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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.

## Library Master Plan Accepted

Planning for a new library in Pleasanton is moving forward.

Last week, the city council voted unanimously, with Councilmember Arne Olson absent, to accept a proposed master plan to expand the library and add a community center on the Bernal property. The approval included the understanding that a vote of the people will be required for the ultimate approval of a new library. A civic center was not included in the list of potential uses for the Bernal land approved by voters.

Staff was directed to take the steps necessary to place the approval of a change to the Bernal Property Specific Plan on the November 2018 ballot. The civic center, if agreed to by voters, would replace a proposed 800-seat performing arts theater on the northeast corner of the site.

The library, city hall, council chambers, and police station occupy a 10-acre site in downtown Pleasanton. Moving the uses to 27 acres on the Bernal property will allow for expansion of the library, as well as the addition of the community center.

The final okay for the library plan will take place once a task force has completed an update of the Downtown Specific Plan, which includes determining the future of the current civic center site. Staff will also prepare a funding plan if it were determined that the civic center would be moved.

Assistant City Manager Brian Dolan told the council that the proposed library master plan would be designed to serve the community for 50 years. The current 30,000 square foot facility was built in 1988. The expansion would create a library of over 67,000 square feet. The community center is projected at 25,000 square feet.

Mayor Jerry Thorne said he has heard that people think the new library would be too small.

Dolan noted that library and community center would share meeting space and classrooms. The two uses will basically function as one, he stated.

During the public hearing, Julie Testa said that the current library is not housed in an old building. She suggested retaining the current library and building a new one on the other side of town. She was disappointed that a youth center was not included in the proposed civic center complex.

Councilmember Kathy Narum had suggested including the offices for the Pleasanton Unified School District. Other councilmembers did not support the idea in the final motion to accept the proposed library master plan.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said that the school district has approached the city to ask for an analysis on the cost of relocating its headquarters to the Bernal site. Fialho commented that if it makes financial sense to do so, staff would bring back a modified document. There may be a need to reassemble the library task force to determine what the final site plans would like, he added.

# County Superintendent Schedules AB139 Extraordinary Audit for TVLC

The Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC) faces an AB139 Extraordinary Audit that will look into allegations of "fraud, misappropriation of funds, or other illegal fiscal practices."

TVLC manages the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) and Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory.

The Alameda County Superin-

tendent of Schools gave the green light for the audit. On Friday, the Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) was contacted to conduct an Extraordinary Audit of TVLC.

FCMAT, a state agency, helps financially failing school districts and public charters to get back on their feet. TVLC, which operates two Livermore public charter

schools and two in Stockton, needs to recover from a \$3 million debt.

In other news concerning TVLC, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board voted unanimously to issue twelve new notices of violation.

The Livermore School Board also conducted public hearings on TVLC's request for early extension of the two charters that the district

oversees.

With regard to finances, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) and Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) have worked together to determine how to best address many TVLC concerns.

According to ACOE, as LVJUSD shared evidence of mis-

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Livermore Valley vineyards are all dressed up in fall colors.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## Lawsuits to Challenge Off-Road Expansion

Legal challenges to the state's approval of the expansion of off-road vehicle use are in the works by Alameda County and Friends of Tesla Park.

Plans to expand off-road vehicle recreation use into the 3000-acre Tesla site in eastern Alameda County received unanimous approval of the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission in October. The land is adjacent to the Carnegie Off-Road Vehicle Park. The Commission, part of the state Department of Parks and Recreation, met in Sacramento.

On Tuesday, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors authorized

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## Dublin Council Votes to Take Part in Energy JPA

By Ron McNicoll

The Dublin City Council voted to sign a joint powers authority (JPA) that will create a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) entity involving Alameda County and some cities in the county. The CCA would purchase energy.

The vote at the Nov. 15 meeting was 4-0, with Mayor David Haubert absent.

Two weeks earlier, Haubert and councilmembers discussed the JPA as an information-only item.

