



## Find Out What's Happening

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

# Dublin Crossings Approved After Long Negotiations

After years of negotiations, the Dublin City Council unanimously approved a general plan amendment (GPA) and related planning changes for a 189-acre development on part of the Camp Parks site.

The plan was approved at the council's Nov. 5 meeting. The approval will permit up to 1995 residential units, commercial space ranging from a minimum of 75,000 square feet to a maximum

of 200,000, an elementary school site for 900 students, and a community park that is seen as the future location of the Valley Children's Museum.

The entire project's 189 acres is bounded by Scarlett Drive to the west, Dublin Boulevard to the south, Arnold Road to the east and 5th Street to the north on the Camp Parks base. The development, which is expected to be constructed in

five phases, also will include the extension of Scarlett Drive, and an Iron Horse Trail bridge over a stream.

The first project, construction of a new main gate for the Army, already is underway. It's supposed to be ready by March, said SunCal land acquisition manager Joe Guerra. Then the Army will turn over to SunCal the parcel that is slated for the first subdivision. Guerra said groundbreaking for the de-

velopment could come "30 to 60 days" after dedication of the Camp Parks gate.

SunCal is not a developer, but acquires large areas, and negotiates with developers for construction.

SunCal will be building six projects for the Army at Camp Parks. They will be financed by SunCal's proceeds from the residential and commercial development as approved in the GPA.

The Army projects include an administration building, training facilities, warehouses, a visitors' center, and the new main gate near Dublin Boulevard plus a minor entrance at B Street and Arnold Road.

Councilmembers and Mayor Tim Sbranti praised the conclusion of the agreement. The Army first approached the city in 2003 with a request for a GPA. (See DUBLIN, page 9)



**Fire Captain Paul Chenkovich**

## Procession, Service for Firefighter

On November 5, 2013 at approximately 9:15 a.m., retired Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Captain Paul Chenkovich passed away after a courageous three year battle with job related brain cancer in his Sacramento home.

Captain Chenkovich's services will be a Line of Duty Death memorial, as his cancer was determined to be industrial-related. Multiple public safety agencies are expected to be in a procession of fire engines and in attendance. It will be held at 11 a.m. on Fri., Nov. 15 at Saint Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

Members of the public are encouraged to show their respects for Captain Chenkovich and view the procession of fire engines. The full route is listed below, but the following are expected to be the best viewing areas: Lizzie Fountain - First St. and Livermore Ave, Livermore at approximately 9:30am; Nielsen Park - Stoneridge Dr. and Kamp Dr., Pleasanton at approximately 10:00am; and Delucchi Park - First St. and Neal St., Pleasanton at approximately 10:15am.

Paul was 48-years-old. He is survived by his wife Wendy, son Alex (15), daughter Ella (8), father Robert, mother Alice, two brothers and two sisters.

Paul grew up in Pleasanton and graduated from Foothill High School. He started his fire service career (See FIREFIGHTER, page 8)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

**The Livermore-Granada Boosters' 4th Annual "Race to the Flagpole" was held last Saturday. The event includes a 5K run/walk, 10K run, half marathon and one-mile fun run. The race started Independence Park with runners going through Sycamore Grove Park. All race proceeds support the Livermore-Granada Boosters' scholarship program.**

## Livermore Schools Looking At Bond Measure

The Livermore Schools Board of Trustees is moving forward with planning for a bond measure. The funds would be used to finance improvements to the district's schools.

Last Tuesday, the board received a summary of actions that need to be completed in order to determine the amount of the bond, what projects to finance, and when a bond measure, if it were determined to be feasible, might make sense. Currently, consideration is being given to June 2014 or November 2014.

The agenda item was for information, requiring no vote by the board.

Trustee Chuck Rogge noted that it is important to proceed. The safety and welfare of students is important. He preferred a June ballot, pointing out that there will likely be more taxes on the ballot in November.

Assistant Superintendent Chris Van Schaack said that the level of support shown in polls would provide some direction as to when to hold the election.

"Timing is everything," declared board president Bill Dunlop.

Trustee Anne White (See BOND MEASURE, page 8)

## Low Cost Housing for Seniors Approved

Unlike an earlier plan, the latest proposal to build housing for low income seniors in Pleasanton met with approval on the part of the city council and members of the public.

Approved by a unanimous vote of the council were 185 units on two adja-

cent sites totaling about 6.5 acres. The new units will replace 90 aging and outdated homes at Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens.

A task force began work in 2003 to develop an integrated project that would increase the number of units available on the two sites.

At its meeting last week, the city council approved the plan along with a disposition and development agreement with MidPen Housing Corporation and a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Pleasanton Gardens.

Kottinger Place is owned by the city. Pleasanton Gar-

dens is owned by a non-profit. Pleasanton Gardens management would transfer the land, its section 8 contracts and available financial reserves to the city. In exchange, the city agrees to house current Pleasanton Gardens residents in the new (See HOUSING, page 8)

## College Holds Day to Celebrate Veterans

By Carol Graham

After student veteran Darlene Arrigo sang an electrifying, a cappella version of the Star Spangled Banner, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Chancellor Dr. Jannett Jackson took the stage.

"Darlene brought tears to my eyes when I heard her sing the national anthem," said Jackson, a Ph.D. and retired Army Colonel. "It brought back the memory

of when I was coming back from the Persian Gulf War, our first modern-day war. We'd been there for eight months, missing Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, our kids' birthdays, and anniversaries. On the plane, they were giving us the year in review, including when Whitney Houston sang at the Super Bowl and everyone wore yellow ribbons. We all started yelling, screaming (See VETERANS, page 10)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

**Las Positas College held its 7th Annual Event Honoring Veterans Day on November 7th. The Travis Air Force Base Color Guard opened the 90-minute presentation, shown here presenting the colors during the National Anthem.**

## Former Pleasanton Councilmember Karin Mohr

Elected officials and staff in the City of Pleasanton were saddened to learn of the recent unexpected death Monday of former City Councilmember Karin Mohr.

Mohr served on the Pleasanton City Council during four consecutive terms from 1980 to 1996. Flags at municipal buildings in Pleasanton were lowered to half-staff in honor of the Councilmember's passing.

"Karin Mohr contributed greatly to the Pleasanton that we know today. Her vision and hard work were instrumental in the development of our transportation infrastructure, economic success, and high quality of life. Her passing is a tremendous loss for the people of Pleasanton," observed Mayor Jerry Thorne.

Mohr's tenure as a councilmember came during a period of significant growth in Pleasanton. She was instrumental in bringing BART into the Tri-Valley and Pleasanton. (See MOHR, page 9)



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## 1000 Acre Purchase Fills Top Mt. Diablo Priority

Save Mount Diablo has secured its top priority acquisition, the 1,080 acre Curry Canyon Ranch. The land was purchased from the estate of Ettore and Geraldine Bertagnolli for \$7.2 million. The organization has three years to raise the funds to permanently protect the land.

More than three miles wide, the 1,080 acre prop-

erty is surrounded by Mt. Diablo State Park on three sides, including half of its nine mile boundary.

"This is Save Mount Diablo's most important acquisition ever, and the most important for Mt. Diablo since North Peak was protected in 1980," said Scott Hein, president of Save Mount Diablo. "The acquisition is (See PURCHASE, page 10)

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### PET OF THE WEEK

**Lois Lane is looking for a hero to sweep her off her feet and fly away home. This intrepid 3-month-old kitten always gets her scoop...but take care—her dreamy blue eyes just might become your Kryptonite. To meet Lois Lane, get to Valley Humane Society (VHS) faster than a speeding bullet: Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 am - 4 pm and Sundays from 12 noon - 2 pm, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. For more information please call (925) 426-8656 or visit valleyhumane.org. Photo - Valley Humane Society/K. Jacoby**

# Adversity Leads to New Passion

By Carol Graham

Nearly three years ago, Liz Hendrix hit a fork in the road.

The avid outdoorswoman spent her days horse training and competing. She was a United States Dressage Federation gold medalist, a 4th Level Certified Instructor, and an internationally known horse trainer and seller.

Then one day it all changed. After recovering from Bells Palsy, a one-sided facial paralysis likely caused by a virus, the nerves in the left side of her face regenerated incorrectly, registering excruciating pain from the slightest touch.

"When the facial neuralgia first started, the pain was like an ice cream headache, starting above my left eye and radiating around my head to the left, thousands of times each day," said Hendrix, 40, noting that the pain was aggravated by air movement, facial expressions, and light touch.

"One of my main triggers is wind - anything from normal wind outside to air conditioning inside," she added. "The defroster in the car is the worst because there is no way to have it not blow on my face and be able to see out the window at the same time."

Squinting in the sun, animated conversations and singing also intensify pain. Even her bangs brushing her forehead and applying makeup became agonizing.

Perhaps the most painful thing of all was knowing her entire way of life would be altered.

"My philosophy in life

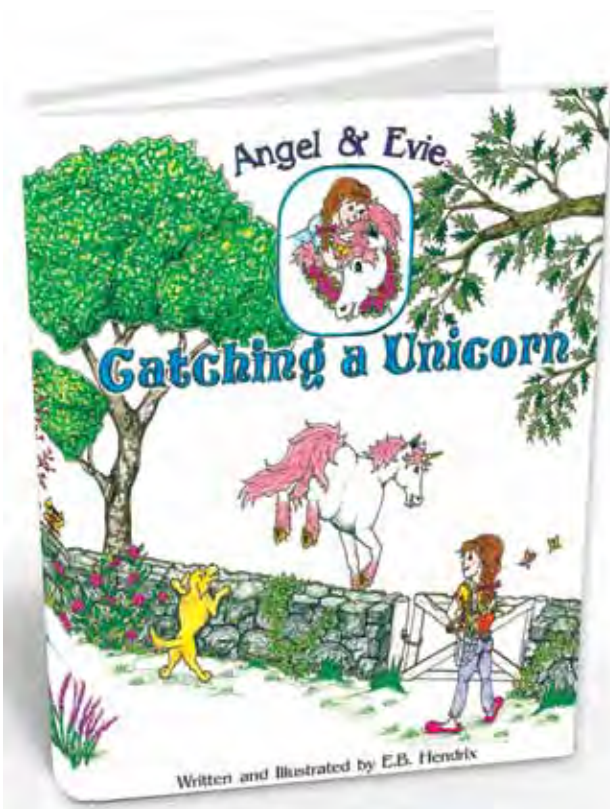
has always been that what we need in life will be there when we need it. But sometimes what we need isn't what we think we want," said the Livermore resident. "At the beginning of my illness all I could think of is what I couldn't do with my career and riding and life. When I started thinking of what I could do, things began to turn around for me mentally."

Hendrix soon rediscovered a second passion, one that had remained dormant for years.

"I've always loved art and being artistic," she said, noting that she's worked in oils, acrylics, pencils and markers. What began as sketching and writing, a pastime that helped her escape her pain, evolved over two years to become Hendrix's soon to be released children's book, Angel & Evie: Catching a Unicorn.

The story tells of a little girl, Evie, who spends all her time searching for a unicorn and, in a charming twist of fate, a unicorn, Angel, who spends her time searching for a little girl. Evie refuses to give up her dream even though everyone tells her it can't be done. Angel also faces adversity, having to keep up her spirits when it looks impossible to find a little girl in her magical world.

"When I started the project, my daughter Evelyn was five years old. She helped name all the characters, and told me what colors to make things," said Hendrix. "As she's gotten older, she's developed an amazing sense of what looks good and sounds



Liz Hendricks riding.

good."

Hendrix is scheduled to make several Livermore appearances, signing her book and offering horse drawing demonstrations: Whoopsie Daisy Toy Shop on Saturday, December 7th, from noon to 4 p.m., at 154 S. J Street; and Cooleykatz Toys on Saturday, December 14th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at 1959 Second Street. A third signing and drawing demo is scheduled at Saddle2Ride, and will include a visit with the horses and information about how both children and adults can get started riding. It will take place Sunday, December 15th, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Greenville Equestrian Center, 4180 Greenville Road.

All events are free and open to the public.

The book is currently available for pre-order on the Angel & Evie website, with shipment expected in early December. The site

offers free downloads of coloring book pages, as well as for-purchase greeting cards, calendars and totes. In January, the book will be available on Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com.

Although the doctors don't know whether her condition will improve, Hendrix has learned how to avoid triggers and is able to once again enjoy her first passion. She divides her time between working with horses and continuing the art and writing that she hopes to turn into a series.

"I'm a person who believes that things happen for a reason, and you just have to figure out what life is telling you," said Hendrix. "For me, it is teaching me about priorities. It's very important that I'm able to come home and read a book to my daughter. There is always a silver lining; you just have to look for it."

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



Liz Hendricks is pictured (above); at right is the cover of her book and a page from the book.

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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## Legislator of the Year

Senate Majority Leader Ellen M. Corbett (D-East Bay) has been selected as 2013 Motomu Nakasako "Legislator of the Year" by the California Association of County Veterans Service Officers (CACVSO). Citing Senator Corbett's "dedication and support of California's veterans during your legislative career, especially your support for county veterans service officers," CACVSO will present the annual award in February during the CACVSO Annual Legislative Day at the Capitol.

"I am truly honored to receive this 'Legislator of the Year' award from this active group of veterans officials that serve as the front line of service and support to California's veterans," Senator Corbett said. "I look forward to continuing to work with the CACVSO in the months and years ahead to ensure that our veterans and service members receive all of the benefits that they are due following their patriotic service to our country."

Senate Bill 272—authored by Senator Corbett—was signed into law on October 10, 2013 by Governor Jerry Brown. SB 272 protects veterans from potentially being defrauded into purchasing products or services advertised using identifying seals and emblems that imply a connection to a military or veterans group. SB 272 was jointly sponsored by the California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform, AMVETS / Department of California, Veterans of Foreign Wars / Department of California and Vietnam Veterans of America / California State Council.

## Improve Livestock Ponds

Applications are being accepted for funding through Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Livestock Pond Improvement Initiative.

Farm Bill Conservation Programs are voluntary USDA programs to treat natural resource and agricultural concerns with cost-share funding and technical assistance.

Reimbursement rates for this Program will be 75-90% of the implementation costs.

Applicants must own or operate agricultural land in Alameda County or in the Upper Alameda Creek Watershed (northeast Santa Clara County). Applicants must meet eligibility requirements for EQIP.

Other Rangeland practices are also available for funding, such as cross-

fencing, tanks and troughs, solar pumps, creek restoration, and weed management if associated with the program goals.

Application deadline is December 20, 2013.

Applications are available at [www.acrcd.org](http://www.acrcd.org)

## Arrests in Home Invasion Robbery

Four suspects have been arrested in connection with a home invasion robbery in Pleasanton in August. The resident, who had been gambling at a Bay Area casino, reported the robbery.

Pleasanton Police Detectives worked closely with agents from the California Department of Justice Bureau of Gambling Control during the months-long investigation and identified four individuals believed to be responsible for the robbery.

On October 24, 2013 a large scale operation was carried out during which three search and arrest warrants were served in the City of Oakland and a fourth in the City of Hercules. SWAT teams from Oakland Police and Fremont Police, along with the East County Tactical Team, were deployed to assist detectives and agents at the four separate residences. Three individuals were arrested and booked into Santa Rita Jail on robbery charges. All three were taken into custody without incident by the SWAT teams. Arrested were 24 year-old Jakari Bolden of Oakland, 25 year-old Terrell Bailey of Oakland, and 30 year-old Thomas Stokes of Hercules.

On November 6, 2013 a fourth suspect, 20 year-old Myrick Rucker, was taken into custody from his residence in Antioch by the East County Tactical Team in concert with the Antioch Police, who were assisting Pleasanton Police Detectives and agents from the California Department of Justice Bureau of Gambling Control. Rucker was taken into custody without incident by the SWAT team. Rucker was also booked at Santa Rita Jail on robbery charges.

The Fremont and Oakland SWAT teams were instrumental in the operation, as were the members of the Livermore and Pleasanton Police Departments who make up the East County Tactical Team. The Hercules Police Department, the Antioch Police Department and the Livermore Police Department also assisted in the operation. Agents of the California Department of Justice Bureau of Gambling Control played a significant role in this investigation while collaborating with the Pleasanton Police Investigations Division.

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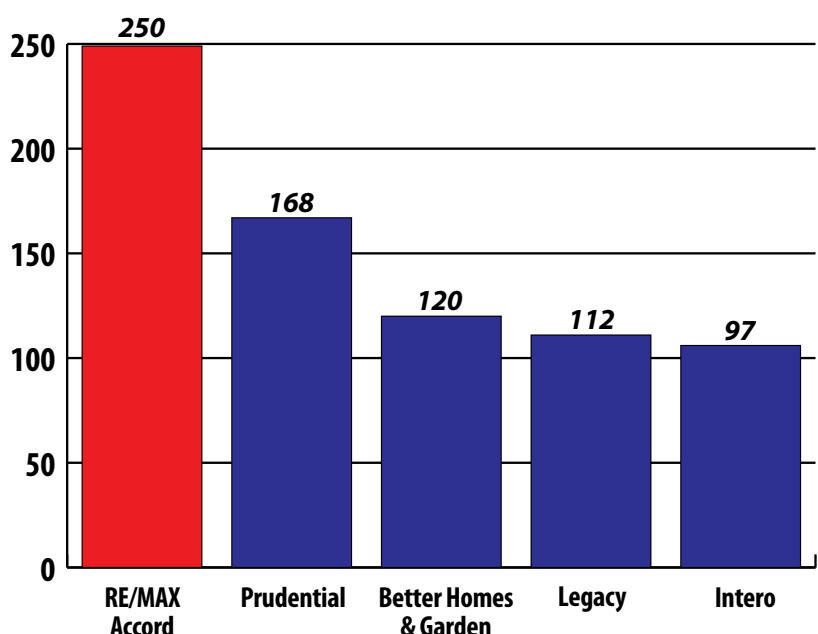
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# EDITORIAL

## The Library and Music

Residents could be proud of the Pleasanton Library and a successful school music program. The Pleasanton Library is observing the silver anniversary of its building with a festive dance. The library opened at its current location on 400 Old Bernal Avenue in 1988. It has become a popular gathering place, with circulation rising from 25,000 items per month in 1988 to more than 120,000 now. In addition to reading materials, it offers a variety of programs ranging from instructions in how to use a computer to performances by such groups as the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival.

Pleasanton can also celebrate the school music program. The Amador Valley's Wind Ensemble 1 was chosen to perform at the prestigious 67th Annual Midwest Clinic in Chicago in December. They are one of just four high school bands from across the country and the first from California to perform at the conference in 11 years.

The group will present a concert on December 9 at the Bankhead Theater to help raise funds for the trip.

Jonathan Grantham, Director of Bands, said, "Our performance will shine a national spotlight on Amador's music program and all of the outstanding achievements at our school and in our district."

Donations to help pay for the trip may be made online at [www.amadormusic.org](http://www.amadormusic.org), or checks may be sent to Amador Friends of Music / Midwest Clinic, P.O. Box 602, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

Pleasanton is to be commended for supporting its library and making sure that music is an important part of its schools.

## Kaiser Medical Facility Opens In San Ramon

Kaiser's new San Ramon medical office building opened last week. The 3-story, 67,000 square foot facility is located just off I-680 at 2300 Camino Ramon in the Bishop Ranch office park.

It has space for 42 physicians, emphasizing family and general medicine. For comparison, the two-story Livermore medical office building covers 70,000 square feet and houses 30 physicians.

The San Ramon facility offers medical programs in women's health, dermatology, reproductive health, sports medicine, physical

therapy, general radiology and mammography, pharmacy and an injection clinic.

The reproductive health and sports medicine programs will be the only ones of their kind in Kaiser's Diablo Service Area, which includes the Tri-Valley, according to a Kaiser spokesman.

Kaiser-Permanente is the largest local medical provider, with 108,000 Tri-Valley members. It has made tentative plans for a medical facility in Dublin, possibly to be built later in this decade. To date, there is no firm commitment or schedule.

## Session Focuses on Money in Politics

Those concerned about getting big money out of politics are invited to attend the "Money Out! People In!" forum being held by the Livermore-Amador Valley League of Women Voters at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, at the Livermore Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue.

At its 2013 Convention, the LWVUS selected Money in Politics as one of its top priorities. The LAV League, along with the Diablo Valley and Berkeley Leagues, is partnering with a coalition including Common Cause, CA Clean Money Campaign, and other non-partisan organizations toward the goal of reducing the power of money over voters in making public policy. Due to the non-partisan commitment of the coalition, political organizations cannot be members.

The November 20 forum will provide insight into the

murky realm of money in politics. Its agenda will feature a highly informative and thought-provoking video by Professor Lawrence Lessig, who is a driving force in the national campaign to empower people over money. Speakers and panel members will include Stacy Owens, campaign finance expert with The Henry Levy Group, and Jay Costa, program director from Maplight.org, a non-profit campaign finance watchdog, as well as coalition representatives from other East Bay Leagues.

The forum will explore: the true nature of the threat of big money in politics to democracy; who the givers and the takers are; how much money is involved; how you can follow the money; and what can be done to address this situation. The public is invited to attend this event. For further information about the forum or to RSVP, contact Joyce at 292-4144.

