with its new science lab.
- Lammersville Unified School District, STEM and Enrichment Program prepares K-5 students for college and a future career with

this comprehensive STEM program.

- Las Positas College Foundation, Biotechnology Program provides educational opportunities for learning and growth through hands on laboratory instruction.
- Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, Water Conservation Program interacts with students in classrooms and in the field, inspiring them to care about the environment.
- Livermore Public Library, Programming Is for the Birds encourages computer science leaning and exploration for local youth with hands-on learning using Finch robots.
- Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory High School promotes individuality while encouraging group dynamics including hands-on experience in its science laboratory.
- Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, Teaching Opportunities for Partners in Science (TOPS) brings local industry together with teachers to develop engaging lessons and demonstrations.
- Livermore Veterans Foundation makes available general and financial support to military veterans, including support for student veterans at Las Positas College in Livermore.
- McHenry House Tracy Family Shelter helps homeless families in San Joaquin County by providing backpacks, school supplies and a Homework Club for school-age children.
- Mohr Elementary, Project Lead the Way promotes STEM education bringing this program aimed to inspire elementary students to this school for the first time.
- Northern California Council of Black Professional Engineers encourages youth to enter STEM careers through programs including the Museum of African American Technology.
- Reins in Motion promotes healing and growth to individuals with disabilities or life-altering/threatening issues by connecting them with horses, animals and outdoor educational activities.
- San Ramon Branch and Livermore/Pleasanton/Dublin Branch of the American Association of University Women, Tech Trek Summer Camp for Girls advances equity for women and girls through hands-on activities in math, science and related fields.
- The Taylor Family Foundation, Camp Arroyo Program enhances the quality of life for children with life-threatening and chronic illnesses, developmental disabilities and youth at risk.
- Tracy High School, Biotechnology Program provides students experiences in fundamental biotechnology techniques and opportunities to develop and implement independent research projects.
- Tracy High School, Science Program enables students to become skilled users of technology utilizing modern tools for conducting scientific investigations.
- Tri-Valley Haven, Food Pantry provides nourishment, creates homes safe from abuse and contributes to a more peaceful society.
- Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center teams with established community partners to provide financial literacy education for at risk young adults in the Tri-Valley.
- Valley Community Baptist Church, Food Pantry serves community members who cannot afford the basic necessities after the rent is paid.
- Valley Humane Society, Paws to Read Expansion Program provides education-based programs using animals to teach children to read as well as teaching them proper pet care.
- Wiesner Memorial Senior Fund helps seniors maintain independent lifestyles and provides emergency grant assistance for Tri-Valley seniors in need.
- Windemere Ranch Middle School, STEM Q&A: K-12 Science Trivia Program encourages students interested in STEM by providing a rewards-based computerized trivia program and an end-of-the-year competition.
- YMCA of the East Bay, Tri-Valley provides quality programs and services for children and families with STEM opportunities in their after-school programs.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

Livermore Art Association Gallery Holiday Boutique, opening Nov. 14, 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 15, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., open through Dec. 24 offering handmade arts and crafts. Hours Wed.-Sun. 11:30-4. 2155 3rd St., Livermore.

Holiday Craft Show. Livermore Eagles Auxiliary hosting Annual Holiday Craft Show on November 15th from 9am to 3pm. 527 N. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Handmade crafts, raffle prizes, back sale and lunch also available. Proceeds go to local charities.

Holiday Craft Boutique, Saturday, November 15, 2014, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Presented by the Dublin Senior Center and the Dublin Senior Foundation. Selection of original handmade arts and crafts. Entrance is free. For more information call (925) 556-4511 or email seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov.

Elks Holiday Boutique, Sat., Nov. 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge #2117, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. 35 vendors featuring handcrafted items such as jewelry, felted handbags, fabric plates, scented soaps and jams and jellies. Homemade baked goods available. For information call the lodge office at 455-8829 or Polly Stonich at 447-5986.