There was resistance to the idea then by Councilmember Kevin Hart and Vice Mayor Abe Gupta. However, on Nov. 15, Gupta and Hart joined their colleagues in voting for Dublin to become part of the CCA. Gupta said that his main concern had been the procedure for individuals to opt out of receiving the CCA-provided power, and go back to PG&E as their supplier.

Hart said that the CCA's goal is to save consumers' money. It would include an alternative to the amount of clean energy that

customers can order in the mix provided. Hart said that his only concern was the super majority vote potential benefiting Hayward, Oakland and Fremont. However, he does not anticipate it being a problem.

In the JPA, each city would have one vote. However, three cities could call for a "voting shares vote," which gives heavier weight to cities with high power use. A motion would have to be approved by both kinds of voting categories in order to pass.

Final Dublin approval of the JPA will depend on passing a second reading at the next council meeting Dec. 6. The deadline to join the initial JPA requires having a second reading of the ordinance by Dec. 31. A city could join later, but likely would have to wait a year, and would be exposed to certain extra costs related to the late entry.

Dublin became the seventh government to approve a first reading to create the JPA. So far, Albany,

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## Better Coordination Among Regulators Seen As Help to Zone 7

By Ron McNicoll

Zone 7 Water Agency has hired a firm to help it adopt a new way of dealing with three important environmental regulators overseeing its maintenance work on flood control arroyos.

The board on Nov. 16 voted unanimously to engage Horizon

Water and Environment for no more than \$425,000 over the next 18 months to handle a comprehensive program for Zone 7's acquisition of stream maintenance permits.

The permits come from the Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, and California

Fish & Game. They are needed because clearing out dead brush and fallen trees can disturb the habitat of endangered or threatened plant and animal species.

Currently, Zone 7 submits its permit requests to each agency individually, and must wait as long as three months for approval. The

new system would have all three permitting agencies coordinate their efforts in granting the permits to Zone 7.

The change is expected to speed up the process in an important way. Currently, Zone 7 sometimes does not obtain permits until late September, which leaves little time to

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## Need to Update List Leads To Delay in Retiree Lawsuit

A class action lawsuit aimed at returning Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory retirees to University of California health care programs will be delayed by at least a month after it was found that the list of class members appears to be short by nearly 2,000 names.

If the list can be updated by mid-December, the parties to the suit expect to meet in Superior Court in Oakland then to consider possible next steps.

The retirees lost UC health care starting in 2008 after the Laboratory's operating contract was moved from the University to a for-profit consortium, Lawrence Livermore National Security. They filed suit in 2008.

A valid class membership list is required for experts representing the retirees to calculate potential damages in case there were a settlement or trial.

According to a court document called a joint case management statement, the names and contact information of 4,536 potential class members were established in late 2014 based on a spreadsheet provided under subpoena by the for-profit consortium, LLNS.

After some retirees exercised their right to opt out of the suit, a class of 4,383 remained.

In late May of this year, during a meeting of attorneys representing the parties to the suit, health benefits documents were discovered indicating that there might be many more members of the class, including 1,255 more retirees and survivors and 706 more dependents of former employees.

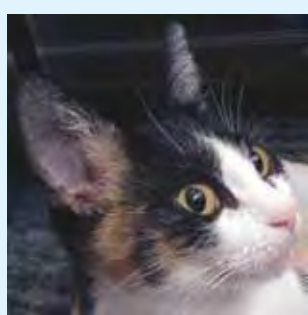
The possibility that the 2014 LLNS spreadsheet was incomplete had been raised soon after it was produced when the retirees noted a 2007 financial report

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Cottage Preschool in Livermore held its annual Thanksgiving Feast. The feast with parents, grandparents and family was held Nov. 17. Students, age 2.5-4yr, practiced 10 songs, which they shared with their families. The students prepared homemade pumpkin bread, stuffing, vegetables, cranberries that was served with turkey.



### PET OF THE WEEK

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Shoppers dressed in pajamas descended on downtown Livermore last Saturday to take part in the annual *Earlier Than the Bird* event. During the event, Livermore Downtown, Inc. collected gifts for teens to be distributed by Tri-Valley Haven. Donations can also be left at the offices, 22 S. L Street, Tues. through Friday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. through Dec. 15.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) hosted the fourth annual *Holiday Spirit Stroll* on Saturday, November 19. Thirty downtown merchants were paired with local breweries, wineries and bars for a festive night sampling beer, wine and cocktails.