# Pleasanton Council Okays Plan, Actions to Help Boost Economic Development

The Pleasanton City Council last week approved a plan and series of actions designed to boost economic development in the city over the next three to five years.

The vote was unanimous in accepting the strategic plan and implementation policies.

Although supportive, Councilmember Karla Brown stated that it appeared the study focused on innovation technology workers living in apartments and taking BART. "That doesn't sound like Pleasanton."

Director of Economic Development Pamela Ott replied that the plan doesn't disregard other areas. "We know the city's class A office space attracts headquarters and information technology businesses. This plan would augment the solid base we already have."

Mayor Jerry Thorne declared, "I'm pleased with the results. We do need a discussion on the jobs-housing imbalance."

Councilmember Jerry Thorne added, "It is vital that we work on educating residents concerning a strong business environment and how it impacts the quality of life."

Brown said it will be important to keep in touch with businesses and their needs. The city should also consider how what it approves in a business park impacts residents, such as traffic, as well as the tax base.

Strategic Economics prepared the background report on which the strategic plan is based.

The background report identified the advantages and disadvantages for economic development in the

city. The strategic plan focuses on three priority areas - business development and communication, business environment and workforce, and economic health and resilience.

The key advantages included strong employment growth with the city's long term growth outpacing the Tri-Valley and East Bay. Other strengths included business networks, with the city's largest employers attracting talented employees and additional business activity; employment centers, high value commercial space and strong retail centers.

Identified as disadvantages were the jobs-housing imbalance, aging employment centers, weak local transit options, a growing threat from nearby communities in the retail area, and the city's permitting and approval process, which can be perceived as slow and difficult.

The lack of diversity in housing is an issue with 64 percent of the stock single family detached, but about half the households are 1 to 2 persons who may want other options. The city should consider redevelopment and infill development as vacant locations dwindle. Aging employment centers are inconsistent with evolving worker preferences. Research shows that an increasing number of workers prefer working in walkable, mixed-use districts and are more likely to prefer transit.

Mayor Jerry Thorne wondered whether the recent rezoning for high density housing were included in the analysis.

Ott said they were factored into the report. How-

ever, the city has far more jobs than residential uses.

Sujata Srivastava from Economic Strategies, discussed the priority areas and implementation strategies that will be the focus of work over the next three to five years.

The first, business development and communication, takes advantage of the fact that Pleasanton has developed a strong base of specialized innovation firms that include information technology, corporate management, biomedical research, and advanced manufacturing of medical devices. They attract talented workers, capture capital investments and generate jobs in supporting industries.

Actions include developing a program to brand Pleasanton as a center of innovation and initiate a campaign to educate residents of Pleasanton about the contributions of the business community to the city's quality of life.

The second priority area focuses on environment and workforce. Srivastava points out that Pleasanton's location and supply of office and flex space have allowed it to attract a wide variety of employers ranging from large headquarters to small startups. However, many of the existing centers lack nearby housing and retail options and data infrastructure. The goal is to facilitate the evolution of business centers through actions that include land use and zoning updates, infrastructure upgrades, and the enhancement of bicycle, pedestrian, and transit amenities and services.

The city will craft zoning and land use policies that create and maintain compet-

itive employment centers. This will include exploring policies to preserve low-cost spaces that accommodate smaller firms, as well as implementing policies that enable the creation of mixed-use innovation districts. City staff will identify opportunity sites in existing employment centers or near transit that have the potential to be developed and redeveloped into housing, retail, or other amenities.

In addition, the city will conduct a citywide infrastructure study to assess deficiencies in high-speed data connections, street-to-structure data connections, and cellular service in its business centers. Based on the outcomes of the assessment, the city may later work with property owners, businesses, providers, and other partners to identify financing tools for the necessary improvements.

The third priority area goal aims to sustain economic health and resilience for the long-term. Actions include initiatives to expand visits, improve the performance of older retail centers, encourage new retail development, and leverage the city's cultural assets for economic development.

To accomplish this the city will undertake an in-depth citywide retail analysis to obtain quantitative data on the performance of individual shopping centers, and identify those that generate low retail sales. Some centers may consider redevelopment to housing or mixed use. Another action will be for the city to proactively work to retain and attract current or potential retail anchors for Staples Ranch.

## Program to Deter Panhandling Among Proposals Under Evaluation in Livermore

New Livermore police chief, Michael Harris, reported to the city council last week on the department's efforts to further enhance the quality of life in the city.

He declared, "I am impressed by the quality of life in Livermore. It's fantastic."

Harris talked about ongoing programs and proposed new ordinances. The presentation included proposed actions, some of which are under evaluation; others are in the works.

Among those proposed would be the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program, an internationally recognized crime prevention program designed to reduce crime, drugs, and gangs on apartment properties. Under the program, community property managers and owners can participate in a free education and certification program. A three-phase program, it has been developed in an effort to reduce crime, clean up rental properties, improve quality of life, and increase property values.

Another program being considered is Crime Stoppers, a citizen-operated, non-profit organization that

works in partnership with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to help solve serious crimes. It gives community members an opportunity to fight crime and remain anonymous.

Harris noted that staff from a number of city departments partner with Livermore Downtown, Inc. on a broad range of programs and special events. Staff will continue to partner with the downtown business organization and the Responsible Hospitality Institute to develop and implement programs to reduce negative impacts related to alcohol and crowd management in the downtown.

A partnership is under evaluation involving community service agencies that would develop and implement a program that will deter panhandling through public awareness and education. As a part of this process, staff will explore the development of an ordinance that would prohibit aggressive and unsafe panhandling.

Illegal camping often results in creating a public nuisance, Harris said. At times,

persons who camp illegally on public and private property interfere with the use of such property, and may even hinder or obstruct free passage on public property. Staff from Community and Economic Development, Public Works and Police coordinate to address illegal camping. Staff is also in the process of exploring the development of a camping ordinance.

Harris stated that a social host ordinance could help in preventing underage drinking and save lives. A "Social Host" is anyone who knowingly hosts underage drinking parties on property that they own, lease or otherwise control. A social host ordinance assigns responsibility to those who knew or should have known a drinking party was occurring on their property. Anyone hosting a party would be required to verify the age of guests, control access to alcohol to those under 21, and supervise minors. Anyone allowing minors (under 21) to drink alcohol would be held accountable.

Harris told the council that there are areas in the police department that are being evaluated. The department is currently reviewing the way the police department collects, analyzes and responds to crime data. A focused proactive response is more effective in reducing crime, he added.

A strategic plan will be developed to serve as a guide in the department's future efforts. Specific goals and strategies will be identified. As the plan is implemented, the department will be continuously measuring progress and evaluating outcomes to ensure the goals are being met.

He talked about ongoing programs, noting that crime prevention specialists participate in many community oriented prevention programs such as Neighborhood Watch, Parent

Project, Citizens Academy, Site Security Surveys, and National Night Out. They provide crime prevention information and training for programs in the community. There are currently over 100 active Neighborhood Watch Groups in Livermore.

Volunteers supplement and support police officers and civilian personnel. There are currently over 200 volunteers in the database with about 60 active.

Other ongoing programs include abandoned vehicle abatement; graffiti abatement; public dumping; RV camping in city lots; dilapidated, boarded and vacant buildings; abandoned shopping carts; and neighborhood blight.

The three officer special operations unit reinstated in 2012 is focusing on narcotic and gang problems. Harris said that to date, the unit has served 126 drug related search warrants, arrested 224 individuals, 56 of which were gang affiliated and removed 28 drug endangered children from homes. They have recovered firearms and drugs.

Twenty-five percent of the search warrants were served on repeat offenders. The newly enacted drug nuisance abatement ordinance will provide the department with an additional tool to abate properties used for illegal drug activities.

Councilmember Bob Woerner commented that he would be interested in statistics that show trends to see what is working and what isn't.

Councilmember Laureen Turner asked for a report sometime in the next six months or a year on the drug abatement ordinance approved by the council. She wanted information as to how often it was used. She also wanted to know if those who were caught engaging in drug activity just popped up somewhere else in the city.

## MAILBOX

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### 'Simple Approval' Robert S. Allen

**Former BART Director Livermore**

Pending a report by the National Transportation Safety Board, BART was right to suspend "Simple Approval," but it was through an over-abundance of caution. Being retired with 30 years of railroad engineering and operating experience, much of it trackside, I know that trains may travel in either direction on any track at any time. These two knew it also.

One was supposed to be on watch and clear of the track. The other should have been close enough to hear and heed his warning to be in the clear within 15 seconds. That was the rule that they apparently violated. They paid an awful price for their negligence. There is nothing wrong with the rule itself.

BART, muzzled by NTSB and out of respect for those who died, can't say anything like that. But the unions, politicians, and the media are all too quick to criticize BART and "Simple Approval." They should lay off, as BART has done, pending the NTSB investigation.

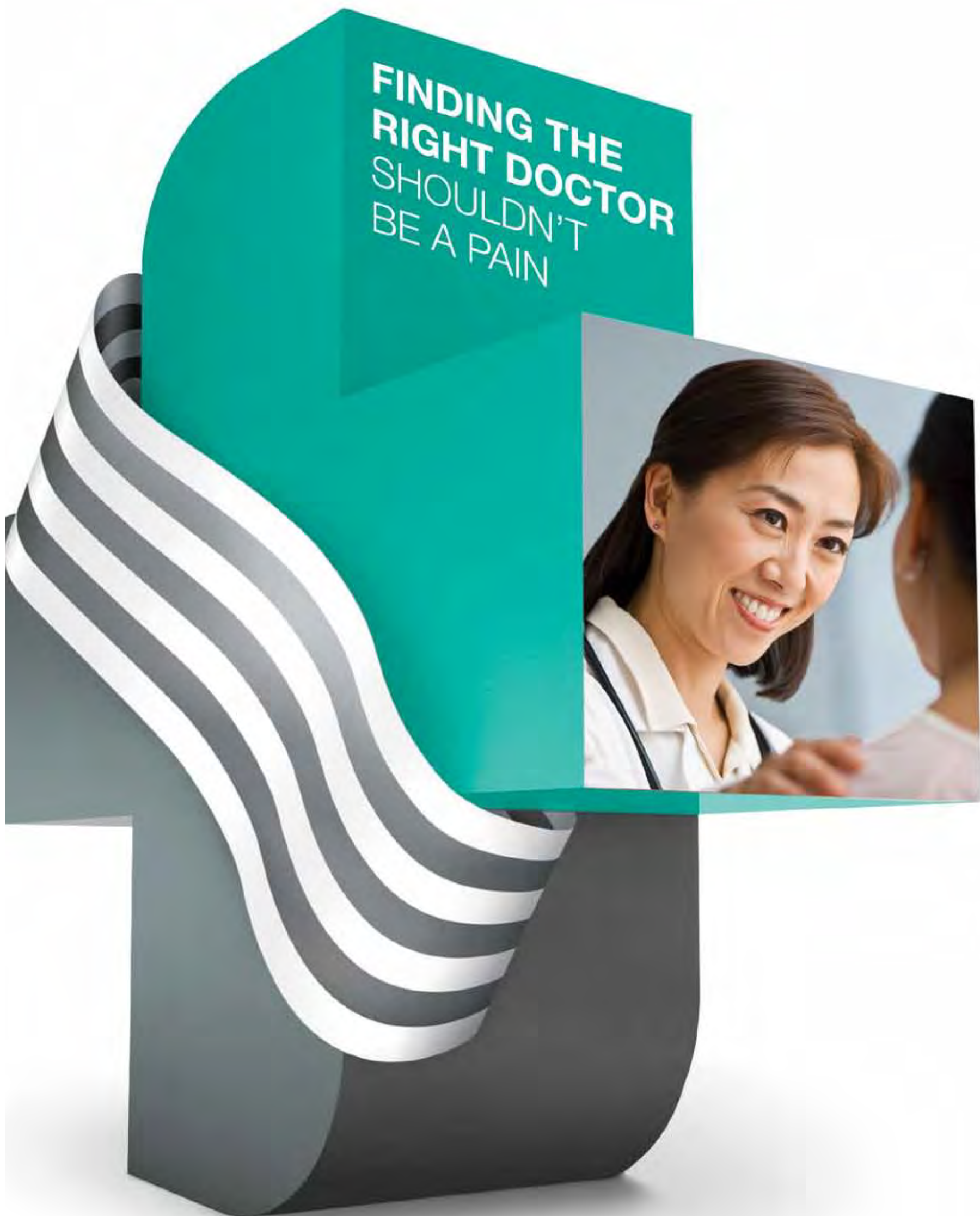
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# SPORTS NOTES



Livermore Fusion U14 girls soccer team, The Raptors, finished the season at 9-1 with a final win over the El Cerrito Stingrays on Saturday. Their win clinched first place for the Raptors in the NorCal Premier Soccer League 2013 U14G Nickel Division prevailing over Pleasanton Rage, Danville Mustangs and El Cerrito Stingrays. The Raptors had an incredibly strong season dominating in the pitch. The offensive players: Ashley Derdak, Ellie Deuell, Abby DeVries, and Cassie Ward continued to find the back of the net each game. The tenacious midfielders: Katie Carmichael, Kendall Korhummell, Amanda Plant, Maggie Rosendin, and Jenny Stoner set their offense up for shot after shot while clearing danger to take the pressure off of defense. The Raptors' stalwart defensive players: Tegan Borg, Carly Estevez, Marie Linney, Riley Male, Audrey Redell, and Keeper "The Wall" Candace Rho shut down best efforts of their opponents only allowing 8 meager goals the entire season. Coaches Kevin Rho and Todd Ward as well as Pro-Coach trainer Nelly Santana were instrumental in the success of the season. Team Manager Gabi Rho kept everyone organized. Pictured are (top row) Coach Nelly Santana, Tegan Borg, Katie Carmichael, Coach Todd Ward, Abby DeVries, Jenny Stoner, and Coach Kevin Rho; (middle) Ellie Deuell, Maggie Rosendin, Ashley Derdak, Candace Rho, Amanda Plant, and Audrey Redell; (front) Carly Estevez, Cassie Ward, Kendall Korhummell, Marie Linney, and Alyssa Salvetti.



The Livermore Mavericks Fastpitch 12U team took second place at the Winter Classic tournament in Fremont November 2/3. The girls played great defense and everyone contributed to the offensive effort, slamming fifty hits on the weekend. Pictured are (back, from left) Steve Peppardine, Doug Roberts and John Sprugasci; (middle) Melanie Laronde, Kylie Roberts, Brianna Wheelock, Rachael Gomez, Ally Gordon, Jay Louangrath, Megan Shehab, Ally Sprugasci; (front) Anna Ramirez, Emily Andrassy and Mackenzie Wallace.



It was a great Sunday as (SMSC (St. Michael/St. Charles) girls U11 CYO basketball team, "Thunder," came away with a 16 to 8 victory over St. Isidore of Danville. Pictured are (back from left) Coach Mike Locatelli, Assistant Coach Brian Cox; (front) Olivia Turner, Justine Locatelli, Wyatt Nostrand, Nina Fillari, Peyton McGrail, Melanie Branda, Alana Cox; not pictured: Mina Thompson and Gianna DeMayo.



Pictured is West Coast Wild forward Hanna Beauchamp crossing a ball.



Pleasanton RAGE Team Chaos finished its season in first place of the U19 D4 Traveling House League, with an undefeated 9-0 record. Chaos scored 32 goals and allowed only 6 to the opposition. In the final game, Chaos scored in the last 5 minutes to notch a 2-1 victory over a strong Pleasanton Renegades team. Chaos team members are: Emily Tsivikas, Sarah Thielen, Jenn Teitell, Katie Scalzo, Jillian Quintanal, Sophia Nekrawesh, Annalise Miller, Kaitlin Mallie, Carly Krakauer, Amanda Jorgenson, Cassidy Holmes, Meghan Fletcher, Jill Eicher, Kelly Duncan, Jessica Cho, Lexi Campisi, Katie Buote, Andrea Bright, Mandy Boyden, Andrea Arden and Moira Andrews; Coaches Dan Campisi, Russ Thielen and Jake Krakauer.



Livermore Junior Football League's annual all-star weekend was held at Granada High School this past Saturday. During all-star weekend, all of the players in each division (junior, intermediate, advanced and senior) vote half of the players from their teams to participate in the all-star games. Coaches and parents do not select the all-stars. Once selected, the all-stars in each division form two teams who practice for one week and play each other on Saturday. Pictured is Junior Division's Zach Sandoval rolling out for a pass. The lower photo shows Advanced Division's JJ Knight on the carry.



West Coast Soccer Club U9 Krew, finished out the regular season with a league match against Bay Oaks Bombers Blue in Alameda. Early in the match, Krew and Bombers pushed the ball back and forth across the field. With a fast break down the field, Taryn Richey drove the ball towards the goal and made a quick pass to Leslie Mangskau, who then made an amazing kick over the Bomber's goalkeeper and into the goal. Krew's defense held Bomber's scoreless and the score after the first half was Krew 1, Bombers 0. Despite several shots on goal, Krew was unable to score in the second half, but Krew's defense continued to hold Bomber's at bay. The match ended under the lights with Krew winning 1 - 0. Krew now moves on to State Cup semi-finals next weekend in Manteca as they face Chelsea FCA on November 16, at 1:20 p.m. Pictured is Taryn Richey, Leslie Mangskau and MacKenzie Wherry moving the ball down the field to goal.



Pictured is West Coast Wrath's Tyler Enderline powering a shot on goal.



The West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy compulsory gymnasts competed at the Disco-Tech Invitational in Rancho Cordova, California. Pictured are the Level 5 team (top photo) and the Level 4 competitors (bottom photo).



The West Coast Wildfire U14G premier girls captured the top spot in round one of Norcal State Cup group this past weekend with a 3-0 win over the Heritage Nighthawks. The Wildfire beat out the Nighthawks, DeAnza Force Blue, and Santa Rosa United Tsunami for the top seed in round two play which begins next spring. Pictured is outside mid-fielder, Isabella Barbero, powering through two defenders to move the ball into open space. Isabella scored one of the three goals in the game against Heritage.

## Pleasanton Ballistic

Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) U19 Select: In a tale of two halves, the Select had their four game unbeaten streak snapped with a 2-1 loss to the Mustang Revolution. In the first half, the Select were flat and the Revolution sought to capitalize, bringing heavy pressure, resulting in numerous corner kicks but without result. Finally, a defensive breakdown in front of the net left the Revolution with a tap-in and a 1-0 halftime lead. The Select came out much better in the second half, fending off the Revolution attack and building several of their own. An early fluke goal put the Select in a 2-0 hole, but they did not get back down. Playing without subs due to injuries, the 11 on the field tested the Mustang defense repeatedly until they finally broke through. Ogb Kanu had a blast on net that was parried by the Mustang GK but not corralled. Grant Petrie cleaned it up to cut the deficit to 2-1. The Select gamely fought on, but could not find the equalizer.

The Select (9-8-2, 2-3-2 Nor-Cal) close out their season at home vs Turlock.

U9: Deportivo vs. RCD Espanyol: Zidane Sellami started the game off with a goal for Deportivo. Ethan Jackson stayed strong in defense. Kadin Sellami and Derek Wang helped the offense with a goal each. Ca'trale Hart was able to send the ball through Espanyol's strong defense and score. This was an exciting game and a well played one by both teams. Top Offensive Players: Ca'trale Hart, Zidane Sellami, Mathew Dickman; Top Defensive Players: Kadin Sellami, Derek Wang, Ethan Jackson.

## West Coast Soccer

West Coast Wicked (U16 Girls) ended league play in a derby with Tracy Havoc. Wicked had a slow start in the first half and allowed Havoc the initial goal. The second half was different game all together as Wicked

woke up and forced Tracy to pick-up their game. Tracy again was the first to strike. Wicked responded with Kayla Lindsay playing to ball to Kalyn Ganz for Wicked's first goal. Adi Ruiz was next to respond with an assist from Misha Brewster. Adi Ruiz stepped up to a free kick 25 yards and launched an unstoppable laser to the far post. The game ended in a 3-3 tie.

West Coast Wicked (U16 Girls) finished the State Cup group stage with a beautiful team effort win over El Dorado Hills Sapphire. Kalyn Ganz played an especially inspired game with 3 assists and 1 goal. She opened up with a break away run from middle field taking a shot on goal too hot for the keeper to handle. Misha Brewster picked up the bobble and slipped it in the back of the net for the opening goal. Next Kayla Lindsay took a ball in the 12 played it to Emma Halsch who sent it back to Ganz who buried it in the corner. Ganz next fed the ball to Misha Brewster who beat the defender then picked her spot and placed the ball in the back of the net. Kalyn Ganz again took possession of the ball and used her foot work to beat a few players then played a through ball to Sophie Shokoor. Shokoor broke free of the defense, drew the keeper to the right then placed the ball in the far left corner. Meena Serrano finished the scoring drive for the Wicked with a composed strike to find the back of the net. Each Wicked goal was followed by a short "for Jordan," in reference to Jordan Volponi who injured her ankle in the game the day before. Nadia Ranagan, Claire Soule, Shannon Holt, Mackenzie Paulo and Kate Chase played with extra high levels of energy trading off between midfield and defense. Morgan Hall and Jazmynn Merchant were the constants in the defensive line using speed and stamina and directed by Keeper Sam Gruczelak to break down the offensive attacks. Final result 5-1. Wicked will continue on in state cup after the high school season.