Unique Boutique, annual boutique to be held Friday, November 21, 2pm - 7pm and Saturday, November 22, 9am-5pm at Cedar Grove Community Church in the multipurpose room. One of a kind handcrafted items, vintage jewelry, baby items, doll clothes to fit the American Girl doll, quilts, aprons, scarves, baked goods, jams and much more. Proceeds benefit Women's Ministries projects. (no vendors). contact Nancy Lear 925-455-9414 or nancy.lear@sbcglobal.net

Fertile Groundworks offers opportunities to volunteer in a community educational garden each Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00-noon and Fridays from 3:00-6:00. Additional volunteer opportunities are available the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 9:00-noon. The organization provides organically grown produce to local food programs for those in need, as well as serving as a teaching garden. Those interested to visit www.fertilegroundworks.org and like us on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/FertileGroundWorks>) to sign-up for volunteer opportunities. 4743 East Ave., Livermore (directly behind Asbury United Methodist Church).

Tri-Valley Democratic Club meeting Mon., Nov. 17 at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Doors open at 7 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. will include nominations for 2015 club officers, a Climate Change interactive workshop presented by the Sunflower Alliance and Thank You Party for those who campaigned, to cel-

brate our victories and to lick our wounds. All those who campaigned are invited to join us for cake

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet on Thursday, November 13, 2014, 7:00 pm at Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Mary Ann Lewis, President of the Aesthetic Pruners Association will speak on Aesthetic Pruning. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Bev at 925 485 7812.

New Faces in the Valley: The following were born at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton: A daughter to Courtney and Kipp Peppel of Livermore on Sept. 23. A son to Jamie Lynn Duncan and Clark Santos of Dublin on Oct. 10. A son to Masami and Evan Woehl of Livermore on Oct. 24. A son to Lyndsey Russell and Joseph Dennis of Livermore on Oct. 16.

The House I live In, a film about the toll the "War on drugs" is taking on our social fabric will be shown at 7 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 22 at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. A quote from the film says that this war is like a "holocaust in slow motion." In reference to the way we treat drug abuse, "this machine feeds poor young people into it, like meat into sausage." This film was made by the same documentarian who made the film, "Why We Fight." A meet & greet potluck begins at 6:30 PM, while a discussion follows the film. We may have a guest; although, this film by itself will give us much to discuss. For more info, call 925-462-3459

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will present Teresa Parham speaking on "Hitting the Mother Lode". The presentation will be at 7:30 P.M. Mon., Dec. 3 at Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton. Through dedicated research her mother discovered that FC Ewer, Teresa's paternal 4th great grandfather had spent time in California during the 1850's. Teresa Parham is currently the Teen Services Librarian at the Pleasanton Public Library. Her father was born in Santiago Chile and is a retired Commander in the U. S. Navy. All are welcome and there is no charge. For further information contact program@L-AGS.ORG

Mini Cheer Clinic, offered by the Foothill High School Competition Cheer team. Participants will earn the latest moves, fun dances and all the cool cheers on Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm at FHS. This mini cheer clinic is open to students from K-6 grade. The \$50 fee includes camp, lunch and a t-shirt. There will be a parent performance at 1:00 pm. Space is limited. Download a flyer and the registration form at: http://www.foothillfalcons.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?type=d&REC_ID=188125&pREC_ID=443516. Contact Danette Ondi at danette.o@comcast.net or 925-699-4856 with any questions.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Nov. 15, 25-28 miles Feather Pedals Ride starting at San Ramon Central Park to Dublin and Camp Parks, meet 9:30 a.m., Rebecca Wood, rcwood1@sbcglobal.net. Sun., Nov. 16, 58 miles American River Trail, meet 10 a.m. at Discovery Park in Sacramento, Alberto Lanzas, 510-825-0589. Wed., Nov. 19, 40 miles from San Ramon Central Park to Diablo Junction and Walnut Creek, meet 9:30 a.m., Jim Conger, james.conger@gmail.com. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and

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what to bring.

November Epilepsy Awareness Month. Eric's Corner, a free support group for all people dealing with a diagnosis of epilepsy and their families, will have a very special guest speaker, Dr. Edie E. Zusman. Her specialty is Neurosurgery. She is located in Castro Valley at Pacific Brain and Spine Medical Group. Meeting at 5725 W. Las Positas, second floor, Pleasanton. Meetings are from 6:30-8:00 the third Thursday of each month. For further information see eric'scorner.org.