## Save Mt. Diablo Enters into First Private Easement

Wednesday, October 12, 2016 was a historic day for Save Mount Diablo (SMD) as it successfully sold the 5-acre Rideau property at 1650 Curry Canyon Road, Clayton to private buyers, Joseph Favalora and Jane McGuire, as part of the newly expanded Conservation Buyer Program. With this transaction SMD acquired its first perpetual Conservation Easement on the same land.

The Rideau conservation easement was a new strategy for SMD and its Conservation Buyer Program. As has been done for many years, SMD sells strategic land to governmental partners to become part of a public park system and then utilizes the revenue to further land conservation mission.

Now, in addition to the traditional approach, some lands will be sold to private buyers subject to permanent Conservation Easements, which SMD will hold. This method allows SMD to protect properties with important conservation values (wildlife habitat, water resources, scenic vistas,

agricultural resources, etc.) that may not be well suited additions to a government park because of their size, location or other factors.

The Rideau parcel's preservation has been a three year process. It expands preservation of 4.3 mile Curry Canyon and beautiful Curry Creek to almost 85%. The Rideau property's oak woodland and riparian habitat along Curry Creek will be protected and strategic trail connections retained to other Save Mount Diablo Curry Canyon properties.

The transaction purchase price allowed Save Mount Diablo to help pay off remaining debt on the historic Curry Canyon Ranch acquisition. This transaction has also reduced Save Mount Diablo's liability and expense from ownership of the Rideau property while gaining a new partner -- the buyers-- in the stewardship and management of that land going forward.

The Conservation Easement that Save Mount Diablo acquired on the Rideau parcel upon the sale of the land to Joseph Favalora and

Jane McGuire protects the property's conservation values while also providing the buyers a one-acre building envelope around an existing house where they now live.

Ted Clement, Save Mount Diablo Executive Director, said "We welcome Joe and Jane to our team of terrific people who are helping us protect and steward the important open space lands of the Mount Diablo area. Our newly expanded Conservation Buyer Program is bringing in more people and resources to help us with our time-sensitive land conservation work while also providing a new tool, the perpetual Conservation Easement, to use where appropriate."

Joe stated, "We've searched, for the past year, for a home in the average neighborhoods that a first time homebuyer would look. Nothing caught our attention until we encountered the outstanding beauty of this Curry Canyon property." Jane added, "We knew at first sight that Curry Canyon is where we wanted to call home. Waking up to the

green hills, the trees and the many families of deer we share the property with is all we've ever dreamed. We couldn't be more happy."

Curry Canyon is the largest remaining unprotected canyon on Diablo's main peaks, between the Diablo summit and the Blackhills—4.3 miles from Curry Point within Mt. Diablo State Park, northeast down to Morgan Territory Road. The top of the canyon was among the first state park acquisitions in the 1930s. Upper Curry Canyon was acquired in 1965 and 1987.

Save Mount Diablo has now protected approximately 1200 acres in lower Curry Canyon starting with the Wright property in 2001. Nearly 85% of the 4.3 mile canyon has now been protected.

A Conservation Easement is a voluntary legal agreement between a landowner and a qualified organization, such as a land trust like Save Mount Diablo, which restricts activities on the land to protect its conservation values forever.

To learn more, visit [www.savemountdiablo.org](http://www.savemountdiablo.org)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

A Holiday Craft Boutique was held last Saturday at the Dublin Senior Center. Presented by the Dublin Senior Center and the Dublin Senior Foundation, shoppers found an assortment of handmade arts and crafts, gifts and decor.

## New Website Aimed at Promoting Volunteerism

Alameda County is formally launching ACGOV Cares, a new online effort to engage the County's 9,600 employees – and residents – in caring for local communities through volunteerism and many other programs and opportunities that strengthen the East Bay region.