West Coast Wild come from behind to tie Davis Legacy. West



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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Foothill High School defeated Amador Valley 41-14 in the EBAL varsity football league finale. Both teams move on to the CIF North Coast Section Division 1 playoffs. Amador Valley will take on Granada High at 7 p.m. on Nov. 15. Foothill plays Freedom High at 7 p.m. on Nov. 16.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Granada High and Livermore High school varsity girls water polo teams faced each other in the second round of the North Coast Section Division 1 playoffs. Granada moved on to the semifinals with a 6 to 3 win. They played San Ramon Valley on Wed., Nov. 13 for the right to play for the title in a game set for Nov. 16 at Acalanes High School. Monte Vista and Las Lomas played in the other semifinal match up.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore High School played Granada High School in the last varsity football game of the season. The game was dedicated as a Military Appreciation Game. "This game is played just before Veterans Day weekend and it's a great way for the community to honor all of our Military," said James Petersdorf, Livermore High Athletic Director. With the help of the Livermore recruiting office of the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy personnel there was a display of military static equipment. Livermore Vice Mayor Stu Gary gave the opening welcome for the varsity game, followed by the U.S. Marine Corps Honor Guard presenting the flag and the National Anthem sung by three students from Livermore High School.



West Coast Wicked's Meena Serrano take the ball off the Sapphire defender then used her speed and foot skills to beat the remaining defender before driving the ball to the back of the net.

Coast Wild hosted Davis Legacy in Livermore at Altamont Creek field for NPL league play. National Premier League is the highest level of soccer competition in California. Davis would score on a half chance, but team Wild did not let it phase them as they continued to work to get the goal back. Miciah Madison fired a shot past the Davis GK just after halftime to tie the score at 1-1. Wild would keep the pressure on but was unable to score the go-ahead goal leaving the result at 1 a piece. With this tie the Wild remain in second place just one point behind Santa Clara Sporting White in the NPL league standings. Next up for Wild, Coach Dayak who has been broadcasting live college matches for the WCC has arranged for University of San Francisco head coach Jim Millinder and his staff, University of Santa Clara, UOP Chico State and Stan State staff to watch these outstanding young players at training next week. U13 West Coast Wrath played excellent soccer this weekend and came out with two wins. Saturday,

the girls played Mustang Rampage. It was a physical game against the Rampage. West Coast scored the first goal when Savannah Seals took the ball down and made a beautiful cross to the middle, where Tyler Enderlein was in perfect position to knock it in the goal. Mustang worked hard in their attempt to tie up the game, but the Wrath defense of Aryanna Shokoor, Francesca Hyde, Kaylie Lawsen, Kylie Karter, Steffanie Angelo and Regan Mah did a great job shutting them down. With only minutes left, Kate Wallace played a fabulous through ball to Savannah Seals as she went to goal, ending the game with a 2-0 win. Sunday, the Wrath travelled for State Cup play, taking on the Ceres Earthquakes Red. Wrath came out strong, as midfielders Tyler Enderlein, Kate Wallace, Allyssa George, Steffanie Angelo and Abby Hoobing put together some great passing. They were quickly rewarded with their first goal when Allyssa George made a left cross, to Savannah. The Wrath communicated well and worked as a

team in their hard fought battle against Ceres. Goalie, Brienne Radliff made some amazing fingertip saves to keep the score at 1-0 in the first half. Early in the second half, Ceres tied the game 1-1. Wrath forward, Janessa Sanchez battled for possession and played the ball to Savannah for the Wrath's second goal, 2-1. The final goal was an impressive header goal, by Lindsey Philips, setting the score at 3-1.

### CYO Basketball

On Sunday, St. Michael's/St. Charles (SMSC) CYO Boys' 7th Grade 715, aka Spartans, were outscored by St. Isidore (718), but not without the Spartans first demonstrating great teamwork. Spartans' top scorers included Jacob Blaha, Daniel Pryor, Max Bauer, and Hadi Zeid. Defensive kudos go to Brandon Bruns, Aden Cavalcanti and Gabriel Parrish for their excellent rebounding skills. Top scorers for St. Isidore included Nima Ashrafi, Colton Catalli, Gavin Foote and Connor Pletkin.

### WCOGA Gymnastics

West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy compulsory gymnasts competed at the Disco-Tech Invitational November 3rd, in Rancho Cordova, California.



U15 West Coast Wonder girls took home the Pacer Prestige Tournament for the second year in a row last weekend, then traveled to Merced for NPL league play on Sunday November 3rd. It was a very physical game but West Coast Wonder endured the pressure and came out on top 2-0 vs a scrappy Merced United squad. Collette Mardirossian was taken down in the box but stood tall and scored the penalty kick to give the Wonder the lead. Lauren Sandy (pictured) would put the team ahead in the second half near the final whistle to finish the game off with a 2-0 result. GK Sonia Nichols turned away several good shots from the opposition. The Wonder played some great team defense to secure the shut out. Next up team Wonder resumes play with two tough games, Saturday vs Northbay for NPL league play and Sunday vs Argentina FSC for State Cup group play.

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The Level 5 team finished in 3rd place.

Level 3 individual results: Younger-Ainsley Wade tied for 6th on Uneven Bars, 6th on floor, and 10th in All Around. Keira Howard placed 8th on Vault, 10th on Balance Beam, 2nd on Floor, placed 1st on Uneven Bars and 4th in All Around. Nitika Chand placed 7th on Floor, 3rd on Uneven Bars, 4th on Balance Beam, 7th on Vault, and placed 3rd in All Around. Anne-Sophie Laliberte placed 10th on vault and 9th on floor. Middle B-Isabel McGaughey placed 3rd on Vault, tied for 9th on Floor, and placed 9th in All Around. Older-Mia Reeve placed 7th on Beam. Aria Spaulding tied for 8th place on Vault, 5th on Uneven Bars, tied for 8th on beam, placed 8th on floor, and tied for 6th in All Around. Zoe White placed 5th on floor.

Level 4 individual results: Younger-McKenzie Meyn placed 4th on Floor, 3rd on Vault, 3rd on beam, 5th on bars and 2nd All Around. Middle-Amelia Liao tied for 6th on bars. Older-Amanda Kim placed 2nd on bars with a 9.4.

Level 5 individual results: Younger-Lauren Swenson-Lennox placed 5th on Vault, 2nd on Uneven Bars, 2nd on Balance Beam, and 4th in All Around. Megan Brennan placed 4th on beam, 5th on floor and 8th All Around. Middle-Lydia Muentz placed 7th on vault, 4th on Balance Beam, 6th on floor and tied for 5th in All Around. Kamryn O'Reilly placed 6th on bars. Older-Audrey Ong placed 1st on Uneven Bars, 2nd on Balance Beam, 7th on Floor, and 3rd in All Around.

### Livermore National

Livermore National Little League is holding a walk-in registration on Saturday November 16th at Mt. Mikes Pizza on Vasco Rd. from 12-4pm. Please bring a copy of birth certificate and proof of residency when registering. Registration is open for players who will be on or before April 30, 2014 ages 4-16. For more details visit our website [www.eteamz.com.LNLL](http://www.eteamz.com.LNLL)

### Girls Softball

LGSA Registration: Livermore Girls Softball Association welcomes all Livermore girls aged 5-18, no experience necessary. Online registration is open now at [LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org](http://LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org), or register in person on November 20 from 6-9pm at Joe Michell School. Visit the website or email registration@LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org for more information.

### PGSL - Registration

2014 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](http://www.pleasantonsoftball.org)). Register by December 1, 2013 to avoid a late fee. For more information, contact PGSL Registrar-Kris Jernstedt. Evaluations for grades 3-8 are scheduled for December 7-8, 2013. Times and location TBD.



Livermore High School's Jackson Crose (top photo) ran to a 3rd place finish at the boys' varsity EBAL Cross Country Championships, earning boys' varsity first team All-League honors. Alexandra Hernandez ran to a 3rd place finish in the girls' varsity division, earning first team All-league honors. The race was held November 8 at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park. Livermore High School boy's varsity athletes Tyler and Todd Olson also earned All-League honors with 4th and 7th place finishes.



### Lacrosse in Livermore

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

### Fastpitch Tryouts

The Mavericks' Fastpitch 12U team will be holding tryouts December 8, 2013 from 10 to noon. Please arrive 15 minutes early to fill out paperwork. The league is looking for players born in 2001 or 2002. Please check the website at [www.mavericksfastpitch.com](http://www.mavericksfastpitch.com) for more information about the Mavericks and send an e-mail to [mavericksfastpitch@hotmail.com](mailto:mavericksfastpitch@hotmail.com) for more information regarding the tryout.

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resources. Golf courses from the United States, Africa, Australia, Canada, Central America, Europe, Mexico, and Southeast Asia participate in the program.

In order to achieve certification, courses must demonstrate a high level of environmental quality in the areas of environmental planning, wildlife and habitat management, outreach and education, chemical use reduction and safety, water conservation, and water quality management.

Callippe Preserve Golf Course Superintendent Tom Doyle led the effort to main-

tain sanctuary status, and is being recognized for Environmental Stewardship by Audubon International.

Callippe Preserve Golf Course was developed as part of a cooperative effort to create an 18-hole golf course, hiking and equestrian trails, endangered species habitat, wetland establishment, and dedicated grazing land. The course site is a protected habitat for the federally endangered Callippe Silverspot Butterfly and the California Tiger Salamander, and the federally threatened California Red Legged Frog.

## BOND MEASURE

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wondered if the park district and city would be part of any bond measure. Previously, the three agencies had combined to pass a bond measure. The city financed the library, the park district the community center.

Consultant Larry Tramutola of Tramutola Advisors said he would look into whether the other two agencies want to be part of a bond measure. "The issue needs to be resolved soon."

Tramutola said that one factor that the board should consider in determining how to proceed with a bond measure is that the district may

need to renew its parcel tax in the near future.

He said that voters will look at one thing in considering a bond measure - what the district plans to do with the money. "The more specific, the greater the chance voters will support it."

Tramutola added, "I've never found a community that is anti-school bond if you can show the money will be spent in the community."

The second most important step is to have resources in place to communicate the plan to likely voters. "Time is of the most importance, if you're looking at June as a

possibility."

Building a "volunteer army" is an essential component of an effective and successful tax election. While the District cannot advocate for the measure, it can identify people including teachers, administrators, and staff (who can volunteer on their own time), who may want to work on the campaign. He added that with more voters using mail ballots, communication has to begin earlier.

The first step will be for the district to conduct a school-by-school site analysis. While not every school needs to be included in the bond, there is an issue of equality, said Tramutola.

A core value spending plan approved by the board includes a need to provide campuses that aren't the same, but are of the same value. When walking into a school, there should be the perception that it is a great place no matter where it is located.

Once the needs are known, a public opinion poll would be conducted to determine if the district is on the right track. The poll would identify whether it is feasible to pass a local bond, determine how best to package the measure for success, and gather the information needed to successfully plan for, prepare, and communicate with voters about the measure.

In evaluating whether a June or November date is preferable, Tramutola said that each election is unique. The district should look at the measures it may be competing against. For example, Alameda County is proposing to have tax measures on both ballots. The general election in November includes city and school district offices.

Superintendent Kelly Bowers said that the district is starting the needs assessment. That will be followed by a financial analysis. There would likely be two polls conducted. One would be a litmus test, the second would include more detailed questions, such as how voting on a parcel tax and bond measure close together would influence a voter.

## HOUSING

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development at the current rental payments.

As proposed, the project includes 81 single story cottages. The remainder of the housing would be contained in 2 and 3 story structures that would also include on-site management, offices, and common areas.

The city will loan the developer and future operators of the project, MidPen, \$10 million from its in-lieu housing fund. The initial loan would be \$2.8 million to finance design, engineering and relocation of current tenants. There is a schedule to pay back the loan. However, if the cash flow were not sufficient, the loan would be forgiven, assistant city manager Steve Bocian told the city council.

MidPen will be respon-

sible for obtaining the remainder of funding required to build the project, as well as work with Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Approval of the agency is required to demolish Kottlinger Place.

Dolores Bengston, a member of the task force, stated, "We have arrived at a great project that meets the goals of the task force."

Affordable housing advocate Christine Steiner noted that every dollar the city puts into the project will help. "The need for such housing will be growing."

Tim Hunt, president of the Pleasanton Gardens board, stated, "This project doubles the units and gets rid of the old studio housing. There is more storage. The units are energy efficient

and easily accessible."

Councilmember Jerry Pentin, who served on the task force, commented, "This is a project whose time has come."

The other councilmember who served on the task force, Cheryl Cook-Kallio, stated, "This will make a small dent in a huge need. It provides safe housing and is large enough to provide on-site services. Pleasanton Gardens is making an amazing gift of land to the city."

Councilmember Karla Brown added, "This type of housing is exactly what the in lieu fund was established to provide. Former councilmember Cindy McGovern fought long and hard for a better plan. This is a better plan."

## Vehicle Buyback Program Re-Launched

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty has announced the re-launch of a vehicle buyback program for old, air-polluting motor vehicles funded through the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

"The single largest source of air pollution in California is from automobiles and small trucks," said Haggerty. "Reducing the impacts from motor vehicles requires multiple approaches - producing cleaner, and more

fuel efficient vehicles and eliminating old, inefficient polluting vehicles from operation. This program provides a \$1,000 incentive to owners of these old vehicles to do so." Supervisor Haggerty serves as chair of the Mobile Source Committee of BAAQMD, the agency responsible for managing air quality in the 9-county Bay Area region.

BAAQMD has designated \$7 million for the program through the region's

portion of a motor vehicle registration statewide fee designated for air quality programs. The program offers \$1,000 for 1994 and older vehicles. They must be operable and registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles for the past 24 months with a current smog check certificate.

Details about the program can be obtained at the following website <http://www.baaqmd.gov/divisions/strategic-incentives/on-road-vehicles/vbb.aspx> or by contacting the operators of the program - Environmental Engineering Services (855) 343-7314 and Pick-n-Pull (800) 727-2708.

## Nordstrom Rack Set For Dublin in 2015

A Nordstrom Rack at the Village at Dublin is expected to open in the fall of 2015. The Seattle-based retailer said that the store will occupy 35,000 square feet in a planned development at the corner of Hacienda Drive and Dublin Boulevard.

Another tenant, Whole Foods, will be anchoring a total of 152,000 square feet of commercial property in the development, which is being built by Regency Centers. The firm is not connected to the ownership of the Regency Cinemas east of the Village.

The Nordstrom Rack will be three miles from the company's full-line Nordstrom store in Stoneridge Mall. Nordstrom Rack is the off-price retail division of Nordstrom, Inc. A news release says that the Rack stores offer customers "a wide selection of on-trend apparel, accessories, and shoes at an everyday savings of 30-70 percent off regular prices."

"The Rack carries merchandise from Nordstrom stores and Nordstrom.com, as well as specially purchased items from many of the top brands sold at Nordstrom," says the release. There are also Nordstrom Racks in San Leandro and Fremont, and a new one that opened in September in Pleasant Hill.

"We've been thrilled with the customer response as we've continued to grow the Rack throughout the East Bay," said Geevy Thomas, president of Nordstrom

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## FIREFIGHTER

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with the U.S. Forest Service in 1988. He graduated from Shasta College in 1990 with a degree in Fire Science. He spent 10 years at the El Dorado Hills Fire Department where he worked as a Firefighter and as an Engineer. In 2000, Paul joined the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department as a Firefighter.

He promoted to the rank of Engineer and then to Captain. In July of 2010, Paul was diagnosed with job related brain cancer. Paul underwent surgery, chemotherapy and radiation in the battle against cancer. He fought courageously when it was time to fight, but was graceful in his passing, sharing a tear or a hug with those close to him right until his last days.

In addition to his passion for the fire service, what Paul most enjoyed was the time he spent with his family. He also enjoyed soccer, woodworking, gardening and road trips with his motorcycle club.

Paul was a highly respected member of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, and worked to improve firefighter and community safety through programs he was involved with. These include: Child Safety Seat Program where he was a co-founder; Every 15 Minutes; Lead Instructor

for Utilities Hazards and Safety; Program director for ensuring LFPD fleet meets annual operating standards.

Donations for the Chenkovich family may be made by visiting any Bank of America branch and donating to the Chenkovich Family Account #164110012484 or donations can be mailed to: Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation, C/O Chenkovich Family, 4847 Hopyard Rd, Suite 4 PMB 303, Pleasanton, Ca. 94588-2713

Those viewing the procession are encouraged to show their respects by holding American flags. Firefighters and law enforcement will do their best to minimize the impact on the streets utilized, however, traffic delays during the procession should be expected.

The procession will start at 4550 East Avenue at 9:30am and finish at 3999 Bernal Av at approximately 10:45am. The course will be: East Avenue (west) to South Livermore Avenue (north) to Junction Avenue (west) to Rincon Avenue (north) to Portola Avenue (west) to Airway Bl (east) to Isabel Avenue (south) to West Jack London/Stoneridge Dr. (east) to Santa Rita Rd (south) to Valley Bl (southeast) to Stanley Bl/First St (south) to and Bernal Ave (east).

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## DUBLIN

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study for the land. SunCal came into the picture in 2008, after being selected by the Army to pilot the project.

The community's desire to develop some of Camp Parks dates back even further. Councilmember Kevin Hart said, "This has been a vision since the city was incorporated (in 1982). This (land) used to be considered Pleasanton. As we extended down Dublin Boulevard, we couldn't go any farther than where IHOP is now located."

Former Mayor Janet Lockhart and former Councilmember Kasie Hildenbrand were in the audience. Both served on the council during the long planning process.

Lockhart addressed the council. "This is the greatest infill project that Dublin will ever have the opportunity to produce. This has been talked about, dreamed about, and been in community conversations, leading up to tonight," said Lockhart.

Mayor Tim Sbranti was on the council in 2003 when the GPA process started. He said, "No one got everything they wanted, but this is a project I can support."

The plan changed somewhat over the years, but retained much of its vision, said Sbranti. A large central park is one feature retained. "There is much less density than in the original, but we still capture appropriate density off Dublin Boulevard, close to public transit," said Sbranti. He also cited the future linking of Scarlett Drive to Dublin Boulevard as "critical" for traffic circulation.

Councilmember David Haubert, a former school board member, said that the city "will see a pinch" during development when "houses will be on the ground before the school is built. We need to work with the school district. We will get through it." Haubert said, "I am really excited about the Children's Museum," which is slated for the community park site with access near Dublin Boulevard. "This is a crown jewel for Dublin and the Tri-Valley," he said.

Supporters of the Valley Children's Museum (VCM) were in the audience. Three spoke at the podium. VCM operations president Dawn

Benson said that just operating part-time from its small, portable facility in Emerald Glen Park, the museum has been able to bring in 25 schools from the Tri-Valley cities. Once there is a permanent facility, the region that the museum serves may be expanded, she said. Funds still have to be obtained to build it.

Another speaker, San Ramon resident Ed Duarte, said he was speaking in support of the plan as a small businessman, not as a DSRSD director. He said that the economic ripple effect of Dublin Crossings will be Valleywide.

One speaker told the council that there should be a military museum, in view of the history of Camp Parks. He suggested using street names that memorialize military history associated with the location.

Councilmember Abe Gupta stated, "The project will redefine the city. Based on its location, it bridges the east and west sides. It will bridge the gap (in) this vast expanse that we drive to get from one Target store to our other Target."

Gupta said that Camp

Parks, which was built during World War II, "looks like a movie set. The buildings look like they are falling apart. It looks terrible. I consider the plan a redevelopment of the area. It's close to BART and 580. It's huge for the economic growth of our city."

Vice mayor Don Biddle said, "This is a critical project. This will tie our city together."

### \$300,000 FOR SCHOOL THEATER

The council also approved allocation of \$300,000 from the city's reserve designated for cooperation with the school district on specific projects. The council already had allocated \$300,000 for improvements to tennis courts, which have been completed.

Money for the theater will purchase a grand piano, acoustical improvements, choral risers, an LED screen installed outside the main lobby entrance, and other things.

Gupta said that the additions from city money will "make it a much more viable venue. It's a great way to spend a little bit more, and get that money back many

times over in the long run."

Haubert stated, "I hope we see many more projects that we can partner on. This is what good government is about, working together," said Haubert.

### CITY WILL FOOT BILL FOR GARBAGE FEE

The council voted 4-1 to sign an agreement with Stopwaste.org to pay \$35,000 for a special benchmark fee for its residents and businesses for the next three years.

The fee is required by Stopwaste.org from all cities that have entered into a joint powers agreement that purports to provide a centralized clearinghouse with enough clout to obtain more grant money for participants in dealing with reducing the waste stream.