Dress a Girl Around the World, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Next Sew-Fest is Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Michael Hall, Livermore. Help is needed sewing, ironing, cutting. Bring sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with helping hands. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) Always accepting cheerful cotton fabric donations. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suszbeck@yahoo.com

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Nov. 15, 1 p.m., friendly bridge in Pleasanton, RSVP by Nov. 8 to Jan, 484-9308. Nov. 16, 10 a.m., brunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by Nov. 14 to Janet, 443-3327. Nov. 16, 2 p.m., matinee Singing in the Rain at the Firehouse, RSVP by Nov. 12 to Athene, 846-0111. Nov. 20, 5 p.m., happy hour in Pleasanton, RSVP by Nov. 18 to Ruby, 462-9636. Nov. 22, 1 p.m., lunch in Dublin, RSVP to Marge at 828-5124.

Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment (Tri-Valley CAREs) monitors nuclear weapons and environmental clean-up activities throughout the US nuclear weapons complex, with a special focus on Livermore Lab and the surrounding communities. All are welcome at the monthly meeting at the Livermore Civic Center Library Thursday, November 20 from 7:30pm to 9pm. For more information call Tri-Valley CAREs at (925) 443-7148 or visit our website at <http://trivalleycares.org>

Qi Gong classes - An 8-week series of qi gong classes, called "Super Six Health Infusion," will begin on Nov. 11. The series will focus on exercises that reduce stress from the internal organs in order to promote more vitality and general health. The session are scheduled for Nov. 11, 18, 25; Dec. 2, 9, 16; Jan. 6 and 13, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at Unity of Tri-Valley's suite 120, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd, Dublin. Class limited to 12 participants; prepayment of \$80 is encouraged but drop-ins allowed at \$12 per class. Open to anyone. Contact Gayle Staehle, 925.200.1765 or gstaehle@comcast.net. See also <http://www.unityoftrivalley.org/>

Del Arroyo 4-H Club meets the third Wednesday of each month at Arroyo Seco School, 5280 Irene Way, Livermore. The next club meeting will be November 19 at 6:00pm. Those interested in joining 4-H are invited to come to the meeting. There will be a potluck dinner and a chance to participate in Rockets to the Rescue science experiment. For more information call Margaret Miller at (925)-447-6980 or email mmiller1435@gmail.com.

Kids: Make an Edible Turkey from an Apple. Nov. 15, Join us for an afternoon of family-friendly crafting and healthy snacking. 3-6pm. Free. New Leaf Com-

munity Markets, Vintage Hills Shopping Center, 3550 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Preregistration required, register at: www.newleafpleasanton.eventbrite.com or call 925-621-7660 ext 120.

Writing club for young adults. Whether a seasoned writer or just starting out, join published Young Adult author J.L. Powers at Livermore Public Library for the Writing Club for Young Adults, ages 13 through 21 will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on the third Thursday of the month: November 20, and December 18, 2014. The meetings will be held at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The club 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 925-373-5576.

Everything is Possible with Healing and Compassion Workshop Sunday November, 16, 2014 9:30 AM - 4:30PM. Discover your own healing & compassion with Scarlett Lewis, Dana Liesegang and Kate Mackinnon. Scarlett and Dana share how they have transformed tragedy in their lives into healing, love and compassion. Kate has worked with both of these amazing women with Craniosacral Therapy healing. Learn practical ways to implement these skills into your everyday life. Robert Livermore Community Center, Cresta Blanca Room, Livermore. Advance Tickets \$100/person or \$125/person at the door. Visit www.kmackinnon.com or email info@kmackinnon.com for further information.

Tea Dance featuring The Mellotones Combo Jazz Band, presented by Veterans of Foreign Wars Pleasanton Post 6298, 1 to 3:15 p.m. Veterans Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. Date for tea dance Nov. 19. Music from the American songbook played for listening and dancing for a variety of ballroom experiences. Admission \$10. Food and drink will be provided. Proceeds benefit needy veterans and their families. Information joephylb@att.net or 443-2224.

Assistance League® of Amador Valley invites all visitors to join this dedicated group of volunteers, reaching out to those in need in the Tri-Valley and having fun doing it. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Parkview, 100 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, see our website, www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org, e-mail assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com, or call (925) 461-6401.

Operation: SAM "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 morale support of deployed troops. For information or donations, visit www.operationssam.org, email operationsam@comcast.net or call 925-443-7620.

ClutterLess (CL), This is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meetings room 7 at 7 p.m. every Monday at the St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton. Just come or call our 925-525-3992 or 925-922-1467 or go to www.ClutterLess.org

Shepherd's Gate Thrift Store, 1362 Railroad Avenue, Livermore. Open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information visit www.shepgate.org/ holiday

Bereaved Mother's Network of the Tri-Valley meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Livermore Civic Center Library, Small Conference Room. The aim of the network is to allow bereaved mothers to make connections with, share resources, and support other mothers who have been through the worst experience of their lives, losing a child. For more information, contact katiestrube@comcast.net.