The new site, <http://acgovcares.org/>, showcases the many ways County employees are already making a difference – by mentoring disadvantaged youth, volunteering for worthy causes, feeding the hungry and helping their neighbors. Through first-person stories of employees who donate their resources and time, ACGOV

Cares seeks to create/inspire a sense of collective pride within the County workforce and inspire others to commit themselves to community service.

The site also has outward-facing elements that focus on engaging residents about volunteerism and opportunities for them to give in creative, wide-ranging ways. Through a link to VolunteerMatch, the site helps to match residents with opportunities that match their interests and support our communities.

ACGOV Cares also casts a spotlight on innovative County service programs such as Combined Charities,

which allows employees to support great community causes all year long through small payroll deductions; Adopt-A-Family, through which employees bring holiday cheer to foster children and families on public assistance; and the annual Stone Soup Holiday Food Drive and Design Competition, which has sparked a surge of holiday giving by employees who challenge the creativity and compassion of their peers while helping the Alameda County Community Food Bank to feed the hungry.

"We are proud of the many ways our employees

donate their resources and their time throughout the year to make our community a better place," said Scott Haggerty, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. "We think ACGOV Cares will give credit where credit is due – and inspire others to get involved and experience the powerful rewards of volunteerism."

The site also is designed to evolve as it inspires people to volunteer, and to share their powerful stories of giving back. Already, the site features a wide range of testimonials from employees who volunteer their time to help others.

## County Fair Expands Dates; Fall Racing to Return

An Alameda County Fair press release says that 2017 will be the "Best. Summer. Ever." and has extended its usual schedule. The Fair will run 20 full days from Friday, June 16, through Sunday, July 9.

The Fair will open on a Friday instead of a Wednesday and run Wednesday through Sunday for the first two full weeks (closed Mondays & Tuesdays, June 19, 20, 26, 27). The Fair will be

open every day of the final week June 28 through July 9; including for the annual Fireworks Spectacular celebration on Tuesday, July 4th.

"We are really pleased to be able to offer our community more days and nights of great summer fun," said Jerome Hoban, the Fair's CEO. "Plus, there are some exciting big-name concerts and new attractions coming. For anyone who loves the Fair, it might just be the best

summer ever."

Oaktree at Pleasanton Horseracing will start on June 22, and run Thursday through Sunday each week, plus Tuesday, July 4th. Race dates are: June 22-25, June 29-July 2, July 4, July 6-9.

After a successful debut this September, the Fair has announced that the Pleasanton Fall Horseracing & Festival will return in 2017. Besides racing, the

event includes craft beer and wine festivals, Fan Cave sports lounge, a handicapping tournament and more. Fall Horseracing will run for two consecutive, 4-day weekends: September 21-24 and September 28-October 1, 2017.

Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com) for more information and regular updates on the 2017 Fair and 2017 Fall Horseracing.

## EBRPD to Revamp Black Diamond Mines

The East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors unanimously approved a \$2.2 million plan to improve safety and public access at the Hazel-Atlas Mine and museum at Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve in Antioch.

The project, expected to be complete by the end of 2017, will allow tour of the historic mine to make a complete loop, from the current tour entrance into the museum. Currently, the

tour stops after 1,000 feet and visitors must backtrack and then enter the museum through a separate entrance.

The project includes new steel stairs and safety improvements to the rock walls. Once the project is complete, mine tours will be longer and the public will have an alternate, more direct exit route.

The board awarded the project to the lowest bidder, Syblon Reid General Engineering Contractors of

Folsom. Most of the funding will come from Measure WW and the District's Major Infrastructure and Replacement Fund.

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve is a 6,069-acre park in the Mt. Diablo foothills which was once home to a rich mining industry. Millions of tons of coal, and later sand, were mined from the area from the 1860s to the late 1940s. The East Bay Regional Park

District maintains and offers tours of the Hazel-Atlas Mine, which once supplied sand to the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company of Oakland. A museum and visitor center include artifacts, old photographs and displays about the lives of local miners and the history of mining in the area.

The Park District anticipates that mine tours will continue during construction although may be shortened.