The benchmark fee would pay for data tracking so that each resident could see how to improve his or her own diversion of more recyclable materials out of the collections bound for landfills.

In the data, the refuse customer would make a comparison to a "general person in the community," not to their neighbors, said a city staff member.

Signing the agreement ends a standoff between Dublin and Stopwaste.org. Dublin said that StopWaste.org does not have the authority to force Dublin and its waste hauler to collect the fee. StopWaste said it did have the authority.

As a result, the two parties agreed that the city would collect the fee for three years. During that time, StopWaste.com. will "take certain actions to evaluate the appropriateness of the fee, with the city retaining its legal assertion that it cannot be compelled to collect the fee," says a staff report.

Sbranti pointed out that the council's resolution includes a clause that says, "whereas the waste authority does not have the legal authority in its power to collect the fee..."

Hart said that he recognized that StopWaste will come back to the city after three months, but "I'm voting 'no.' I don't believe they have the authority."

Haubert called the agreement "a smart compromise. We are not doing this because we are beholden to StopWaste."

## SHORT NOTES

### Police Academy

Enrollment is now open for the 2014 session of the Pleasanton Police Department Citizens' Police Academy. It begins on Thursday, January 9, 2014 and concludes on April 15, 2014. This will be the 22nd Citizens' Academy the Department has presented since its inception in 2000.

The goals of the program are to create closer partnerships with the public, explain law enforcement procedures, and discuss the importance of public involvement in the policing process.

All segments of the Academy will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Police Department. These classes are primarily taught by Department personnel and cover a wide variety of topics including Community Policing, Patrol Procedures, Radio Communications,

SWAT, Narcotics Investigations, Crime Prevention, Traffic Enforcement, K-9's, Evidence Collection, Use of Force Issues, Animal Services and the DARE program.

This program is open to adults only. Applicants will be carefully screened and participants must live or work in the City of Pleasanton. They must be free of any felony convictions, have no misdemeanor arrests within one year of application, successfully complete a background investigation check, sign waiver forms and be approved by the Chief of Police.

Applications are available at the front counter of the Pleasanton Police Department or online at www.pleasantonpd.org. If you have any questions, please call Crime Prevention CSO Shannon Revel-Whitaker at (925) 931-5240 or email her

at srevel-whitaker@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

### Philippine Relief Effort

The devastation caused by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines is unimaginable. Kids Against Hunger Bay Area is holding packing events on Saturday Nov. 16th. Starting at 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm or 3 pm. Come and pack or help by donating and paying for those who will pack for you.

To donate or come to the work event please sign up at www.KAHBayArea.org or call Sherri at 925-400-7201. Kids Against Hunger Warehouse, 1258 Quarry Lane, Ste. H, Pleasanton.

Kids Against Hunger/Feeding Children International was established in 1990. The Branch will reach 2 million meals by the end of this month. We need to get food to the Philippines.

Please visit the website for more information www.KAH-BayArea.org.

### Help with Computers

Need help with downloading E-Books from the library to your E-Reader, sending E-mail attachments, social networking, blogging, general internet questions, or ???

The Pleasanton Library offers assistance on Tuesdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400 (press 4 for Ref. Desk). Call Merry Lusk at 925/931-3400 for information.

The programs are free and open to all. No registration is required.

### Birds of Springtown

Birds of Springtown is the topic of the Sat., Nov. 16 program offered by the Livermore

Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff.

Meet Ranger Patti Cole at 8 a.m. at Marlin Pound Park, 2010 Bluebell Drive.

It's time for an autumn trip to the north side of town in search of seasonal migrants. Over the years, these programs have documented numerous duck and wading bird species here as well as a variety of other birds. There will be some binoculars to lend for those who don't have them. Canceled if raining.

A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

### Ragin' Cajun Dinner

It's time to make plans for another great Ragin' Cajun Dinner & Dance, the San Francisco East Bay's Mardi Gras event

of the year. The gala includes music, dancing, dinner, beads, live auctions, and more. It will be held on Friday, March 7, 2013, 6:00 to 11 p.m. at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton.

Ragin' Cajun is the annual fundraiser event for the Sandra J Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides cancer patients in the East Bay Tri-Valley area with financial assistance for complementary healing services during the course of their chemo and/or radiation therapy that are not covered by insurance.

Tickets are on sale now at \$105 per person until December 24, 2013 and \$125 per person thereafter. To purchase tickets online, go to www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org or call (866) 862-7270. Please contact us for sponsorship information or to donate a prize for the auction.

## OBITUARIES

### Marcia Broyles

Dec. 27, 1955 - Oct. 31, 2013

Marcia Broyles, age 58, passed away on Thursday, October 31, 2013 in Canton, Ohio after a long illness. The illness that took Marcia from us was not what defined her. Who she was will be forever etched in the hearts and minds of those who loved her. Marcia received her AA degree from Las Positas College Livermore and was a campus supervisor and teacher's aide in the Livermore Valley Unified School District for many years. She was also employed by Grand Auto and Orchard Supply Hardware. She was an avid gardener and loved to ride her bike everywhere. Her many experiences in life taught her to be the courageous, strong and determined woman she became before illness silenced her beautiful voice.

Marcia was a devoted mother to her son, James E. Washington III and his wife Mercy of Petersburg, VA and a loving grandmother of Gavin, Edward and Marcelo. Mother, Rebecca C. Broyles of Canton, Ohio, will miss her greatly as well as her siblings with whom she shared so much love and laughter, joy and sorrow: JoAnna (Alvin) Broyles Forse of American Canyon, CA, Patricia Broyles of Atlanta, GA, Joseph R. Broyles, III of Akron, OH, Regina Broyles Patrick of Houston, TX, Cheryl L (Sidney) Sutton of Indianapolis, IN, and Leonard A. (Melanie) Broyles of Akron, OH as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She

was preceded in death by her father, Joseph R. Broyles, Sr. and two siblings, Lillian Broyles Benning and D. Peter Broyles.

A celebration of Marcia's life and a personal family tribute were held on Friday, November 8, 2013 at the Reed Funeral Home (801 Pittsburg, Ave. NW, North Canton, Ohio 44720). Anyone who would like to sign the guestbook in her memory may do so at: www.reedfuneralhome.com

### Robert F. Weinle, Sr.

Jan. 19, 1931 - Oct. 25, 2013

Robert passed away peacefully at home in Livermore, CA.

He served in the Air Force from 1949 to 1952. He retired from Nor Cal Manufacturing, Santa Clara, CA, in 1996.

He enjoyed camping, fishing and woodworking. He loved spending time with family, friends and in living life to the fullest.

He is survived by his companion Joanne Davis, his brother Donald Weinle and wife Dottie, children Robert Weinle, Jr. and wife Carol, daughters Janet Caporaletti; Michele Howard and husband Jeff, son Steven Weinle and wife Wendy; grandchildren Christopher Weinle(Mary), Jeremy Weinle(Stacey),

Stacie Haslem, Stephanie Johnson(Chet), Sharee Howard(Tyson), Steven Weinle, Jr.(Sarah), Julie Weinle and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brothers Richard Weinle and Nord Rounds and sister Kathleen Mitchell.

A celebration of his life was held.

### Lori Lovell

Lori Lovell, 47, died of breast cancer on November 12, 2013.

Lori was born to the late Patricia Cunningham and survived by her father Dennis Cunningham. Lori graduated from Granada High

School in 1985 and was passionate about working with children.

Lori was a grade school teachers assistant where she brought so much joy to so many children with her sweet gentle ways. Lori was also a homemaker. She enjoyed taking care of her beloved son Lee Lovell Jr. and her beloved husband Lee Lovell Senior.

Lori was an amazing caring and very giving person and will be deeply missed by all. The world was a better place with Lori in it!

Lori is survived by 1 child: Lee Lovell Jr.; husband Lee Lovell Sr.; a sister Lisa Elliott and a brother

Dennis Adams.

Funeral Service will be held at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 16.

In Lieu of Flowers the family is requesting that donations be made to the Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Charity. www.Komen.org tribute to Lori Lovell or 877-GO-KOMEN.

### Glen Donald Polzin

Glen Donald Polzin, 82, was born on December 22, 1930 to Gustav and Wilhelmina (Gerber) Polzin on a farm in rural Wisconsin near



Chippewa Falls. He was born in the same house his father was born in. He passed away peacefully at home

surrounded by his family on, November 11, 2013 after a brief, but valiant battle with brain cancer.

He grew up a farm boy, attending a rural, one-room school in nearby Eagle Point Township until he attended and graduated Chippewa Falls High School.

After high school he learned the electrical trade and worked as an electrician, then returned home to keep up the farm. During this time he met the love of his life, Carol Jean Cox (Jeanie). They married on December 21, 1954. He enlisted in the Army and served two years before attending the University of Wisconsin, Madison,

where he graduated in 1960 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Soon after, he moved with Jeanie and daughter, Jennifer to Livermore, California. He took a job at Lawrence Radiation Laboratory (now Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory) as an Electrical Engineer. A year later, daughter, Jane was born. He enjoyed a 31-year career at "the Lab" and retired in 1991. He continued private consulting from his home for many years.

Glen was a gregarious man who loved to talk. He was a wonderful conversationalist and told great stories, always peppering them with his bold and hearty laugh. His sense of humor was very dry and he continued making jokes right up to his sudden decline. He made friends where ever he went. He and Jeanie literally made friends all over the world.

Seeing the world was Glen and Jeanie's passion. They traveled six continents, cruised every ocean and visited all 50 states in the U.S.A. Additionally, they spent time on Maui every year since 1985.

Glen is survived by his wife, Jeanie; daughters Jennifer (Fox) of Chico, CA and Jane (Christian) of Chippewa Falls, WI; grandchildren, Ryan and Danielle Fox and Alan Christian; sister, Margaret King; brother Delmar Polzin and numerous nieces and nephews. Glen was preceded in death by his parents, Gustav and Wilhelmina Polzin and brother, Howard Polzin.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Our Sav-

ior's Lutheran Church, 1385 South Livermore, Avenue, Livermore, CA at 11:00am on Saturday, November 16, 2013. A fellowship luncheon will follow. The family is extremely grateful for the wonderful care Glen received from Hope Hospice and their dear friend, Diane Morin, RN. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Glen's name to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Avenue, #100, Dublin, CA 94568-3064.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

## MOHR

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antona, the development of Hacienda and other business parks, and the planning and development of Stoneridge Mall.

Mohr was also at the decision-making helm for the redesign of Pleasanton's historic Main Street in the 1990's, to better emphasize pedestrian traffic and outdoor dining.

"Karin Mohr left a wonderful legacy for the people of Pleasanton. She was actively involved in many of the wonderful amenities that we have today, from the Wheels bus system to the Pleasanton Sports Park, and also including the Pleasanton Senior Center, the Pleasanton Public Library, the gymnasiums at the middle schools that are shared use by the school district and the city, and so much more," noted Ken Mercer, former Mayor of Pleasanton.

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## VETERANS

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and stomping because we were so happy to be on our way home. It's why we do what we do; we do it for the homeland."

Las Positas College's 7th Annual Event Honoring Veterans Day took place November 7th. It was hosted by the college's Veterans First Program and Student Veterans Organization. Students, staff, veterans and the community were invited to attend the free event.

"Our college is often viewed as a model of support for student veterans," said emcee and English instructor Jim Ott. "It's easy to stereotype veterans but the truth is that while all of them face challenges returning to civilian life, each veteran brings a personal perspective and experience as varied as the individuals that they were when they first entered the military. In this regard, supporting our veterans requires a variety of resources and a special sensitivity from our campus community."

The day began with four student veterans arriving in a Huey, a Vietnam-era helicopter first designated HU-1 (Helicopter-Utility) inspiring the nickname Huey, which stuck even after the helicopter was re-designated

UH-1 in 1962. The iconic Huey has been an aerial lifeline for soldiers, transporting them to and from battle, delivering food, ammunition and letters from home, and increasing survival rates with its ability to whisk the wounded to hospitals.

"Who does not get chills when a Vietnam Huey flies over the hills and lands on campus?" said Todd Steffan, LPC's Veterans First Program Coordinator, adding of the annual event, "I always like the community organizations coming together, including Valley Veterans Foundation, Blue Star Moms of Danville, Knights of Columbus of Livermore, and Warrior Riders."

The Travis Air Force Base Color Guard opened the 90-minute presentation in LPC's Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts. Ott gave an overview of 9/11, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. "Not since Pearl Harbor in 1941 has the U.S. been so badly attacked on American soil," he said. "In response, Congress created the Department of Homeland Security, and passed the Patriot Act." The 2001 USA PATRIOT Act's official title is an acronym that stands for Uniting and Strengthen-

ing America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism.

Student veteran Hector Rodriguez enlisted in the Navy on September 11, 2001, then served aboard the submarines USS Norfolk, USS Rhode Island and USS Providence, earning his Submarine Warfare Insignia (usually known as "dolphins" or "fish"), a badge worn by qualified submariners.

"I have nothing but good things to say about LPC's support of veterans," said Rodriguez. "They listen to our needs and do their best to facilitate our requests. Todd has helped many veterans get their educational benefits in order."

Rodriguez's childhood friend, Marine Mike Dowling, was this year's keynote speaker. Author of the 2011 book, Sergeant Rex: The Unbreakable Bond Between a Marine and His Military Working Dog, Dowling spoke about the superhuman abilities and heroic acts military working dogs have contributed to U.S. war efforts, effectively saving tens of thousands of lives.

Livermore Police Officer Al Grajeda joined him onstage to highlight the ben-



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

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efits police dogs similarly provide law enforcement at home, through a demonstration with his K-9 partner Fin, a black German Shepherd whose intense amber eyes convey a keen intelligence.

In previous years, LPC's Veterans Day speakers have included survivors of the USS Arizona, Tuskegee Airmen, WASP pilot Maggie Gee, and a Vietnam Huey pilot.

Following this year's presentation, attendees enjoyed an on-campus barbeque. "My favorite part of the

event was when Mike and I ate and shared stories with veterans from past generations, laughing and joking and enjoying each other's company," said Rodriguez.

Ott noted that there are currently about 300 veterans attending LPC, adding that the college anticipates the enrollment of hundreds more in the coming years. "We welcome all support from our surrounding communities, whether it's offering jobs to veterans, providing financial support for

books, or offering other assistance."

Ott's favorite moment came when Granada High School senior Duncan Cliff played taps to conclude the day's events. "He performed beautifully," said Ott. "His trumpet was heard throughout the campus."

For more information, or to learn more about upcoming Veterans First events, visit <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans/> or contact Todd Steffan at [TSteffan@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:TSteffan@laspositascollege.edu).

## PURCHASE

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Pictured is Knobcone Point located in the newly purchased area around Mount Diablo. Photo - Scott Hein

the culmination of decades of effort, especially over the past five years, to secure the largest and most expensive property in our history."

Curry Canyon is the largest remaining unprotected canyon on Diablo's main peaks. It is located between the Diablo summit and the Blackhills—4.3 miles from Curry Point within Mt. Diablo State Park, northeast to Morgan Territory Road.

Executive Director Ron Brown stated, "Curry Canyon Ranch was on our very first acquisition list 43 years ago and has been an important goal for more than 25 years. It has also been a highly desirable addition for both Mt. Diablo State Park and for the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy."

"Curry Canyon Ranch is the missing link in four major trail connections between Rock City and Diablo's main peak, across Curry Canyon, to Highland Ridge and Riggs Canyon. When we mapped the 30-mile Diablo Trail," said Brown, "we had to loop it in and out of four canyons to travel from Rock City to Riggs Canyon. Curry Canyon Ranch includes a ridgeline connection so you can skip all four canyons or make a loop, and completes three other major trail gaps

too. You can spend all day in areas so rugged and isolated they deserve the term 'wilderness.'"

Curry Canyon Ranch offers a diverse topography and habitats, ranging from Curry Creek and Canyon's valley floor up steep wooded and shaded canyons, to ridgeline grasslands, peaks and knolls with incredible 360 degree views. It includes dense chaparral and fire-adapted knobcone pine woodland along more than a mile of exposed 50-100 foot sandstone cliffs, rock strata and wind caves—the most significant exposed rock habitats left in Contra Costa County and similar in size and beauty to Castle Rock above Walnut Creek. Already home to rare peregrine and prairie falcons, when California condors return to Mt. Diablo it will likely be to Curry Canyon Ranch's knobcone cliffs.

"This property is a Shangri-La of sycamore lined creeks, lush canyons studied with house-sized boulders rising from a fragrant isolated valley to exposed grassland ridges, with incredible views, bordered by a mile of rocky cliffs and wind caves—all supporting incredible biological diversity," said Seth Adams, Save Mount Diablo's Land

Programs Director. "Its dry rocky areas look like Pinnacles National Park or the Mojave desert. Its canyons could be the wet Pacific Northwest."

The property includes grassland; oak savannah; blue oak woodland; chaparral; knobcone pine forest; riparian areas, boulders, cliffs and wind caves. Five ponds and more than two and a half miles of creek have been mapped. "It's mountain lion country" said Hein. "Our stewardship of this property will preserve and widen important wildlife corridors."

More than 30 species are rare, threatened or otherwise significant including peregrine falcon, Alameda whipsnake, California red-legged frog, and California tiger salamander. Four plant species—Diablo manzanita, Contra Costa manzanita, Mt. Diablo sunflower, and Mt. Diablo globe lily—are endemic to the Mt. Diablo region.

Brothers Sylvester and Alfred Olofson bought from a bank an initial 320 acres along Curry Creek at a tax sale in December 1895. By 1900 Sylvester, his wife Louis and three children were living in a house they had built there, constructed of \$50 worth of lumber

from the old school house at the coal mining town of Nortonville. In 1925 Sylvester opened Curry Creek Park in the lower canyon, a private picnic area where people would come from all over the East Bay to picnic, hike, swim, and camp. He would collect 25 cents from each group. There are still remnants of the Olofson home site.

Ettore Bertagnolli began acquiring land in the canyon above Curry Creek Park from Olofson heirs around 1965. He ran cattle and over time increased the ranch to its current size of 1,080 acres. An Italian American who loved to talk about playing football at Cal, Mr. Bertagnolli was a savvy real estate investor. He would say, "drive to the end of the road and buy property there."

Throughout its entire 43 year history Save Mount Diablo has talked with Ettore Bertagnolli about acquisition of his property, and with State Park staff has conducted numerous tours, appraisals and negotiations. Mr. Bertagnolli was always willing to allow people to explore his property—but a deal was never reached.

It wasn't until after Ettore Bertagnolli passed away however that progress began. Representatives of the Bertagnolli Estate approached Save Mount Diablo. With the help of Adam Watt and David Pierce, brokers at the time for Prudential, and Jim Sarro, an expert real estate negotiator funded by the Coastal Conservancy, a deal was signed at the appraised value of \$7,173,800.

Save Mount Diablo purchased Curry Canyon Ranch with a loan which must be repaid within three years.

Historically, Save Mount Diablo has acquired properties, and then transferred them to park agencies. Curry Canyon Ranch has also been a State Park priority for decades.

Save Mount Diablo will own and manage Curry Canyon Ranch until it can be transferred to the State, probably in phases over an extended number of years.

Fundraising is ongoing for acquisition of the property and for ongoing stewardship. The Coastal Conservancy and The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation have already committed \$4.2 million. In addition to acquisition costs to permanently protect Curry Canyon Ranch, Save Mount Diablo

is raising the stewardship funds needed to take care of properties.

As part of the purchase, Save Mount Diablo agreed to place a monument on the property within a year, detailing the history of the property and of the Bertagnolli family. Public tours will begin next year.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley kicked off the renovation of a home located at 457 Andrews Street in Livermore. It will be fully renovated, made accessible for disabled persons and sold to a Veteran's family. Congressman Eric Swalwell (pictured) participated in the project. The City of Livermore is supporting Habitat's Veteran's Homeownership program through a loan fund to acquire existing single-family homes in Livermore, especially targeting those which are foreclosed, vacant or in need of significant rehabilitation. The Andrews Street property was bank owned and is in need of complete interior and exterior renovation. Local veterans groups in Livermore will help to identify a low-income, first-time homebuyer household to participate in the renovation process and purchase the property. A community outreach effort to solicit donations and volunteers will also take place over the next several months.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
Case No. HG13697995  
SUPERIOR COURT OF  
CALIFORNIA,  
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA  
TO ALL INTERESTED  
PERSONS:

1. Petitioner:  
Jennifer Gonzalez  
filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
**Present Name:**  
Stephanie Nicole Glass  
**Proposed Name:**  
Stephanie Nicole Gonzalez

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this

court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
a. **Date:** 01/10/2014  
**Time:** 8:45 AM  
**Dept:** 504  
b. **The address of the court is:**

**Hayward Hall of Justice**  
24405 Amador Street  
Hayward, CA 94544

3. a. A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county. The Independent Legal No. 3544. Published October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 2013.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 483766**

The following person(s) doing business as: Characterz Cafe and Coffee Roasterz,

5576 San Juan Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

(1) Michael Petrak, 1052 Devonshire Ave, San Leandro, CA 94579 (2) Crystal Dawn Diamond, 5576 San Juan Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted by Co-partners The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/ Michael Petrak & Crystal D. Diamond, Partners This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 15, 2013. Expires October 15, 2018.