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

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

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Tri-Valley Parent Resource and Support Group is a twice-a-month parent support group for parents with children to age 18 diagnosed with or suspected of having bipolar or other mood disorders. It meets First and third Tuesdays of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite #114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in, no registration required and is free. Suzi Glorioso by phone: (925) 443-1797 or by e-mail: glorios4@comcast.net

RELIGION

First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program. For more information www.fpcl.us or 925-447-2078.

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

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

Congregation Beth Emek, Center for Reform, Jewish Learning, Prayer and Community in the Tri-Valley. 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055. Rabbi Dr. Lawrence Milder, www.bethemek.org.

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

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 9:30 a.m. Hispanic service starts at 2 p.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 Mochó St., Livermore. Information, 447-8840.

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

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

Calvary Chapel Livermore, meetings Sundays at 10 a.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www.calvarylivermore.org.

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

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

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School 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. Senior adult ministries meet every other month. Call the office at 846-8650 for more information.

Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Ave. Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., and Sunday School and Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday night there is adult Bible study, youth activities and children's choir at 6:30 p.m. Child care during all events. 447-1848, www.trinitylivermore.org

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

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details, go to www.stinnocent.net or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, Services on Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Chapel at 10:15 a.m. For more information call the church office 925-462-4802.

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925)

447-3289. Church: Service Schedule: 8:00 a.m. Contemplative Eucharist; 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (check web-site); 10:25 Sunday School (Godly Play); 10:30: Sung Eucharist with choir, child care provided. 1:00 p.m. Youth Group. www.saintbart-livermore.com

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 pmjmueller@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.

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

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

Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. Interpretation for the deaf at 9:00. 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org

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

Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. www.cedargrove.org or call 447-2351.

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

Chabad of the Tri-Valley, 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. www.jewishtrivalley.com. Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

Well Community Outreach Center ministry provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or

who would like to donate nonperishable food items, call the office at (925) 479-1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Thursday 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pick up by appointment only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts. This will be on a first come first serve basis between 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

Lynwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Worship at 9 or 10:30 a.m. on Sundays with Sunday school for youth and adults at 10:30 a.m. and childcare at both services. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221, send an email to office@lynwood.org or visit website at www.lynwood.org.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: 9050 Mochó St., Livermore. 3rd ward 9 a.m., 2nd ward 11 a.m., Mochó branch (Spanish) 2:10 p.m. 1501 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore: 1st ward, 9 a.m.; 4th ward 11 a.m., Springtown ward, 1 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: Pleasanton 1st Ward: Sunday at 1 p.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Pleasanton 2nd Ward: Sunday 1 p.m. at 3574 Vineyard Ave. Pleasanton 3rd Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 3574 Vineyard Ave. Pleasanton 4th Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Dublin 1st Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 8203 Village Parkway.

John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Rd., Dublin. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for ages 3-18 during worship. Adult education Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Jr. High youth group Sundays 4:00-6:10 p.m. High school youth group Sundays 5:50-8:00 p.m. www.jkpcdublin.org (925)828-1846.

Livermore Quakers: Unprogrammed worship on 2nd and 4th Mondays each month at 7pm, 1893 N. Vasco Rd. (UU Church). More information: Livermore-Quakers@gmail.com or (925) 315-7170.

Community Bible Study Women's class of Pleasanton, "Return to Jerusalem: God's Mercy and Faithfulness to His People" will be the featured study his fall. A children's program is available for infants to 5 years old. Class continues each week on Thursdays at 9:30-11:30am until May 14, 2014. Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. Contact Sherri at 925-399-5074 or email sherri.cbs@gmail.com for more information or to register."

Unity of Tri-Valley - 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley (2 miles west of Stoneridge Mall in Pleasanton). 10:00 Sunday service; children's program available. All are welcome. Ongoing classes, groups, and activities. Rev. Karen Epps, minister. <http://www.unityoftrivalley.org/> 925.829-2733.

Mass of Remembrance, honor those you have loved, who have died, in a special Mass of Remembrance on November 17th. at 7:30pm at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. All are invited. If you wish, bring a small picture or memento of your loved one.