## Pleasanton Promotes Small Business Saturday

The City of Pleasanton has partnered with several local groups to encourage the community to shop small on Saturday, November 26, 2016 to support Small Business Saturday. Partners include the Pleasanton Downtown Association, Visit Tri-Valley, Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and Hacienda.

Numerous organizations have joined the national campaign, founded by American Express in 2010, declaring the Saturday after Thanksgiving every year as Small Business Saturday. Small Business Saturday is a day dedicated to supporting the small businesses that create jobs, boost the economy and preserve neighborhoods around the country during one of the busiest shopping times of the year. In Pleasanton, small businesses having between 1 and 100 employees provide more than 29,000 jobs.

Shoppers are encouraged to visit [inPleasanton.com](http://inPleasanton.com) as well as partner organization websites to discover all of Pleasanton's retail shopping locations, and visit [shopsmall.com](http://shopsmall.com) to find local merchants that have joined the Small Business Saturday campaign by offering special promotions or discounts.

"We look forward to Small Business Saturday. It is traditionally one of our biggest days. It feels like Small Business Saturday is a day on which many of our regular customers express their appreciation and we love hearing that. It's also a great way to remind people how important small businesses are to our local economy," said Judy Wheeler, Towne Center Books owner.

A study of independent retailers that included Pleasanton merchants showed that for every \$100 spent at an independently owned store, \$46 stays in the community.

## Livermore Offering Grants for Art

The City of Livermore's Commission for the Arts is currently accepting applications for grants of up to \$1,000. These grants are designed to support artistic projects and programs to benefit the community.

"Our goal is to help vitalize the art scene in our community," Monya Lane, chair of the commission, said. "We want to be sure people are aware that these grants are available to qualified applicants, and that they are awarded on a quarterly basis."

This year the commission's focus is on providing visual, performing and literary arts opportunities for youth and increasing the visibility of cultural arts in Livermore.

The deadline for applications for this quarter is Dec. 1. Activities and projects must begin on or after Feb. 1. Application forms, as well as a full description of criteria used to select recipients of these grants, can be found on the city's website at [www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/cdd/arts/mini\\_grants.htm](http://www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/cdd/arts/mini_grants.htm).

Applications for larger project and program grants, \$1,000 to \$10,000, are accepted twice a year, in September and March.



Tri-Valley Interfaith Interconnect held its annual Thanksgiving Service and Reception on Sun., Nov. 20 at St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church in Livermore. Members of local Jewish, Muslim, Hindu and various Christian congregations gathered for the event. Among those participating were Native Americans. Photos - Alan Throop

## ZONE 7

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undertake the work before a regulator-imposed Oct. 15 deadline that prohibits any further stream work.

Under those circumstances, it is possible that Zone 7 would not be able to conduct the work until the following year, explained Zone 7 Water Resources Planner Elke Rank.

The board's attorney, David Aladjem, said that a delay in doing necessary maintenance can be very costly to an agency. A court decision involving a Monterey flood control agency found that the agency was liable for damages incurred during a flood, because the agency had neglected maintenance.

Under the new process, the permits would have a five-year life, which will save money in the long run, said Rank.

Livermore, which undertakes roughly the same amount of arroyo maintenance workload as Zone 7, has been converting to the new process for three years. The city has spent \$600,000 so far, said Rank.

General Manager Jill

Duerig said, "Horizon has a successful track record in helping agencies make the conversion." She added that although the Zone 7 staff is capable of converting the system, the work load is so great that outside help is needed. Duerig said that she did not want to hire permanent employees to do the work.

On another item, the board voted to apply for a loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for improvement of the water system. Some \$43 million is budgeted for the projects. Zone 7 is looking for funding sources.

The Revolving Fund would charge 1.6 percent interest, and have a 20-year term.

The board vote was 5-1, with Angela Ramirez-Holmes opposed and Bill Stevens abstaining. Ramirez-Holmes said that she has no problem with applying for a loan, but voted "no" because the Patterson Pass Treatment Plant ozone project was mentioned in the board resolution. It would amount to applying for a

loan for a project that did not have the board's approval, stated Ramirez-Holmes.