The Independent Legal No. 3546. Published October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 2013.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 484377**

The following person(s) doing business as: Liberty Painting Services, 1959 Park Street, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kirk Farnam, 1959 Park Street, Livermore CA 94551 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7/1/2008. Signature of Registrants :s/ Kirk Farnam This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 25, 2013. Expires October 25, 2018.

The Independent Legal No. 3550. Published October 31,

November 7, 14, 21, 2013.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 482876**

The following person(s) doing business as: In & Out Check Cashing, 10220 International Blvd, Oakland, CA 94603, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Martha L. Carrillo, 601 Silver Sage Ct, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/14/07. Signature of Registrants :s/ Martha Carrillo This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 29, 2013. Expires September 29, 2018.

The Independent Legal No. 3551. Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2013.

**SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NO. 1-11-CV-202525**

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): ERIC DEBLASI, an individual and DOES 4 THROUGH 100, inclusive**

**YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): Antonio and Ines Ocegueda, Jorge Orejel and Gricelda Garcia and Judy Jones, and all others similarly situated**

**NOTICE!** You have been

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

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

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for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

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

IAVISO/ Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion.

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

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

Plaintiffs are seeking \$982,812 in compensatory damages, \$300,000 in punitive damages, and reasonable attorneys' fees, interest, and costs of suit.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA 191 N. FIRST STREET SAN JOSE, CA 95113

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): CAM T. PHAN 1000 MARSH RD MENLO PARK, CA 94025 (650)614-7400

DATE: (Fecha): APRIL 3, 2013

s/ DAVID H. YAMASAKI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CLERK  
s/ Clerk, by (Secretario) ROWENA WALKER, Deputy (Adjunto)

The Independent Legal No. 3552. Published November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2013.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

1. NOTICE. The ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, acting by and through its ZONE 7 WATER AGENCY ("District") hereby gives notice that it will accept Bids for construction of the following public work:

DISTRICT PROJECT NUMBER 234-14 Well Repair Project

**2. BID SUBMISSION.** District will receive sealed Bids no later than 2:00 p.m. on November 21, 2013. District's representative will call out the designated time in the Zone 7 office lobby, stating that the period for accepting Bids is closed. The Bid opening will be in accordance with procedures set forth in Document 00200 (Instructions to Bidders).

**3. CONTACT INFORMATION.** Mailing address: Zone 7 Water Agency 100 North Canyons Parkway Livermore, CA 94551

Project Manager: John Koltz, Senior Civil Engineer

Telephone: (925) 454-5067 or (925) 454-5000  
Fax: (925) 454-5726  
E-mail: [jkoltz@zone7water.com](mailto:jkoltz@zone7water.com)

**4. DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK.** This project is to have a well drilling contractor for on-call services as needed to repair District wells. Removal/replacement of a 600 HP, 5.8 mgd well pump and up to approximately 460 feet of pump column at the Moch 4 well, is the first well scheduled for repair as part of the Well Repair Project. The remainder of the contract will be for On-Call Services during Fiscal Year (FY) 2013/2014 (Fiscal Year 2013/14 ends on June 30, 2014). The Work for a Well Repair typically consists of:

1) Removal of the roof section above the pump-house, removal of the motor, motor base, discharge head, pump column, pump, suction pipe, and other appurtenances, 2) video recording of the well casing and screens, 3) review of the pump and possible repair, 4) installation of the new well pump and portions of new pump column and retainers with existing pump column, and 5) well cleaning, disinfection, and regulated disposal of discharge to the local creek.

The Well Repair Project (On-Call Services) contract may be renewed annually at the discretion of the District for up to two years after the original contract.

Bidding Documents contain the full description of the Work. The Engineer's estimate for this Contract is \$350,000 - \$450,000.

**5. CONTRACT TIME.** Work for Moch Well 4 shall be finally completed within 35 Days from the date when Contract Time commences to run. The remainder of the Well Repair Project contract will be in effect for On-Call Services for Fiscal Year 13/14 and subject for annual renewal after June 30, 2014.

**6. REQUIRED CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE(S).** Each bidder is required to have a current California Class-57 Well Drilling Contractor license to bid this Contract. Joint ventures must secure a joint venture license prior to award of this Contract. Removal, handling, and/or disposal of hazardous materials may by law require hazardous substance removal certification by the Contractor's State License Board.

**7. PREVAILING WAGE LAWS.** The successful Bidder must comply with all prevailing wage laws applicable to the Project, and related requirements contained in the Contract Documents.

**8. MANDATORY PRE-BID SITE VISIT.** District will conduct a Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Visit at 10:00 a.m. on November 13, 2013 at the Project Site, 5215 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588. Any Bidder wishing to investigate subsurface conditions

at the Site must schedule such a visit with the District in accordance with Document 00200 (Instructions to Bidders).

**9. SUBSTITUTION OF SECURITIES.** District will permit successful Bidder to substitute securities for retention monies withheld to ensure performance of Contract, as set forth in Document 00680 (Escrow Agreement for Security Deposits in Lieu of Retention), in accordance with California Public Contract Code, Section 22300. By this reference, Document 00680 (Escrow Agreement for Security Deposits in Lieu of Retention) is incorporated in full in this Document 00100.

**10. PROCUREMENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS.** Bidders may examine Bidding Documents at the District's offices. Bidders may obtain copies of Bidding Documents upon payment of a non-refundable fee of \$35 per set. Bidders may contact the District's main phone number at (925) 454-5000 to order Bidding Documents. District will accept cash (exact amount only), checks, or money orders payable to the "Zone 7 Water Agency." Bidding Documents need not be returned to District.

**11. BID PREPARATION COST.** Bidders are solely responsible for the cost of preparing their Bids.

**12. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS.** District specifically reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all Bids, or re-bid, or to waive inconsequential deviations from Bid requirements not involving time, price, or quality of the Work.

The Independent Legal No. 3555. Published November 7, 14, 2013.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 484344**

The following person(s) doing business as: Open Lotus Wellness Center, 1617 Second Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Divine Spiritual Healing, Inc. 1617 Second Street, Livermore CA 94550

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/ Sheila McCarthy, Officer of Divine Spiritual Healing, Inc.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 24, 2013. Expires October 24, 2018.

The Independent Legal No. 3556. Published November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2013.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Date of Filing Application: October 4, 2013 To Whom It May Concern: The Names(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: CAA RESTAURANT GROUP LLC

The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 2470 FIRST STREET LIVERMORE, CA 94550-3152

Type of license(s) Applied for: 47 - On-Sale General Eating Place Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control 1515 Clay St. Ste 2208 Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 622-4970

The Independent Legal No. 3557. Published November 7, 14, 21, 2013.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** Notice of the Initiation of the Section 106 Process Public Participation

AT&T Mobility LLC plans

to install telecommunications antennas on an existing tower at 11701 North Flynn Road, Livermore, CA (CCU1079). Antennas will be mounted at a height of 43' above ground level (AGL) on the existing 52' AGL monopole tower. AT&T seeks comments from all interested persons on the impact of the collocation on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or culture, that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Specific information about the project, including the historic preservation reviews that AT&T has conducted pursuant to the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (47 C.F.R. Sections 1.1307(4) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (36 C.F.R. Part 800) will be made available to interested persons who request the information from the contact below. Please submit comments within 30 days to Holly Moore, Diablo Green Consulting Inc., 231 Market Place #186, San Ramon, CA 94583 (email [holly.moore@diablogreen.com](mailto:holly.moore@diablogreen.com)). Written or verbal substantive comments received at the above address within the review period will be addressed.

The Independent Legal No. 3561 Published November 14, 2013

**NOTICE OF INVITING BIDS** NOTICE is hereby given that sealed competitive bids will be accepted at the Alameda County Social Services Agency, Finance Dept - Contracts Office, 2000 San Pablo Ave., 4th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

**NON-MANDATORY NETWORKING BIDDERS CONFERENCES FOR RFP #SSA-CEC-2014 Career and Employment Centers North County:** Monday, December 2, 2013 at 10:00 AM, Social Services Agency, 2000 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland Room, 2nd Floor, Oakland South County: Friday, December 6, 2013 at 1:00 PM, Social Services Agency, 24100 Amador, Cal Poppy Rooms 225-226, Hayward Response Due by 2:00 pm on January 8, 2014 County Contact: Najia Osmani at (510) 267-9439 or via email: [Nosmani@acgov.org](mailto:Nosmani@acgov.org) Attendance at Bidders Conference is not required. The RFP is available via the GSA website - [www.acgov.org](http://www.acgov.org) or under Current Contracting Opportunities

11/14/13 CNS-2555613# THE INDEPENDENT Legal No. 3558

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 484674**

The following person(s) doing business as: Dan's Machine Shop, 241 North M Street, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Danny S. Nudelman, 5635 Oakmont Circle, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/15/13. Signature of Registrants :s/ Dan Nudelman This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 4, 2013. Expires November 4, 2018.

The Independent Legal No. 3559. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2013.

**NOTICE OF INVITING BIDS** NOTICE is hereby given that sealed competitive bids will be accepted in the office of the GSA-Purchasing Department, County of Alameda, 1401 Lakeside Drive, Suite 907, Oakland, CA 94612 NETWORKING BIDDERS CONFERENCES FOR RFP #901149 Workers' Comp-

**pensation Medical Bill Review and Pharmaceutical Benefit Management South County - Tuesday,** November 26, 2013, 10:00 AM, Public Works Agency, Rms 230A/B, 951 Turner Court, Hayward, CA and **North County - Wednesday,** November 27, 2013, 2:00 PM, General Services Agency, Room 1107, 11th Floor, 1401 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, CA **Response Due by 2:00 pm on December 30, 2013 County Contact: Michael Lu (510) 208-9649 or via email: [michael.lu@acgov.org](mailto:michael.lu@acgov.org)** Attendance at Networking Conference is Non-mandatory. Specifications regarding the above may be obtained at the Alameda County GSA Current Contracting Opportunities Internet website at [www.acgov.org](http://www.acgov.org). 11/14/13 CNS-2556267# THE INDEPENDENT Legal No. 3560

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 484641-2**

The following person(s) doing business as: (1) Guaranteed Parent Training (2) Misophonia Treatment Institute, 5801 Arlene Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Thomas Hudson Dozier, II (2) Pamela Sue Dozier, 5801 Arlene Way, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by Married Couple. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on (1) 11/11/2003 (2) N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/ Thomas Hudson Dozier, II This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 1, 2013. Expires November 1, 2018.

The Independent Legal No. 3562. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2013.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 484676**

The following person(s) doing business as: Trigmark, 7531 Rolling Hills Circle, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Paul Abilana Alcantra, 7531 Rolling Hills Circle, Dublin, CA 94568 This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/ Paul A. Alcantra This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 4, 2013. Expires November 4, 2018.

The Independent Legal No. 3563. Published November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2013.

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# La Russa Stresses the Personal In Stories Of Baseball Success

By Jeff Garberson

One of professional baseball's most successful managers told a Livermore audience last week that the human element is by far the most important part of the game.

The statistical analyses featured in the popular movie, Moneyball, are fine as a tool to prepare for the game, according to the manager, Tony La Russa. On the field, once the game starts, the qualities that count are person-to-person ones like good communications, mutual respect and integrity.

La Russa is the retired manager of the Oakland A's, St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago White Sox, who in a 33-year career led his teams to six league championships, three World Series championships and received five Manager of the Year awards.

He spoke at Livermore's Bankhead Theater as part of the Rae Dorrough Speaker Series.

La Russa is also known as the co-founder, with his wife, of the Walnut Creek-based Animal Rescue Foundation. ARF aims to keep abandoned pets alive and make them available to those in need of companions; for example; military veterans with post traumatic stress disorder.

In his Bankhead talk, La Russa spoke passionately about the value that the animals can bring to broken lives. He was also passionate about the coaching mentors who helped shape his approach to baseball and, it was clear, to life.

He evoked names familiar to baseball aficionados, crediting men like Sparky Anderson, Dick Williams and even football's Bill Walsh as mentors.

Much of La Russa's approach to baseball is outlined in a book published last year, One Last Strike. The title refers to the dramatic double comeback by the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 6 of the 2011 World Series against the Texas Rangers. Twice, late in the game, the Cardinals were one pitch away from defeat and elimination. Both times they responded with game-saving hits before

going on to win in extra innings and take the World Series in Game 7.

The Series win was particularly dramatic because the Cardinals had been overwhelming underdogs even to make the playoffs. The next day, one sports analyst called Game 6 the greatest in the history of baseball.

La Russa had already decided to retire as a manager, so the World Series championship was a triumphant climax to a long career.

He took pains to stress the importance of playing the game with integrity so that even if you lose, you know you have done your best. He managed 5,000 games, he said. Before every one, he looked at himself in the mirror and vowed that he "didn't want to be embarrassed" by that face.

If the image is a cliché – La Russa acknowledged as much in evoking the look-in-the-mirror metaphor – he came across as intending its lesson quite seriously. He said the "golden rule" of managing in baseball is "personalizing," connecting one-on-one with each player and insisting on "mutual respect."

As might be expected from a man whose career was spent in professional sports, La Russa was full of anecdotes. They were typically humorous, while reinforcing his themes of competence, courtesy and respect.

To emphasize the importance of communications, he told about the 1989 move of the great base-stealer, Ricky Henderson, from New York to Oakland. La Russa explained to the famous newcomer the base running signs to be given from the bench, including one -- brushing the arm -- to "take off" previous signs, meaning remove them.

Henderson promptly got on base and appeared to disregard the arm-brushing sign, stealing twice when La Russa intended him to stay put. Irritated, La Russa demanded to know why he ignored the sign, and Henderson explained that he had clearly seen the "take off"

sign -- so he took off!

Another communication story involved the A's outstanding relief pitcher, Dennis Eckersley, when an opposing team was hitting him hard. La Russa walked to the mound to ask how he felt. Eckersley, who had a highly idiosyncratic vocabulary, said he was "salad." La Russa was puzzled but left him in the game.

Later, he learned that Eckersley was surprised to be left in the game, since by "salad" he had meant that he was just "tossing" the ball at the hitters. He didn't have his usual range of sharp pitches that day, so the batters were hitting the ball hard.

La Russa was critical of the news media. He felt that they "abused" Ricky Henderson as he arrived in Oakland. He denounced the selfishness engendered by "guaranteed contracts" and "personalities" promoted to bolster network television interviews.

That has led to a culture of selfishness, he said. Players want to "get theirs, get theirs."

He always fought that tendency, emphasizing the importance of team rather than individual success. He said that teams that win a championship often fall into the trap of starting the next season feeling that they are already winners.

You have to "go to zero," he said, meaning you have to earn success all over again by building up skills and teamwork from the first day.

On the subject of performance enhancing drugs, he was critical of Major League Baseball's approach of picking out "poster boys" to discipline harshly while ignoring abuses by lesser players.

He thinks baseball records set during the era when performance enhancing drugs were in common use should be recognized with an asterisk, meaning listed in a separate tabulation.

He defended the integrity of the teams that he managed. For example, he said that in his days with the Oakland A's, creatine was

in common use to improve athletic performance -- and it was legal. It had the reputation of being a "magic powder" but its use was discontinued when it was found to cause dehydration and an increase in muscle tears.

The real benefit came from daily weight training, a program initiated by David McKay, who LaRussa said had "zero tolerance" for any illegal substances.

He was critical of the Major League Baseball Players Association for "squashing every attempt to conduct testing (for illegal substances)... The press only talk about greedy owners, but I know we never cheated."

During the past several months, La Russa has helped develop an instant replay system that he believes will "revolutionize" the game, assuming it is implemented in the 2014 baseball season.

Some critics have expressed concern that it will "slow down an already slow game," but managers are already delaying games by storming out on the field and challenging umpire calls for three or four minutes at a time, he said.

In Scottsdale, Ariz., where the system is being tested, the average delay caused by a replay has been only 30 seconds. If disputes can be settled that quickly,

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# Amador Wind Ensemble Has Date in Chicago



## *Concert Planned to Help Pay for Trip to 67th Annual Midwest Clinic*

Jonathan Grantham, Director of Bands at Amador Valley High School, will conduct a Farewell Concert to be presented by the school's Wind Ensemble 1 prior to the ensemble traveling to Chicago in December, where they will perform at an internationally recognized band and orchestra conference.

The Farewell Concert is set for Monday, December 9, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Tickets are

\$12. They can be purchased on-line at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or at the Bankhead box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore. The public is invited to attend.

Arguably the highest honor a school music program can receive, Amador Valley's Wind Ensemble 1 was chosen to perform at the 67th Annual Midwest Clinic in Chicago in December. They are one of just four high school bands from across the

country and the first from California to perform at the conference in 11 years. The conference hosts nearly 17,000 attendees from around the world.

The ensemble was selected from among 100 applicants. Grantham said the process included submitting a professional video and recording. A panel of professionals selected the winners.

Grantham added, "Our performance will shine a national spotlight on

Amador's music program and all of the outstanding achievements at our school and in our district. This honor is not only a measure of this year's students, but is a result of the hard work and accomplishments of the alumni that built this excellent program. We are one of only two groups from California to perform at the Clinic over the last 40 years."

The Wind Ensemble will perform the same program at the Farewell

Concert that is planned for the Midwest Clinic. It will include folk melodies and an orchestral transcription. In addition, the group will perform the world premiere of a work that was commissioned and composed for it. Grantham said the work, "Before the Sun," was composed by the award-winning Julie Giroux.

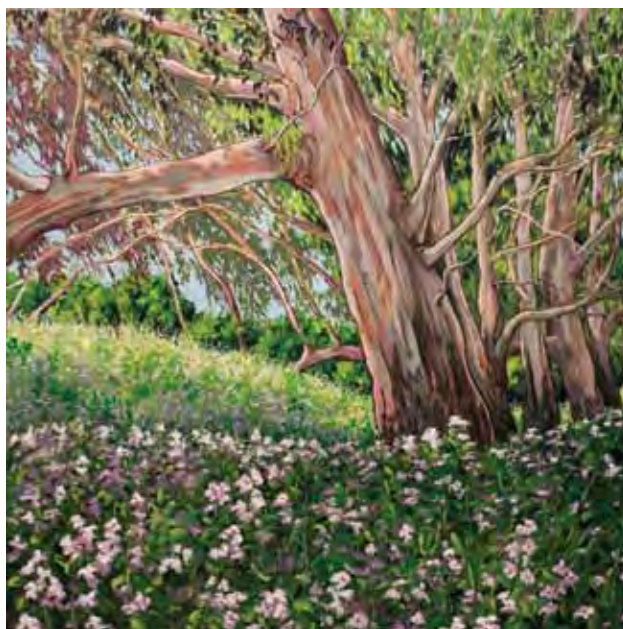
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Asked if the students were excited, Grantham laughed, and stated, "We handed out the matching jackets for the trip recently. I think that made the trip more real. As it draws nearer, the sense of excitement will become palatable."

He said Pleasanton schools have been fortunate in that budget cuts did not impact the music pro-

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**Pictured are Peggy and Alan Frank (lower photo) and some of the work that will be displayed at their show (top, from left) Sycamore Grove, Eucalyptus Grove - Pt. Reyes, and Corral Hollow.**

## Peggy and Alan Frank - Creating Art Together for Almost Fifty Years



A display at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore of Margaret (Peggy) Frank's acrylic and oil landscapes and her husband Alan's black and white photographs explore the places dear to them. Residing in the Livermore Valley and with family in Colorado and Scotland, Peggy and Alan often use these locations as subjects of their work. Studying trees and rocks, fields and mountains, the artists find infinite variety in the effect of seasons, weather and time of day on the land.

True collaborators for almost fifty years, Peggy and Alan critique each other's work and enjoy joint sketching/photography outings. Peggy often works from Alan's photographs in the studio. Lessons she learned over the years about design and composition were passed along to him. They say, that this partnership has made the creation of their art much more satisfying for both artists and has enriched their life together.

Growing up near New York City, Peggy spent her

childhood sketching her father's beautiful garden and the salt marshes of Long Island's south shore. Early childhood art lessons were influential and provided a model for her future work with children. She studied at the Art Student's League of New York and New York University where she met Alan. Peggy received her degree in painting and art education at the University of Denver. Her work has been in exhibitions in Colorado and Northern California and is represented in collections around

the country. Peggy has been teaching art to young people for over thirty years. After working with the Livermore Association for Guiding and Teaching Students (LAGATS), she founded the Young Artists' Studio, a program of individualized small group instruction in the visual arts. Held in the artist's studio, Peggy's classes focus on drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture and are open to students ages seven and older.