Trinity Church, Livermore, traditional Christmas presentation of the birth of Jesus Christ. All new for this year. Presentation will be December 18th through the 21st this year at Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Avenue, Livermore, 7 to 9 pm each evening. The presentation is free and everyone in the Bay Area is invited.

Milestones

Community

Marissa Selected for Miss Jr. Teen Competition

Marissa Gracia of Livermore was recently selected to participate in the 2014 Miss Jr. Teen Oakland/San Jose pageant competition that will take place on Sunday November 23, 2014. Marissa learned of her ac-

ceptance into this year's competition when the pageant announced its selections following interviews in the local Oakland/San Jose area. Marissa submitted an application and took part in an interview session that

was conducted by this year's Oakland/San Jose Pageant Coordinator.

Marissa will be competing for her share of thousands of dollars in prizes and specialty gifts in the Miss Jr. Teen division, one of four divisions. Young ladies ages 7 to 19 will compete in modeling routines including casual wear and formal wear. Most important, Marissa will display her personality and interviewing skills while interviewing with this year's Oakland/San Jose judging panel. Personality is the number one aspect that each contestant is judged on during all phases of competition.

If Marissa were to win the title of Miss Jr. Teen Oakland/San Jose, she would represent Oakland/San Jose and the surrounding communities at the National Competition that will take place in Orlando, Florida. Over \$30,000.00 in prizes and awards will be presented at the National Competition. Each local winner receives an expense paid trip of five nights and six days in Orlando, Florida.

Community businesses, organizations, and private individuals have assisted Marissa in participating in this year's competition by becoming official sponsors. Through sponsorship, each contestant receives the necessary training, rehearsals, and financial support.

Any business, organization, or private individual who may be interested in becoming a sponsor to Marissa may contact the Miss Jr. Teen Oakland/San Jose pageant coordinator, at 1-877-403-6678 or info@2014missteenoakland.com. Her competition acceptance number is: ACC-93162.

Teen Poet of the Month

The Livermore teen poet of the month of October is Eme Zachariah. He is a sophomore at Livermore High who plays soccer and is interested in engineering. The title of his winning poem on the theme of Gossip is "Her Escape"

Her Escape

You could hear it in their voices.
You could see it in their eyes.
The words they spread were gossip.
Every sound of it was lies.

As she heard the voices whisper,
She walked alone to class.
The group of girls all staring,
Down the hallway she did pass.

She knew of the stories.
Memorized every line.
She tried to keep convincing
to herself that she was fine.

On the outside she was calm,
with a smile on her face.
But inside she was breaking.
She knew she'd lost the race.

Her escape was painting pictures.
Her favorite color red.
Her arm was always painted,
in the color of the dead.

This story has a twist.
The scars don't ever fade.
Her heart was the wrist.
and her mind was the blade.

The theme for November is Technology. Teens are invited to submit poems 30 lines or less to Livermorepoetry@gmail.com. Please reference: November Teen Poetry in the subject line

Please list grade, school and interests in the entry.

Livermore Poet Laureate Kevin Gunn sponsors the program.



Las Positas College President Barry Russell recently joined a select committee panel taking part in the Bay Area STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Education Summit titled "Advancing STEM Through Public-Private Partnerships." Invited by Assemblywoman Susan A. Bonilla, Dr. Russell shared his thoughts on what is needed to advance STEM education throughout the region at the event held at Mills College on October 23. He also shared information about Las Positas College's STEM curriculum and strategic partnerships. President Russell served on the select committee panel with other higher education and K-12 education leaders including Dr. Virginia Lehmkuhl-Dakhwe, director of STEM education from San Jose State University, and L. Karen Monro, associate superintendent from the Alameda County Office of Education.

Vice President of Human Resources Selected

Sandia Laboratory Federal Credit Union (SLFCU) has hired BJ Jones as its Vice President of Human Resources. Her responsibilities include developing and executing human resources strategy and policy, specifically in the areas of talent, organizational, and performance management; compensation and benefits; employee relations; employment law; and training and development.

Jones retired from Sandia National Laboratories after 25 years in human resources and was president of The Inside Scoop, an HR firm.

Sandia Laboratory Federal Credit Union serves more than 74,000 members with seven branches in the Albuquerque, New Mexico area and two in Livermore, California. SLFCU currently holds over \$2 billion in assets and is consistently ranked among the top credit unions for total financial return to members by Callahan and Associates, Washington, D.C. (www.creditunions.com).