The board has not discussed the ozone project, although the Water Resources Committee has, and recommended that it go to the board.

General Manager Jill Duerig said the board's action is intended to start the application process, since staff can't apply to the loan fund without board authorization. The next regular board meeting on Dec. 21 will include discussion. At that time, the board will be able to put together the whole package, said Duerig.

Ozone treatment helps remove odor and taste problems from water.

On a social and diplomatic note, board president Dick Quigley said that two dozen water treatment plant operators people from China visited Zone 7 recently. They observed plant operations, and were interested in the impact of droughts. Quigley showed a Chinese drawing backed with red silk, which the visitors presented to each board member.

## How This Martian Moon Became the 'Death Star'

Mars's largest moon Phobos has captured the public imagination, which has been shrouded in mystery for decades. Numerical simulations recently conducted at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) have shed some light on the enigmatic satellite.

The dominant feature on the surface of Phobos (22-kilometers across) is Stickney crater (9-km across), a mega crater that spans nearly half the moon. The crater lends Phobos a physical resemblance to the planet-destroying Death Star in the film "Star Wars." Over the decades, understanding the formation of such a massive crater has proven elusive for researchers.

For the first time, physicists at LLNL have demonstrated how an asteroid or comet impact could have created Stickney crater without destroying Phobos completely. The research, which also debunks a theory regarding the moon's mysterious grooved terrain, was published in Geophysical Review Letters.

"We've demonstrated that you can create this crater without destroying the moon if you use the proper porosity and resolution in a 3D simulation," said Megan Bruck Syal, an author on the paper and member of the LLNL planetary defense team. "There aren't many places with the computational resources to accom-

plish the resolution study we conducted."

Previous studies used 2D simulations at lower resolutions, and they were ultimately unable to replicate Stickney crater successfully. Additionally, prior studies failed to account for the porosity of the Phobos' crust in their calculations, critical information given that Phobos is less dense than the Martian surface.

While the simulations show how a massive impact could have created Stickney crater, they also appear to disprove a related theory. Some have theorized that the hundreds of parallel grooves that appear to radiate from the crater were caused by the impact. However, the simulations in this study

show that fracture patterns in the crust of Phobos would be nothing like the straight, long, parallel grooves. On the other hand, the simulations do support the possibility of slow-rolling boulders mobilized by the impact causing the grooves. More study would be required to fully test that theory.

The research served as a benchmarking exercise for the LLNL planetary defense team in their use of an open source code developed at LLNL called Spheral. The team uses codes like Spheral to simulate various methods of deflecting potentially hazardous Earth-bound asteroids.

The study was spearheaded by Jared Rovny, a summer student visiting from

Yale University. Other co-authors include LLNL computational physicist Mike Owen, who supported the research by mentoring Rov-

ny and aligning the study to benchmark the Spheral code, and Paul Miller, who leads the planetary-defense team at LLNL.

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## Show Airing on TV30 Looks at 140 Years of Livermore History

The new edition of TV30s About the Tri-Valley features the history of Livermore, as the Tri-Valley city commemorates its 140th anniversary. Dr. Marshall Kamena, President of the Tri-Valley Community Television Foundation and host of the show, is joined by guest Marc Roberts, Livermore City Manager.

About the Tri-Valley is currently airing on Comcast TV Channel 30 and AT&T U-verse on Channel 99. The program may also be viewed anytime and anywhere via video on demand on the TV30 website at tv30.org.

Kamena said, "After research with historians and the Livermore Heritage Guild, the program traces the 140 years Livermore has been a city. In the first chapter of two shows, Marc Roberts brings to life an exciting pictorial presentation of Livermore's pivotal place in Tri-Valley history."

Roberts, Livermore City Manager for the past 5 years, chronicles the history of the city including the incorporation of Livermore, creation

of the wine industry, ranching, and the world's fastest rodeo with pictures never before published. He covers rail transportation, the post-war housing boom, and the establishment of two national laboratories.