Alan Frank first learned photography from his dad

as a kid, developing photos in the kitchen sink. Since then he has been largely self taught except for a few lessons from Life magazine photographer Mary Morris and seminars with John Woods, Mark Citret and John Sexton. The construction of a dark room at home allowed his control of the entire photographic process. He prefers black and white because he says that it allows a greater range of expression both in the photographing and printing processes. Only in the last few years has he mastered

the digital photographic technologies to the level approaching the capabilities and quality of black and white film. His work has won many awards and been exhibited in galleries throughout California.

Alan is a retired physicist from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory where, among other things, he had developed equipment and techniques for ultra high speed micro-photography. He is a winner of the Harold Edgerton Award for developments in high speed photography and taught a course on Scientific Photography. He is a native of New York, and with Peggy and their daughter, has lived in Livermore for nearly 40 years. He is an active musician, a member of and currently president of the Livermore-Amador Symphony and a founder of Livermore Valley Opera. He is also a member of the Livermore Rotary Club.

The exhibit of over thirty works produced over the last few years will be on display from November 12 through January 6. The public is invited to a reception for the artists on Tuesday, November 19 from 6 to 7:30.

For information about Peggy and Alan's work and the Young Artists' Studio, email frank.a@comcast.net or telephone (925) 443-8755. The Bankhead Theater Exhibition Program benefits the Bothwell Arts Center.

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Tickets are available at \$50, \$45, \$35, \$25, and \$10 for students at the theater box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore, by calling 925-373-6800 or online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

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## Bothwell Arts Center Artists Holding Open Studios

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Explore this ever-changing array of small art on Thursday, November 14th and December 12th from 6-8pm. The studios will also participate in Livermore Downtown Inc.'s Earlier than the Bird shopping celebration with a festive Happy Small-Idays on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 23rd, from 7 to 11am. Stop by for some goodies to try and a special peppermint kick to your holiday cocoa.

The Bothwell Arts Center is located at 2466 8th St., Livermore.

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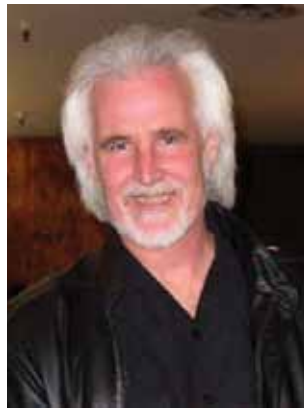
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Dean Rader (left) and Dane Cervine featured poets.

## Ravenswood Poetry Series Features Two Readers

Livermore's current Poet Laureate, Kevin Gunn, will host the continuing series, Ravenswood Poetry on Sunday November 17, 2013. The program is from 2-4 p.m. The featured poets start at two and then there is an open mic that follows about 3 p.m.

The featured poets for this event will be Dean Rader and Dane Cervine.

Dean Rader is a professor of English at the University of San Francisco, where he teaches courses in poetry, American Indian studies, and popular culture. His debut collection of poems, *Works & Days*, won the 2010 T. S. Eliot Poetry Prize. He has published poems in or has poems forthcoming in *Colorado Review*, *POOL*, *Quarterly West*, *Connecticut Review*, *Cincinnati Review*, *The MacGuffin*, *Poet Lore*, and many others. In 2008, his poem "Frog Loses Sleep Puzzling Over Parallel Universes" won the Crab Creek Review poetry prize, and in 2009, judge Kelly Cherry chose his poem "Hesiod in Oklahoma, 1934" for the prestigious Sow's Ear Review Poetry Prize. He is also the co-author (with Jonathan Silverman) of *The World Is A Text* (Prentice Hall, 2001, 2005, 2008, 2010) and *Speak To Me Words: Essays on Contemporary American Indian Poetry* (with Janice Gould) (University of Arizona Press, 2003). His most recent scholarly book *Engaged Resistance: Contemporary American Indian Art, Literature, and Film* is forthcoming from the University of Texas Press. He recently curated a special issue of *Sentence* devoted to American Indian prose poetry. He regularly reviews poetry for the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Dane Cervine's new book is entitled *How Therapists Dance*, from Plain View Press (2013), which also published his previous book *The Jeweled Net of Indra*. His poems have been chosen by Adrienne Rich for a National Writers Union Award; by Tony Hoagland as a finalist for the Wabash Poetry Prize; a Second Place prize for the Caesura Poetry contest; twice a finalist for, and the 2013 winner of the Atlanta Review's International Poetry Prize. Dane's work has appeared in a wide variety of journals including *The Hudson Review*, *The SUN Magazine*, *Catamaran Literary Review*, *Red Wheelbarrow*, numerous anthologies, newspapers, video & animation. Dane is a therapist, and serves as Chief of Children's Mental Health for Santa Cruz County in California.

Admission is \$5.00. Light refreshments are served.

Ravenswood is located at 2657 Arroyo Road In Livermore, California.

## Author to Talk about Food and Wine in 'Italianità in America'

Ken Albala, Professor of History at the University of the Pacific, will be speaking on the cultural history of Italian cuisine in the United States. His talk, "Italianità in America," will be presented at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 24, 2013 at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

There is no charge for this event.

Moving from wine to food, Albala will reflect on what was considered "authentic" Italian food in the United States since the publication of the first Italian cookbook 100 years ago. He will recount the many mistakes American cooks

were accused of making, such as boiling pasta for 45 minutes or using ketchup in place of tomato sauce. He makes the case that the history of Italian cuisine in the United States is a constant reassessment and repositioning of real Italian food as opposed to Italian-American food. It is a story of the re-discovery of the food eaten in Italy through cookbooks, as well as the valorization of Italian-American cuisine as something unique in its own right.

Ken Albala is the author or editor of 16 books on food.

Albala was also editor of the *Food Cultures Around the World* series with thirty



Ken Albala

(30) volumes in print and the 4-volume *Food Cultures of the World Encyclopedia*. He is co-editor of the journal *Food Culture and Society*

and has written a textbook entitled *Three World Cuisines: Italian, Mexican, Chinese*.

Forthcoming this year are a Food History Reader, *Nuts: A Global History*, a small book entitled *Grow Food, Cook Food, Share Food* and a translation of the 16th century cookbook *Livre fort excellent de cuisine*. You can read his food blogs at [kenalbala.blogspot.com](http://kenalbala.blogspot.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](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

## Feasting and Fund-raising a Winning Recipe for Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation

The 10th Annual "Toasts & Tastes of Fall" Culinary Competition and Fund-raiser hosted by Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation on October 19th marked a decade of "eating well on behalf of education."

With approximately 350 people scheduled to attend and over 50 volunteers from the community, it was standing room only at the chef stations as people enjoyed the food and spent quality time talking with school district representatives, many of whom were pouring wine.

"More than a fundraiser, 'Toasts & Tastes' offers a unique opportunity for residents to connect directly with important education stakeholder groups," said PPIE Executive Director Susan Hayes.

In addition to corporate sponsors and school principals, guests mingled with the PPIE Board of Directors, Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi and other school district administrators and

educators, the PUSD school board trustees, Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce President CEO Scott Raty and other regional executives along with Mayor Jerry Thorne and the Pleasanton City Council.

Also attending were parents of current students, parents of former students and residents without children in the school system. "PUSD is respected state-wide as a high quality school district," Hayes said. "For many residents, it is the primary reason behind their decision to purchase a home in Pleasanton, regardless of whether or not they have children who attend the schools."

Guests were entertained by the lively sounds of the David Ladd All Star Jazz Band. Samples of fine wines paired with culinary creations from the favorite and finest restaurants, caterers and bakeries highlighted the event. The judging panel arrowed the field to winners in the three categories. First place in the "Slow Food" category went to Almond

Estrada of Almond's Kitchen; first place in the "Sweet" category was Primrose Bakery; and in a first-time tie, Top Nod for "Savory" was shared by Pans on Fire and The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards.

The event would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors: The Clorox Company, Fremont Bank, KKIQ, Oracle, Robert Half International, Black Tie Transportation, Kaiser Permanente, Ogden Costa Creative Group, Stoneridge Creek, Life Technologies, Vulcan Materials, Balloons & Beyond, Pleasanton Police Officers Charitable Foundation, New Leaf Market, Pleasanton Rentals, and the Pleasanton Weekly.

The valuable assistance of these Event Partners should also be noted: Café Main, Hacienda Business Park, Insignia Designs, Pampered Palate Catering, PUSD Graphics Dept., Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, and Safeway.

PPIE also extends its gratitude to 'Hometown Emcee' Juliette Goodrich,

and Judging Panelists Nick Boer, Senior Food Editor for *Diablo Magazine*; International Food & Wine Writer Deborah Grossman; and AuburnJames Winemaker Jim Frost. Finally, the event would not have been successful without the efforts of the Event Committee led by Susan Hayes, including Sarah Baer, Shawn Batoy, Lori Carducci, Chuck Deckert, Lauren Fuller, Myla Grasso, Joan Laursen, Amanda Michel, Patty Powers, Jim Ryan, and over 50 key volunteers.

After indulging in PPIE's annual fundraising feast, it's time to start training for the 2nd Annual PPIE "Run for Education!" Mark April 13, 2014, on the calendar for this USTAF-certified series with three opportunities for family fun: a 5K race, a Half Marathon, and the popular "Kids Challenge."

To find out more, log onto [www.ppierun.com](http://www.ppierun.com) and be sure to "Like" our Pleasanton Run for Education Facebook page to receive up-to-date information in a Facebook newsfeed.



## Las Positas College Offers Free Piano Master Class to Students and the Community

The Music Department at the Las Positas College plans to offer a series of free Piano Master Classes featuring Bay Area's renowned professors. This program is under the direction of Cindy Rosefield, Coordinator of the Music and Performing Arts, and Michelle Lin, a LPC Music faculty member.

The first Piano Master Class will be taught by Professor Hans Boepple, the piano professor and former Chair of the Music Department at Santa Clara University. The class will be held on Sunday, November 17, from 10 to 12:30 pm at Main Stage Theater, in the Barbara F Mertes Center for the Arts at LPC. This event is free to the public and students performers and all are welcome to attend. It is made possible through a partial grant from the LPC Foundation.

Professor Boepple's students have won or finished high on nationally acclaimed piano competitions. Boepple will perform three pieces prior to the master class.

The master class will be made up of LPC students, as well as students from throughout Tri-Valley community. Students performing in the Master Class are Tony Marsili, Angela Mesgarzadeh, Fiona Thendean, Allison Wang, Emily Jones and Emma Liu. They will be performing a variety of styles from Bach to Ravel.

Boepple is an artist who shows rich musicality along side stunning technical command. His debut with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra at age 10 set in motion collaboration with orchestras and conductors of international reputation. Boepple is guest artist on solo and orchestral concert series across the United States.

A Steinway International Artist, Hans Boepple has received numerous performance honors, most notably First Prize in the International J. S. Bach Competition (for his "Goldberg Variations"). A prizewinner in the Kosciuszko Chopin (NYC), the MTNA national



Hans Boepple

competitions and a six-time winner of the Coleman Chamber Music Award, his live performances have been broadcast by National Public Radio and Voice of America. Holding both a Bachelor and Master of Music in Piano Performance and the Performer's Certificate from Indiana University, Boepple was a full-time member of the piano faculty at IU from 1974-78. He joined the faculty at Santa Clara University in 1978. He served as chair 1995-2007 and was reappointed in Spring 2013.

In addition to touring with a full solo recital program every season, Hans Boepple is a regular guest artist at the Portland International Piano Festival, the World Piano Pedagogy Conference, the IU Piano Academy and California Summer Music.

For more information about LPC Performing Arts Events, please go to [www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php)

## Rubino Winery to Raise Funds for Delaney Newton

Team Delaney is still going strong. Delaney is a 2 year old daughter of native Livermore residents Merlin and Janice Newton. On September 10, 2013 Delaney Newton was diagnosed with a brain tumor and endured a 12 hour brain surgery by a team of 12 doctors and nurses at Oakland's Kaiser Hospital. The doctors were able to remove the entire tumor mass in the lower back part of her brain. Delaney has started chemotherapy that is expected to last at least 1 year.

On Thursday, November 21, Rubino Estates Winery will be holding a raffle during their Sip & Shop event. Raffle tickets will be available starting Saturday, November 16. One-of-a-kind "fairy houses," created by 2 local artists, will be on sale with the proceeds supporting Delaney. This fundraiser is to help Delaney and her parents manage the unexpected expenses that they will incur while she is undergoing chemotherapy, physical therapy and rehabilitation as she goes between Kaiser Oakland Hospital and UCSF.

Donations can also be made by visiting <https://www.youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/team-delaney/92222>

Rubino Estates Winery is located next to the Palm Event Center, 1188 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton

## WIND ENSEMBLE

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gram. "We have received a consistent level of support for staffing that has made it possible to provide music programs for 5th through 12th grades. Parents and community members have made up the difference between what we need and what the district provides."

One such group is Amador Friends of Music (AFM), a non-profit parent-booster organization. The group is raising funds for the 57 student ensemble to travel to Chicago. While most of the trip costs will be paid by the families of the musicians, Sally Baker, the Vice-President of Fund-raising for AFM, said there are some costs for which AFM is raising

funds. "This is an honor for all of Pleasanton. We are asking the community, alumni, and all friends in music to make a donation in support of these Pleasanton music emissaries." Baker has set a goal to raise fifteen-thousand dollars for costs related to instructor expenses, printed programs, and some other travel expenses.

Grantham adds, "Working with my amazing students in our preparations for the Midwest Clinic has been a hugely rewarding process. The support from the parents and the community is helping to make this trip possible."

The students will be in Chicago December 17-21.

Baker continued, "Individuals are invited to make a donation of any size and are reminded to use corporate matching grant programs when available." Sponsorships are available for businesses and organizations. Baker can be contacted at 925-518-5916.

Grantham said funds can be submitted through various social media.

The 2013-2014 AVHS Wind Ensemble 1 musicians are: FLUTES: Gabby Widjaja; Jennifer Jo, piccolo; Jennifer Wang, Jane Wu, Rachel Hoobler, Naomi Chan; OBOES: Austin Harper, Victoria Naylor, English Horn; Daniel Chang; BASSOONS: Yitian Zou, Cynthia Chen; CLARI-

NETS: Jun Hong, Austin Kim, Jacqueline Young, Eb; Annie Cai, Andrew Yeung, Ryan Leung, Hannah Hwang, Andrew Kang; BASS CLARINETS: Tyler Nesci, Thi Nguyen, May Nakari, contra-bass; ALTO SAXOPHONES: Brandon Zhang, soprano; Rika Ko, Brannen Overly;

TENOR SAXOPHONES: Derek Velzy, Russell Han; BARTONE SAXOPHONE: Courtney Cavanaugh; FRENCH HORNS: Josh Lee, Brian Lim, Suemin Lee, Brendan Zwiefel, Sarah O'Brien; TRUMPETS: Thomas Amezcua, John Malchar, Tommy Tsai, Miles Burnham, Rebecca Jackson, Kevin Vigallon; TROMBONES: Marcel Osborne, David Kim,

Elan Brysk, Kevin Yang, bass; EUPHONIUMS: Julia Reddy, Clint Stewart; TUBAS: Timothy Chuang, Matt Aubel, Zane Manaa; STRING BASS: Brandon Park; PIANO: Nisha Kale; PERCUSSION: Preston Nowakowski, John Motta, George Fang, Dana Fasman, Austin Greth, Megan Cavanaugh, Rishabh Parikh.

Amador Friends of Music (AFM) is an all-volunteer non-profit organization supporting the Amador Valley High School (AVHS) music department consisting of the award winning Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, Winter Guard, Winter Percussion, Jazz Bands, Orchestra and Choirs.

## Art Group to Display Work at Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton

Works by members of the Pleasanton Art Group Art Critique & Coffee will be displayed in the Firehouse Arts Center lobby and hallway Nov. 14-Dec. 16.

Theme is "A Passion for Art." Artists include Gregg Skuce, Lorealee Chapleau, Claudette McDermott, Sally Haig, Antonia Wennink, Stan Vierk, John West, Simone Archer, Judi Caplan

Art Critique & Coffee is a support group for artists. The group gathers each Friday at local spots, to share their latest work, exchange ideas, techniques and opportunities. ACC is made up of professional, local and emerging artists from all walks of life.

A reception will be held at 3 p.m. on November 20. There is no admission charge. The public is invited to attend.

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



Oil on Canvas by Lorealee Chapleau



Acrylic by Stan Vierk



Watercolor by John West



Oil on Canvas - Angels Among Us / a series by Claudette McDermott

## New Exhibit at Museum on Main Focuses on Celebrations

Pleasanton's Museum on Main has opened its latest temporary exhibit: *Celebrations: The Days We Mark and the Ways We Mark Them*. On display through January 5, *Celebrations* takes visitors on a tour of the occasions we mark as special in our lives—civic and religious holidays, major public events, personal transitions—and the things we do to celebrate them. The exhibit features such treasures as classic wedding dresses, Holy Ghost Parade regalia, Chinese New Year

décor, two Rosh Hashanah shofars, a 1920s Santa suit and a 19<sup>th</sup>-century goose-feather Christmas tree.

As Curator Ken MacLennan notes, "Many people aren't aware that Pleasanton's residents have celebrated in such a diversity of ways, both today and in the past. For instance, we had a very active IDES chapter in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, and the Holy Ghost Parade was a big event for Pleasanton's Portuguese community as late as the 1930s." More recent immigrants from

around the world have also brought their own observances, such as the Hindu festival of Holi. The exhibit also includes personal rites of passage such as weddings and graduations.

Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 1-4 p.m. on Sundays. There is no admission fee, but donations are always appreciated. For further information contact 925.462-2766 or curator@museumonmain.org

## Dublin Looking for Residents to Serve On Art Selection Committee

The City of Dublin is currently seeking three Dublin residents to serve on an Art Selection Committee for the future Emerald Glen Recreation and Aquatics Complex Public Art Selection Process.

Depending on the num-

ber of proposals that will be reviewed by the Art Selection Committee, committee members must be able to attend one or two panel dates, to be scheduled in the evening hours or on one Saturday in late-January. All applications will be considered, with final appointment of the Art Selection Committee by the Mayor, with the concurrence of the Dublin City Council.

Applications for the Public Art Selection Committee can be downloaded from the City's website. Interested community members may

also receive an application by e-mailing glentheguide@dublin.ca.gov or calling the Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 556-4500.

The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, December 2, 2013, at 5:00 PM. No postmarks or facsimiles will be accepted.

Applications should be mailed, delivered, or e-mailed to: City of Dublin, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568; Attention: Heritage and Cultural Arts Manager; e-mail ann.mottola@dublin.ca.gov

## Sesame Workshop Toolkit Helps to Support Children of Inmates

The Alameda County Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (ACCIPP) will host a series of events in support of a new Sesame Workshop toolkit called "Little Children, Big Challenges: Incarceration." There will be a training and two special visits by Sesame Street's Elmo with a video presentation featuring a new Muppet character, "Alex" who has an incarcerated father.

The training program is designed to give educators, public health officials, social workers, and law enforcement officers the tools

and language that help build resiliency in children. Special visits by Elmo to San Quentin and Santa Rita are family events designed to give caregivers and incarcerated parents the necessary tools and language to help build resiliency in children.

The special visit to Santa Rita Jail took place on November 13.

According to Bureau of Justice Statistics, the number of children with an incarcerated parent has increased nearly 80% in the past 20 years. There are 2.7 million children nationally with a parent in state or federal

custody with few resources to support young children during this disruptive time. In response, Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit education organization behind Sesame Street, unveiled its newest, bilingual (English/Spanish) initiative "Little Children, Big Challenges: Incarceration," for families with young children (aged 3-8).

The toolkit was designed to address the needs of young children and support, comfort, and reduce anxiety, sadness, and confusion that they may experience during

the incarceration of a parent.

Centerforce Executive Director, Carol Burton served as an advisor on the "Little Children, Big Challenges: Incarceration" project and implemented the country's first comprehensive program and longitudinal study on children of incarcerated parents. She has also received the White House Champion of Change Award for her work on behalf of children of incarcerated parents.

Registration for the free training is required through alamedacountycipp@gmail.com.



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## Annual Christmas Tree Lane Fundraiser Has Theme of 'A Midwinter Night's Dream'

For three magical days - November 21, 22, 23 - the Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Avenue in Pleasanton, is transformed into a Christmas wonderland where decorated Christmas trees, silent auction gift baskets, gourmet fare, a Holiday Boutique and a visit with Santa ignite the Christmas spirit.

ValleyCare's signature fundraiser Christmas Tree Lane 2013 - *A Midwinter Night's Dream* - offers events for the entire family.

Thursday evening, November 21, 5-8pm, bring the entire family to the Wonderland Family Stroll. Enjoy a holiday treat, while kids shop for their parents in "Santa's Secret Shop." Photos with Santa will be available. Adult tickets are \$15 each, children are \$10.

The Tinsel Teas are Friday, November 22, at 10am and 2pm. A "high" tea is served. There is an opportunity to purchase chance-drawing tickets for the trees and china table setting, and get a jump start on shopping at the Holiday Gift Boutique. Tea tickets are \$45 per person.

Friday evening, November 22, at 6:30pm is the Silent Night Soiree, featuring a silent auction of exquisite gift baskets, sit-down dinner, no-host cocktails, entertainment by Special Blend and dancing to a DJ for \$90 per person.

The three-day fundraiser is capped off with the Silver Bells Luncheon on Saturday, November 23 with tickets at \$100 each. Doors open at 10:30am. Visit the "Merry Gentlemen" to purchase chance drawing tickets for the trees; enjoy gourmet fare and entertainment with



**Christmas Tree Lane Photo: ValleyCare's Senior Administration donated and decorated this tree for 2012**

friends, and place bids on silent auction gift baskets, wreaths and garlands. The highlight of this event is the chance drawing for the lavishly decorated Christmas trees and the exquisite china table setting.

A Holiday Gift Boutique with holiday and home décor items will be open at all events. Chance drawing tickets for the trees and the Christmas china table setting will also be sold at all events.

All proceeds benefit ValleyCare's Breast Cancer Program and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. To purchase tickets, donate auction items or become a sponsor, please call the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation at 925-373-4560, or visit [www.valleycare.com/charitable-foundation](http://www.valleycare.com/charitable-foundation).

## Children's Choir Entertains at Community Events; Openings for New Members

The ABC Children's Choir was busy in 2013. In January, the choir was honored at the Livermore Downtown Inc. Awards at the Vine Theatre as they performed "Christmastime in Livermore." The song, written by choir director Kim Luty, was named the "Official Christmas Song of Livermore" by the association.

The choir continued sharing with the community, performing a wide range of music for various events in Livermore. In March, the choir prepared a one-act performance highlighting the music and story of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music." They took their act, complete with costumes, to both the residents of Heritage Estates and the Veteran's Hospital in Livermore.

In June, the choir performed medleys of popular tunes (from Disney to Lady Gaga) at the Livermore Relay for Life and



**Children's choir entertains during the holidays.**

the Livermore Downtown Inc. Wine Festival. In July, at the Livermore Fireworks Celebration at Las Positas College, they sang a patriotic medley and lead the crowd of thousands in the National Anthem.

The choir meets Wednes-

day evenings at ABC Music Store, 2156 First St in Downtown Livermore. There is still room in the choir for the Holiday session.

Now in its 3rd year, the choir is preparing for its annual caroling performance

down First Street and concert at Panama Red Coffee on December 19th.

For more details visit [www.abcmusiclivermore.com](http://www.abcmusiclivermore.com) or call the store at 925-443-1244 or email the director at [kimmyluty@gmail.com](mailto:kimmyluty@gmail.com).

## Annual Holiday Wish Drive Now Underway

Family Giving Tree's 24th annual Holiday Wish Drive to support low-income, Bay Area children is under way. This year's goal is 67,000 children served, an increase of 3,000 over last year. The nonprofit urges businesses of all sizes and community groups to help them reach that goal by providing the 1,050 locations needed for the distribution of wish cards and collection of donated gifts.

This is how it works. Children who have been registered with recipient social services agencies are asked to name their specific gift wishes. The children's wishes are printed on cards and distributed to Holiday Wish Drive leaders for employees and customers to fulfill and return. The gifts are then collected, sorted and wrapped by more than 7,000 volunteers at Family Giving Tree's warehouse. The gifts are picked up by the participating agencies and presented to the individual children or to their parents to wrap and give to their families. To register, potential hosts should visit [www.familygivingtree.org](http://www.familygivingtree.org) or contact Dawn at 408-946-3111, extension 226.



Detailed information is available at [www.familygivingtree.org](http://www.familygivingtree.org).

# 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.

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

**Pleasanton Art League (PAL)** at the Community Center, Nov. 1-31, open for viewing during regular business hours, Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. [www.pal-art.com](http://www.pal-art.com).

**Remnants: Recent Works by California Fiber Artists**. New exhibition of eclectic and colorful two- and three-dimensional artwork created with a fusion of fiber and other materials using a wide variety of methods. 29 artists and over 60 works. November 6 through December 18 at the Harrington Gallery in the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Special Gallery Event: November 19 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. artist and gallery docent Claudia Hess will speak about textile arts, history, materials, and specific works on display. Suggested donation for the session is \$7. Regular gallery 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.

**Landscapes, Peggy & Alan Frank**, paintings and photographs, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Nov. 13-Jan. 6. Artists reception 6 p.m. Tues., Nov. 19. [www.bankhead-theater.org](http://www.bankhead-theater.org).

**The Livermore Art Association Gallery** is inviting artists and crafters to join the Gallery Membership in a Holiday Boutique that runs Dec. 6th through Dec. 24th. The event will be held at the Carnegie Building Gallery at 2155 3rd Street, Livermore. Pick up applications at the Gallery or Way Up Art & Frame 1912 Second St., Livermore. For more information email [maryannkot@gmail.com](mailto:maryannkot@gmail.com)

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

784-4679 or [cherw@cherw.com](mailto:cherw@cherw.com).

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

**Livermore Art Association and Pleasanton Art League**, general meeting 7:30 p.m. Mon., Nov. 18, Almond Avenue School, Livermore. Guest artist will be sculptor Eric Haggin. All are welcome. [www.pal-art.com](http://www.pal-art.com) or [www.livermoreartassociation.org](http://www.livermoreartassociation.org).

**Drawing and Painting Classes at the Figurehead Gallery** — Ozell Hudson, Portrait Painting, Tuesdays 9-11:30 a.m.; Pastel Portrait Drawing, Tuesdays 6-8 p.m. Drawing I, Wednesdays 9-11 a.m.; Drawing II, Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. To register online go to [figureheadgallery.com](http://figureheadgallery.com)/classes or call the Figurehead Gallery at 925-353-0419.

**Sip and Sculpt Workshop series**, \$50 for 3 sessions featuring hands-on sculpting lessons at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays Nov. 9, 16 & 23, 2013. Clay, tools, and pastries included. Bring your coffee or tea. If you have tools bring them also — don't worry if you don't. Space is limited to 12 students. Registration, email info@BeverlyTurnerSculptures.com or call (562) 822-5247.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MTAC Piano Master Class with Hans Boepple**. Las Positas College, Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free admission. Main Stage Theater, Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore.

## WINERY EVENTS

**2014 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition:** San Francisco Chronicle is currently accepting wine entries for the 2014 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, the largest wine competition of American wines in the world. The deadline for entries is November 25, 2013. Information and entry forms are available at [www.winejudging.com](http://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. Check for the winery listings at [www.lvwine.org](http://www.lvwine.org).

**The Winemaker's Pour House**, Live music: Nov. 14, 6-9, Jimmy Ashley; Nov. 15, 7-10, Better Days; Nov. 16, 6:39-9:30, Chris Label; Nov. 19, 6-9, Glenn Osur at the piano; Nov. 21, 6:30-9:30, BoSco Duo; Nov. 23, 7-19, Tumbledown House; Nov. 26, 6-9, Glenn Osur at the piano; Nov. 30, 6:30-9:30, Joey T. 2241 First St., Livermore. [www.winemakerspourhouse.com](http://www.winemakerspourhouse.com) or 215-2656.

**Winemaker Dinner with Philip Wentz**, Murrieta's Well, 3005 Mines Rd., Livermore, in the historic barrel room, 6:30 p.m. Sat., Nov. 16. gourmet four-course dinner paired with handcrafted estate blends from Murrieta's Well. \$95 Silver Spur Members, \$110 Non Members. Reservations: 925-456-2395.

**McGrail Vineyards and Winery, James Vincent Release Party:** Saturday, November 16, 12-4:30PM. Live music by our Winemaker's Band, The Bacchus Brothers; taste new Releases including the James Vincent Cabernet Sauvignon, lunch as gourmet wood-fired pizzas are available for purchase from Soleil Pizza. Event is \$10/ person Complimentary for Club Members. [www.mcgrailvineyards.com](http://www.mcgrailvineyards.com). 5600 Greenville Rd., Livermore, (925) 215-0717.

**An Educational Evening of Oaks**, Nov. 22, 6:30 p.m. wine-maker, Mark Clarin will offer information on differences between each type of oak used in making Cabernet. Taste our Patriot, Good Life, and James Vincent Cabernet side-by-side to learn the impact the oak has on each wine. Advanced Reservations Required. Buy your tickets online at: [www.mcgrailvineyards.com](http://www.mcgrailvineyards.com). \$25 per wine club member; \$35/guest

**Thomas Coyne Winery Fall Open House**, new location, 2405 Research Dr., Livermore. Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1 noon to 5 p.m. New wine releases: 2011 California Merlot, 2010 Vint Tinto Reserva, 2010 Livermore Valley Zinfandel, 2012 Livermore Valley Pinot Blanc, 2009 Contra Costa Mourvèdre. (925) 373-6541, <http://thomas-coynewinery.com>

**Holidays in the Vineyards**, Dec. 7 and 8, noon to 4:30 p.m. a Livermore Valley Wine Country tradition: Wineries showcase their decorated tasting rooms offering special wines, arts and crafts, holiday music, activities and more. Guests are encouraged to bring new, unwrapped toys to their favorite wineries for donation to the local Toys for Tots program. Admission is free, but tasting fees may apply and vary by winery. More information can be found at [LVwine.org](http://LVwine.org)

## 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.

**Steve Fread** performances: 11/14 Thurs 11:30-1pm Livermore Rec East Ave Holiday Lunch (Also My Lanettes Birthday); and 11/15 Fri 6-9pm, Ruby Hill Country Club.

**Vienna Teng, Chamber Folk**, Thurs., Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**110 in the Shade**, Nov. 15-16, 8 p.m. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. \$10 preview; \$29 Thurs. eve, Fri. eve, Sat. matinee, Sat. eve., Sun. matinee. Box office (510) 881-6777. Information at [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org)

**Rockapella**, Fri., Nov. 15, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**John Sebastian**, Hall of Fame rock and roller, Sat., Nov. 16, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**The Jive Aces with the Satin Dollz**, Sat., Nov. 23, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Pacific Chamber Symphony**, Crazy About Bach: The Brandenburg Concertos. 2 p.m. Sun., Nov. 24. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Lady K and the Kings of Swing**, Winter Wonderland big band holiday show, Nov. 30, Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. [www.sanramonperformingarts.com](http://www.sanramonperformingarts.com) or 973-3343.

**Teen/Youth Music Festival**, holiday variety show. Nov. 30, 2 and 7 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Pleasanton Community Concert Band**, an international holiday concert, Dec. 1, 2 p.m. Free. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**The Amethyst Trio**, Dec. 1, 2 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Eclectic program comprised of the fiery Beethoven Piano Trio in C Minor, an elegant trio by French baroque composer Loeillet, two Argentinian

tangos, The Fantasia on Greensleeves by Vaughan-Williams, and a selection or two on Celtic harp. Admission is free. Along with cellist Samsun Van Loon, the trio is rounded out for this concert by violinist Cathie Lowmiller, concertmaster of the San Jose Lyric Theater. 925-373-5500.

**Mariah McManus**, pop singer-songwriter. Wed., Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Music Department Recital**, Las Positas College Dec. 4, 12:30 p.m. Free admission. Main Stage Theater, Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore.

**Happy Holidays Musical Review**, Dec. 6-22, San Ramon Community Theater production. Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. [www.sanramonperformingarts.com](http://www.sanramonperformingarts.com) or 973-3343.

**Livermore-Amador Symphony**, Gems from the Past and Present with work by Gershwin, Barnes, Lees and Beethoven. Joyce Johnson Hamilton, trumpet, soloist. Dec. 7, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org). 373-6800.

**Traditional Folksongs of the Winter Holidays**, Dec. 8, 2 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Folksinger, storyteller, and autoharp virtuoso Adam Miller will perform well-known (and not so well-known) sing-along songs of the holiday season featuring traditional folksongs, carols for the New Year, Hanukkah, Christmas, and the Winter Solstice--from pre-Christian Europe to the 21st Century. 925-373-5500.

**A Doist Workshop Holiday Celebration**, Sun., Dec. 8, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Vita Voci**, a Tri-Valley a capella ensemble, will perform on Sunday, December 8, 2 PM at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. Works of the Renaissance and more modern eras will be presented. The Congregation Beth Emek Choir will join Vita Voci in Salamone Rossi's Elohim Hashivenu. Small donation asked. For more information contact: David Yaffe, 925-455-8139.

**Asbury Christmas Concert** — Asbury United Methodist Church will hold its 17th Annual Christmas Concert at 7 PM on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013 in its Sanctuary at 4743 East Ave., Livermore. All of Asbury's vocal choirs, the Asbury Band, several instrumentalists and the Asbury Ringers 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

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Fellowship Hall. For more information call Jean Braun at 449-4168, the church office at 447-1950 or e-mail: TerriG@asburylive.org

**Amador Valley High School Wind****Ensemble 1**, 7 p.m. Mon., Dec. 9.

The ensemble chosen to perform at the 67th Annual Midwest Clinic in Chicago on December 19, 2013. This is arguably the highest honor a school music program can receive. These advanced instrumentalists are one of just four high school bands chosen from across the country to perform at this prestigious event. The award winning ensemble will perform their program for this home audience. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Andrea Marcovacci, Home for the**

**Holidays**, a WWII Christmas. Tues., Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Instrumental Concert**, Las Positas

College orchestra and wind ensemble, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. Main Stage Theater, Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Tickets www.brownpapertickets.com or 1-800-838-3006.

**December People**, holiday/pop/rock,

Dec. 13 and 14, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

**Jazz Night Concert**, Las Positas College

instrumental jazz, Dec. 14, 8 p.m. Main Stage Theater, Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Tickets www.brownpapertickets.com or 1-800-838-3006.

**The Beatles and Their Songs: A**

**Musical Revolution**, Dec. 15, 2 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Dulais Rhys delves into the quality, variety, and the longevity of the Beatles' music. His presentation on The Beatles outlines the history of the group's formation and focuses on their songs, influences, form, stylistic development and legacy. The talk includes musical examples and audience interaction—singing along is encouraged. 925-373-5500.

**San Ramon Symphonic Band**, Dec.

20, 7 p.m. Horns for the Holidays. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. www.sanramonperformingarts.com or 973-3343.

**Country tribute: A Cash Country**

**Christmas** featuring James Garner, Dec. 21, 2 and 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

**New Year's Eve Party**. Tues., Dec. 31,

8 p.m. Master slide guitarist Roy Rogers and the Delta Rhythm Kings deliver a night of contemporary blues, Americana and roots music, followed

by a festive reception in the theater lobby. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**ON THE STAGE**

**Little Shop of Horrors**: Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre production. Directed by stage and TV veteran Ken Baggot, choreographed by Shellie Award winner Suzanne Brandt. The campy "comedy-horror-rock musical" is the affectionate spoof of 1950s sci-fi movies, and tells the tale of nerdy florist shop worker Seymour and Audrey II, a plant with which grows into an ill-tempered, foul-mouthed R&B singing carnivore with a secret. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., and Sundays at 2:00 p.m., November 8 through 24 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Reserved seat tickets are \$17-\$38, and youth, senior, and group discounts are available. Purchase online at www.firehousearts.org. 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

**Fahrenheit 451**, based on Ray Bradbury's book. Las Positas College Theatre Arts Department. Nov. 15, 16, 22, 23 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 17 and 24 at 2 p.m. at the Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. brownpapertickets.com or 1-800-838-3006.

**Hot Peas 'N Butter**, family fun. Sun., Nov. 17, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Julian Sands**, A Celebration of Harold Pinter. Fri., Nov. 22, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Creators of Impulse Presents**, teen improv troupe, Holiday Shorts, Dec. 5 and 6, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

**Civic Arts Stage Company Presents** Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka Jr. Dec. 13-22, Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton, 7:30 p.m. Fri. and Sat., 2 p.m. Sat. and Sun. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

**A Year with Frog and Toad**, Bay Area Children's Theatre, Dec. 21 and 22 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. www.sanramonperformingarts.com or 973-3343.

**COMEDY**

**Big Fat Year End Comedy XXI**, 8 p.m. Fri., Dec. 27, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**MOVIES**

**Classic Films at the Pleasanton Library**, 7 p.m. first Thursday of each

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

**DANCE**

**Balé Folclórico da Bahia**. Thurs., Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Smuin XMAS Ballet**. Fri., Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 30 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

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

**Ballet Folklorico Costa de Oro, Yuletide Spectacular**. Tues., Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**A Modern American Nutcracker**, Jim Hurley adaptation. Las Positas College dance and orchestra, Dec. 7, 8 p.m. Main Stage Theater, Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Tickets www.brownpapertickets.com or 1-800-838-3006.

**The Nutcracker**, Valley Dance Theater production, full-length ballet, accompanied by the Livermore-Amador Symphony. Dec. 14, 15, 20, 21, 22. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**CHORAL**

**Valley Concert Chorale - Sing it Yourself Messiah**, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. www.valleyconcertchorale.org

**Vocal Jazz Concert**, Las Positas College jazz ensemble, Dec. 8, 3 p.m. Main Stage Theater, Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Tickets www.brownpapertickets.com or 1-800-838-3006.

**Valley Concert Chorale: Winter Wonderland**, two performances. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14 Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton and 3 p.m. Dec. 15, First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore. www.valleyconcertchorale.org

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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

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

**Magical Holiday Evening**, annual "open house" and evening of shopping and dining. Downtown Pleasanton, Nov. 23, 4 to 7 p.m.

**1st Annual Holiday Spirit Stroll**, downtown Pleasanton along Main Street, Nov. 23, 4 to 7 p.m. Sample a variety of local beer, wine and cocktails at 15 downtown locations. Listen to carolers and pose with Santa. \$30 pre-sale, \$35 night of the event, if available. Tickets can be purchased at Studio Seven Arts, Clover Creek and Berry Patch. All guests must be 21 or older. Redeem tickets by 6 p.m. at Museum on Main, 603 Main St. Tickets and information at www.pleasantondowntown.net

**Great Train Expo**, Nov. 23 and 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Features operating model railroads, train dealers, collectors, hands-on exhibits, demonstrations, workshops, and much more. www.GreatTrainExpo.com

**Deacon Dave's 31st Annual Christmas Display** will open Saturday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to gather in the closed street in front of the darkened property to await the arrival of the colorful Advent/Christmas Procession. The Procession moves down Hillcrest Ave. from Fordham at Hillcrest. During the opening ceremonies Deacon Dave will announce this year's theme and bless the lights and the gathered folks.

**Dickens' Christmas Faire**, November 30 from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, December 1 from 12 noon to 5 pm. Admission is \$10 per person for both days, with children 5 and younger free. Proceeds benefit a variety of programs serving the community. Stroll the streets of Olde London where crafters ply their wares. Live performers will enact scenes from Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol throughout the weekend, with dancing and musical entertainment between acts. Costumes are encouraged. High Tea will be offered both days, \$15 per

person. A hearty ploughman's lunch, soup, pasties, or scones may be purchased from the lunchroom; adult beverages will be available at Miss Mattie's Pub. Father Christmas will be on hand. For more information or to pre-purchase tickets and reserve your seat at tea, please visit www.saintbartsLivermore.com. Vendor space may still be available; please call Mary Myers at (925) 447-3289 for information on how to reserve a booth.

**Dublin 30th Annual Tree Lighting**

**Ceremony**, Dec. 5, 7 p.m. Dublin Civic Center. After the official lighting of the tree, attendees will enjoy musical entertainment while keeping a look-out for an appearance by a very special visitor from the North Pole. Delicious cookies and hot chocolate will be served afterward. For more information please call (925) 556-4500. www.ci.dublin.ca.us

**Home for the Holidays**, December 7, noon to 4 p.m. in Downtown Livermore. Kick off the holiday shopping season downtown and enjoy horse drawn carriage rides, holiday performances and snow in Lizzie Fountain. Downtown Livermore Merchants will be celebrating the Season with an Open House!

**Annual Holiday Sights and Sounds**

**Parade and Tree Lighting**, 6 p.m. Sat., Dec. 7. Downtown Livermore. Marching bands, music, light displays, and Santa Claus. Tree lighting to follow parade.

**Hometown Holiday Parade and**

**Tree-Lighting Celebration**; Dec. 7, Pleasanton, Parade down Main Street begins at 5 p.m. followed by tree lighting at the Museum on Main. City of Pleasanton, (925) 931-5352, hometownholiday@cityofpleasantonca.gov

**Holiday Tea**, Sat. and Sun., Dec. 7 and 8, Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, \$25 per person. Country tea lunch inside the Sunday School Barn. 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. Seating is limited, so make reservations early. Please call (925) 556-4500 for more information.

**Yuletide, A Victorian Christmas**

**at Ravenswood**. Dec. 8. Noon to 4:00pm. Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Entertainment, holiday fun. Tours and Gift Shop. Operated by Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. www.larpd.dst.ca.us

**Celtic Christmas Concert & Gathering**

Sun., Dec. 8, 6 to 9 p.m. Gathering and potluck 6 p.m., concert 7 p.m. live music by Pog Mo Thoin and special guest, Steve Kritzer. Bring a potluck dish to share, and get in the Christmas Spirit! Cider and tea. \$15 at the door, children 12 and under free, benefitting the Bothwell Arts Center. Produced by Gabe Duffin. Tickets at www.mylvpac.com

**Mele Kalikimaka**, an island style holiday celebration, Dec. 8, 2 and 6 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. www.sanramonperformingarts.com or 973-3343.

**Journey to Living Bethlehem**, Thurs.-Mon., Dec. 12-16. Adjacent to St. Michaels School, corner of Third and Church St., Livermore. 6:00 to 9:00pm. Repeats every 30 minutes. Free admission. More https://www.facebook.com/LivingBethlehem\_journeytolivebethlehem@gmail.com or 510-377-9711

**Stories and speeches**, Las Positas College speech department, Dec. 13, 7 p.m. Free admission. Main Stage Theater, Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore.

**Breakfast with Santa**, Dec. 14, Shannon Community Center. Three seating times are available at 8:30am, 9:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Guests will enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes with syrup, sausage, fruit and juice or coffee. Proceeds from this event directly benefit the Dublin High School Irish Guard Band. Photos with Santa will also be available. For more information and to purchase tickets, call (925) 556-4500. www.ci.dublin.ca.us

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## Horse and Rider Visit Senior Care and Living Facilities

Barbara Boehme has teamed up with Bubba to provide equine visits to senior care and living facilities, schools, hospitals, and special needs children and adults.

Boehme explains, "I purchased my mare, Bubba, 12 years ago. She was 12 and I was 45. Perhaps it was a midlife crisis purchase. All I know is I didn't want to go to my grave without owning my own horse."

Bubba is a trained barrel horse. Boehme's idea was to ride along trails. "However, as time passed, I realized all the fantastic things one could do with a horse."

After reaching that perspective, the duo competed in dressage for a few years, earned several buckles on competitive trail rides, learned to jump, ride cross country, sort cattle and patrolling the East Bay Regional Parks. "I found horse camping to be one of the most therapeutic horse activities of all."

Having tried many skills, Boehme said she continued to look for new activities that she could undertake with her horse. A few years ago, she began volunteering for a local equine therapy



Barbara and Bubba

foundation using miniature horses to visit sick and terminal children. On rare occasions, we took the minis to senior centers for visits with the residents. "While the visits to the children's hospitals were extremely rewarding I found the visits with the seniors especially unique. I also realized, having spent a great deal of time with my husband's mother in her senior living facilities, the importance of visitations and organized activities," continued Boehme.

She came to the realization that there were plenty of volunteer groups and organizations geared towards children, few were dedicated

to seniors. "Knowing how terrific my mare is with children why not use her for visits to senior care and living facilities. Thus "Bubba & Co." came to be."

The first official visit as "Bubba & Co." was to Washington Care and Rehab in August. Recently, the pair visited with the second grade at a school in Oakland.

She concluded, "With Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching unique visits such as ours can bring added cheer to everyone's holidays."

More information, can be obtained by emailing [bjboehme@comcast.net](mailto:bjboehme@comcast.net) or calling, 925-876-8245.

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**Holiday Boutique**, Thurs., Nov 14 & Fri., Nov. 15, 4 to 8 p.m. at Granada HS Student Union, 400 Wall Street, Livermore. All proceeds benefits GHS Safe and Sober Grad Night 2014. Local vendors will be there selling gift items including handmade items, candles, jewelry, purses, baked goods and beauty aids. There will be a raffle each day and food trucks on Friday. See you there! Please contact [ghsgradnight2014@yahoo.com](mailto:ghsgradnight2014@yahoo.com) regarding this event.

**Holiday Craft Boutique**, Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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](mailto:seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov).

**Emblem Club Holiday Boutique**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat., Nov. 16, Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. Thirty-five vendors hand-crafted gift items including jewelry, felt handbags, knitted items, floral arrangements, fabric plates, jams and jellies, scented soaps. Baked goods available. Lunch counter open. 455-8829.

**Benefit Tea Dance**, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6298. 1 to 3:15 p.m. Wed., Nov. 20, Veterans Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. Music of the 1930s, 40s and 50s played by the Mellotones Combo. Fee is \$7, includes food and drinks. Proceeds used to help needy veterans and their families. Information at [joephylb@att.net](mailto:joephylb@att.net) or 443-2224.

**Holiday Boutique**, Fri., Nov. 22, 3 to 7 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Avenue, Livermore. Handmade gift items including aprons, baby items (towels, blankets, bibs), American Girl doll clothes, door stops, pillowcases, scarves, baked goods and vintage jewelry.

**Holiday Craft Boutique**, Livermore Eagles Auxiliary will be hosting its Annual Holiday Craft Boutique on Sat., Nov. 23rd from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The event will showcase handmade crafts from local vendors. Raffles and a Bake Sale will be part of the event as additional fund-raisers benefiting local charities. The Eagles Hall is located at 527 N. Livermore Avenue in Livermore. Please email Linda at [ylorse@comcast.net](mailto:ylorse@comcast.net) with any questions regarding this event.

**St. Michael Christmas Boutique**, November 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parish hall, 458 Maple St., Livermore. A full house of vendors, food, drawings, prizes, crafts for the kids.

**Crafters Wanted for Christmas Holiday Boutique**. Boutique will be Sat., Dec. 7th in Pleasanton from 9am-1pm. For more information or to register contact Valerie Fleming at [\[vestValley.org\]\(mailto:vestValley.org\) or 925/484-2482 ext. 121. Fund-raiser for mom2mom at Harvest Valley Church.](mailto:Valerie@Har-</a></p>
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**Holiday Boutique**, Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association annual event will be held on Dec. 14th at the Veterans Building located at the corner of South "L" and 5th Streets, Livermore. The time of the boutique is from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The snack bar will be run by members of the Los Positas College Veterans First Program. All proceeds from this boutique goes to help the Veterans.

### REGULAR CALENDAR:

**Philippine Relief effort**. The devastation caused by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines is unimaginable to most of us. Kids Against Hunger Bay Area is holding packing events on Saturday Nov. 16th. Starting at 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm or 3 pm. Come and pack or help by donating and paying for those who will pack for you. To donate or come work event please sign up at [WWW.KAHBayArea.Org](http://WWW.KAHBayArea.Org) or call Sherri at 925-400-7201.

**ABC Music Choir** is beginning rehearsals for its holiday session. New members are welcome. This choir is open to students ages 8-12. It meets Wednesday evenings at ABC Music (2156 First St, Downtown Livermore). No experience is necessary and there are no auditions. For more info, call ABC Music at 925-443-1244 or email the choir director: [KimmyLuty@gmail.com](mailto:KimmyLuty@gmail.com).

**Tri-Valley CARES' 30th Anniversary Party**: At this free event, the organization will celebrate 30 years of accomplishment and will debut a short documentary film about Tri-Valley Valley CARES. There will be food and drinks, music, and great company. Everyone is invited. Tri-Valley CARES works to strengthen global security by stopping the development of new nuclear weapons in the US and promoting the elimination of nuclear weapons globally.

**Dress a Girl Around the World**, meetings once a month, next Sew-Fest is Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. St. Augustine Hall, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Help is needed sewing, ironing, cutting. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) There is a lot of fabric and pillowcases, so there are many kits ready to sew. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, please arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or [suzbeck@yahoo.com](mailto:suzbeck@yahoo.com)

**Campaign Finances**, League of Women Voters will host a forum on the murky realm of money in politics on Wed., Nov. 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Livermore Library. The program will include a video by Prof. Lawrence Lessig, a leader in the national campaign to empower people over money. Speakers are Stacy Owens and Jay Costa program director from Ma-plight.org, a non-profit campaign finance watchdog. \$\$\$out, People In coalition representatives and other East Bay LWV Leagues. Refreshments. The library is located at 1188 So. Livermore Ave.

**Pleasantonians 4 Peace**, Since involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan began 12 years ago, almost 7,000 American men and women have been

killed, as well as hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians, including children. Many of us feel that it is time to bring our troops home. Additionally, we oppose involvement in Syria except to provide humanitarian aid. Those who want peace, not war, are invited to join vigils the second Wednesday of each month in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton, at 7 PM. Please call (925) 462-7495 with questions.

**Tri-Valley Democratic Club** meeting with California Senate Super Majority Leader Ellen Corbett candidate for US Congress CD 15, 7 p.m. Mon., Nov. 18. She will tell the club why she should be endorsed in the Democratic Party Pre-Primary endorsement process. Public and press invited. Refreshments. IBEW 595 Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club**, Sat., Nov. 16, 60 miles out to Point Reyes Lighthouse, meet 10 a.m. in Nicasio, Alberto Lanzas, 510-825-9581 (advanced ride). Sat., Nov. 16, 29-44 miles from Garre Winery, two routes available, meet 9:30 a.m., Rebecca Wood, 577-3842. Sun., Nov. 17, 31 miles Shannon Park to Kilkare Road in Sunol, meet 9:30 a.m., Steve Kowalewski, 510-246-2815. Wed., Nov. 20, 40 miles from San Ramon Central Park to Diablo Junction, meet 9:30 a.m., Jim Conger, 876-4949. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Understanding Medicare**, reprise of health reform and medicare, 1 p.m. Nov. 22. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Presented by HICAP Continuing Education coordinator, Kelly Harp. Reservations, call 373-5700.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA.**, Nov. 19, 11:30 a.m., lunch in San Ramon, RSVP by Nov. 16 to David, 833-7647. Nov. 21, 5 p.m., happy hour in Pleasanton, RSVP by Nov. 19 to Marge, 828-5124. Nov. 23, 6:30 p.m., family dinner at Columbo Club in Oakland, RSVP to Gino at 243-1282. Nov. 24, 11 a.m., brunch in Livermore, RSVP by Nov. 22 to Ruby, 462-9636.

**Shepherd's Gate Thrift Store**, 1362 Railroad Avenue, Livermore. Open Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm. Last Friday of every month 50% off most of the store sale. Shepherd's Gate Holiday Food and Toy Drive 2013. For more information visit [www.shepgate.org/holiday](http://www.shepgate.org/holiday)

**Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance** (DBSA) Pleasanton, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., St. Clare's Episcopal Church, Classroom 1, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. (Not affiliated with St. Clare's Church). [dbsa.pleasanton@comcast.net](mailto:dbsa.pleasanton@comcast.net) Email: [dbsa.castrovalley@comcast.net](mailto:dbsa.castrovalley@comcast.net). (Non-profit Tax ID#90-0247786)

**Mini cheer camp**, presented by Foothill High School back-to-back national champions. Sat., Dec. 7, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Foothill High small gym, 4375 Foothill Rd., Pleasanton. Open to students K-6; \$50 includes camp, lunch, certificate and a t-shirt. Performance for parents at 1 p.m. Information contact Deanna Sanchez, [dnsanchez@comcast.net](mailto:dnsanchez@comcast.net) or Kim DeJoy, head coach, at [## Boy Scouts Go Door-to-Door to Collect Food for Bay Area Food Banks on Nov. 16](mailto:kdejoyf-</a></p>
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One of the nation's largest single-day food drives takes place Saturday, Nov. 16, when Boy Scouts will go door-to-door collecting nonperishable food items for local food banks.

In the Bay Area, more than 30,000 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venturers, Explorers and their supporters will be "Scouting for Food" by picking up boxed or bagged nonperishable food items placed on doorsteps by 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16.

The San Francisco Bay Area Council, which encompasses the City of San Francisco and the County of Alameda, collected 148,000 pounds of food last year. The Council's goal is to collect 160,000 pounds of food this year. Other Boy Scout Councils of the Greater Bay Area will also be participating in the drive resulting in approximately 500,000 pounds of food being collected.

Residences on the Scouts' collection routes will have received a door-hanger promoting the drive starting Saturday, Nov. 9. Residents who did not receive a door-hanger are not on a collection route, but can still contribute by dropping off donations on Nov. 16 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at locations listed below or at [www.bayareahunger.org](http://www.bayareahunger.org).

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**Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner.** Guests include seniors, singles, shut-ins, families and veterans from the VA Hospital. This dinner is for anyone alone or without on Thanksgiving Day. Meals served on Thanksgiving Day between 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM. Those who need a ride or a meal delivered, please call 455-9782. For more information please call 455-9782 anytime or check the web site at WWW.LCTD.ORG.

**Writing Club for Young Adults** led by published young adult author J.L. Powers at the Livermore Public Library. The Club will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays, November 21 and December 19 in the Storytime Room at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The event is free. No registration is required. For more information, please visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website: [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net), or contact Jennifer at 925-373-5576.

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

**ClutterLess (CL), ClutterLess** is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meeting 7 p.m. Special open speaker meeting, Nov 18. Kiera Rain, Professional Organizer will talk on "'De-Cluttering for the Holidays.'" Regular meetings Mondays at the St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton. Just come or call a volunteer at 925-525-3992 or 925-200-1943 or visit [www.ClutterLess.org](http://www.ClutterLess.org). No meetings on holidays. Meeting free, optional \$2 to \$5 appreciated.

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

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

**Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL)** offers services to help people with disabilities and supports them to live independently and participate in their community for as long as they are willing and able to do so. CRIL maintains offices in Hayward, Fremont and Livermore to provide information and referrals and provide community education at senior centers and affordable housing

complexes to residents of Southern Alameda County. The Tri-Valley office is located at 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore 94550 and can be reached by phone at (925) 371-1531, by FAX at (925) 373-5034 or by e-mail at [abril.tamayo@cril-online.org](mailto:abril.tamayo@cril-online.org). All services are free.

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

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

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

## RELIGION

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

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

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

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

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

**First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore,** services 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located

at Third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

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

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

**Our Savior Lutheran Ministries,** 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. worship (semiformal); 10:30 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school; 11 a.m. worship (informal). For information, call 925-447-1246.

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

**Calvary Chapel Livermore,** Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. 545 No. L Street Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - [www.calvarylivermore.org](http://www.calvarylivermore.org).

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

**United Christian Church,** celebrating 50 years in the Tri-Valley. 1886 Colledge Ave. at M St., Livermore; worship 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 Con-cannon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school - 9:45 a.m.; worship service - 11 a.m. All are welcome. 1-888-805-7151.

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

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

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

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

**St. Innocent Orthodox Church,** 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details please

see [www.stinnocent.net](http://www.stinnocent.net) or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

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

**Centerpointe Church,** 3410 Corner-

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Well Community Outreach Center ministry** provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, please call the office at (925) 479-1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10:00am - 3:00pm, and Thursday 4:00pm - 6:30pm. 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 11:00am to 12:30pm. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

**Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat,** an informal gathering to discuss ideas, 10:45 a.m. at Café Rumi, 4799 Heyer Ave., Castro Valley. The topic is "What will happen to Jews in the United States over the next 25 Years?" Philosophers' Café/ Culture Chat is an activity of the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, a Secular Humanistic Jewish community, but is open to the entire community. (Non-members are asked to donate \$5 per session.) Further sessions are scheduled for December 15, January 5 and February 2 with topics to be announced. For information, please contact (925) 240-5612.

**Mass of Remembrance.** Monday, November 18, 2013, 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Pleasanton. Invite family and friends to join us on this special evening, to cherish those we love so much, and to honor their lives as the gift they forever be. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. Please bring a small picture or memento of your loved one.


**Tri-Valley Cultural Jews** is participating in Interfaith Families' outreach program this November with a family Havdalah November 9 at 6 p.m. in a private home in Pleasanton. Interfaith families looking for a Secular Humanistic Jewish experience are welcome to attend the short ceremony followed by a no-host pizza dinner (\$7/adult, kids free) and "hanging-out" time. TVCJ includes many interfaith or dual-cultural families and welcomes new families who find value in incorporating Jewish culture into their lives. For more information, reservations and directions to the event, please call 925 485 1049 or email [reservations@tri-valleyculturaljews.org](mailto:reservations@tri-valleyculturaljews.org).

**Facing the Holidays with a Broken Heart;** Please join the Catholic Community of Pleasanton Grief and Loss Support Ministry, for this special presentation, Thursday November 14 at 7:30 p.m. At: St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Pleasanton. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

**Interfaith-Interconnect Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.** Asbury Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore on November 17, from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. Those attending will explore how gratitude is expressed in different faith traditions and how gratitude can transform us and our world. This event is open to all and is free of charge. Seating space is limited. Early reservations are encouraged. Please register at [interfaith-thanksgiving.eventbrite.com](http://interfaith-thanksgiving.eventbrite.com).

**Remembering Loved Ones Workshop -** Monday, Nov. 18, 6:30-8:30 pm at Unity of Tri-Valley's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd. #120, Dublin. Lisa Starbird facilitates this healing circle. Please bring a picture of your loved one(s) for the altar. Suggested love offering \$20.

**Eckankar,** "Finding Your Spiritual Mission" is the theme of the next ECK Worship Service, Sunday, November 17, at 11:00 AM. The ECK Worship service is held once a month on the third Sunday at the Four Points Sheridan, 5115 Hopyard Road. For further information, Please contact <http://eck-ca.org/> by computer.


  
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# Milestones

## Community

### Pleasanton Resident Kathleen Lawrence Joins Hope Hospice Board of Directors

Kathleen Lawrence has been elected to the Hope Hospice Board of Directors. She joins a 15-member board, each of whom is elected to a two-year term, up to three consecutive two-year terms.

A Pleasanton resident, Kathleen has had a long career in the human resources field. She has more than 25 years of experience in global HR management for the semiconductor industry. Kathleen specializes in management coaching, employee relations, and compensation and benefits

planning. Most recently she served as the Vice President of Global Human Resources with Magnum Semiconductor in Milpitas. Previously, at LSI Corporation she held the position of Senior Director of Human Resources managing HR operations for sites in 14 countries.

"Kathleen's knowledge and understanding of our community plus her extensive expertise in human resources management of policies, procedures, practices and compliance will be valuable to our organization and the greater community,"

says David Karlsson, CPA, Hope Hospice board president. "We are very pleased to have her as a member of the Hope Hospice family."

Kathleen holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in human resources with a minor in psychology and a Master of Business Administration from California State University, Sacramento.

She has traveled extensively, is an active golfer and a member of the Ladies Golf League at Castlewood Country Club. She and her husband David Thayer reside in Pleasanton.

### Livermore Resident Completes CHP Training

Jesus Ernesto Martinez of Livermore has successfully completed the 27-week cadet training course at the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Academy. He is assigned to duty at the CHP's San Jose area office.

Officer Martinez is a 2005 graduate of Livermore High School. He earned a bachelor of arts in psychology from California State University, Chico. Prior to joining the CHP, he was employed as a teacher at The Child Day Schools' Pleasanton location.

Cadet training for Officer Martinez included vehicle patrol, accident investigation, first aid, and capture-and-arrest of suspected violators, including those who drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Training at the CHP Academy also included traffic control, report writing, recovery of stolen vehicles, assisting the motoring public, issuing citations, emergency scene management and knowledge of various codes include the



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vehicle code, penal code, and health and safety code.

### Lab Employees Selected as 2013 Fellows of APS

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

John Moody, acting group leader for hohlraum energetics/optical diagnostics in the Inertial Confinement Fusion Program, was cited in the plasma physics category for "pioneering experiments contributing to understanding propagation, scattering, transmission and redirection of high-intensity laser beams in large scale plasmas for inertial confinement fusion."

Moody joined LLNL in 1991 and has been involved in a variety of areas in the Inertial Confinement Fusion Program, including laser-plasma interaction, cryogenic studies, backscatter and optical diagnostics. His research interests include high temperature/high density plasmas, short-pulse

laser-matter interactions and properties of solid hydrogen.

"It's primarily the people at LLNL who make doing the science so rewarding. I feel very fortunate to be surrounded by brilliant and dedicated people who constantly challenge me to find a way through unknown territory and experience the joy of discovery," Moody said. "The scope of the work at LLNL has provided me with many valuable and rewarding opportunities to work with other excellent scientists both nationally and internationally."

Physics Division researcher Pravesh Patel was cited in the plasma physics category for "pioneering contributions in the science of ultra-intense laser-matter interaction and particle acceleration and applications to creating and probing high energy density plasma states, and for his leadership in advancing the fast ignition

concept for inertial confinement fusion."

Since joining LLNL, Patel's research has focused on experimental physics using ultrashort-pulse high-intensity lasers, in particular developing new techniques to create and probe high energy density matter. Since 2008, Patel has led a program to study the use of high-intensity lasers for fusion through the fast ignition approach to inertial confinement fusion.

"I feel honored to have received this recognition from my colleagues," Patel said. "I have had the pleasure and fortune to have worked with many outstanding scientists from both within and outside LLNL who share in the credit."

In the past 30 years, nearly 100 LLNL employees have been elected APS fellows.

APS fellowships are awarded after extensive

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

### Education

Eugenia Rose, a 4th form (10th grade) student at Kent School in Kent, Connecticut, was named to the honor roll for the fall term of 2013-2014.

Kent is a co-ed college preparatory school founded in 1906 in the tradition of the Episcopal Church.

### Military

Army Pvt. Savannah D. Simmons has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Simmons is the daughter of Liza Simmons of Pleasanton, and niece of Phillip Simmons of Anacoco, LA. She is a 2012 graduate of Village High School, Pleasanton.



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