"Probably one of the most surprising things early in our history was the Paris

International Exposition in 1889," said Roberts. "The French take their wine very seriously. It was a huge exposition with 17,000 entries. For the very first time the top prize was awarded to a non-French wine. An 1886 Cresta Blanca Livermore Valley Sauterne captured this honor."

## Private Dog Park Is Approved

The East County Board of Zoning Adjustments voted unanimously to allow a private dog park with hiking trails on a 100-acre parcel. The property is located near the north side of Tesla Road, three miles east of Reuss Road.

The whole area will be fenced in such a way that dogs will be kept in. The design allows any threatened species to go through it, said Planner III Andrew Young.

No one spoke on the matter. There will be hiking trails for the dogs, 25 pounds or heavier. Big dogs want to stretch. They will have plenty of opportunity, said Konrad Thaler, owner of Smilin Dogs. His business picks up dogs from owners in special vans. The vans are kept on the grounds for rest and care, he said.

An item on the agenda for Powell/Tesla Vintners at 5143 Tesla Road, was continued because the applicant was not able to attend the meeting. The board reset the hearing for its Jan. 26 meeting.

## UPDATE

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from the Laboratory that showed "5,594 'eligible annuitants,'" according to the case management statement.

After questioning the discrepancy in numbers, the retirees were assured that "LLNS has double checked the data and re-verified its response to the subpoena showing 4,536 class members," the statement said.

Commenting this week on the difference in numbers, a Laboratory spokesperson suggested that some of those on the added list might not have been employees. "We produced the information available to us at that time through our (healthcare) service provider...If there are additional individuals who should be part of the class, they were not reflected in our records as of late 2014."

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# EDITORIAL

## A Nation of Immigrants

Tri-Valley Interfaith Interconnect recently held a Thanksgiving Service and Reception that created a feeling of understanding and inclusiveness.

Members of local Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist and various Christian congregations, as well as Native American representatives, gathered together to share their traditions.

Through such events and formed connections, the group hopes to enrich, inform, and educate all about the diversity of faiths and cultures in the region.

This nation is built upon a history of immigration, dating back to the first pioneers, the Pilgrims. Over more than three centuries, America has welcomed generations of immigrants. They have introduced St. Patrick's Day and Cinco de Mayo.

Perhaps former President Jimmy Carter said about those generations who have come to America and share their traditions, "We become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic: different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams."

## LEA Expresses Disappointment With District Counter-Offer

Livermore Education Association (LEA) President Cate Sarraille read a statement at last week's Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District board meeting. In the statement, LEA expressed disappointment in the final contract negotiation effort.

The district's meeting room was filled to capacity with LEA members, with many more in the adjacent hallway.

Sarraille said that LEA had waited for seven months for a counter proposal from the district. The concern of LEA focused on the proposed pay increase of 3.25%, which would be added to the salary schedule upon ratification of LEA members and approval by the Board. The increase would appear in January paychecks, but would not include retroactive pay.

Sarraille noted that administration received pay increases and other bargaining units were offered a 4 to 5% increase.

"We are losing money," said Sarraille. "The raises

aren't keeping up with medical costs. It appears that LEA members are not a priority in the district budget. The district is building programs on the backs of employees who will leave for neighboring districts.

"There are talks about wanting competitive compensation, but the district never makes a long term plan to actually achieve that goal."

She concluded her remarks by addressing LEA members, "Let's go home and get back to work." Her statement was followed by about five minutes of supporting applause.

LEA/LVJUSD had posted a statement online on November 15 noting, "The two teams had productive conversations about contract language, reaching tentative agreements on several articles." Among them was an agreement for the district to start offering teachers the option of either 11 or 12 paychecks spread out over a year, beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

## Granada Students Win Swalwell Hackathon

Lucas Merrel and Aditya Tomar, both sophomores at Granada High School, won Congressman Eric Swalwell's 3rd Annual Hackathon.

The competition was held Nov. 12 and 13 at Workday in Pleasanton. The winners designed an app to discourage texting while driving. It sends out automated responses to incoming texters that the person is driving, and it reminds the driver to not respond while on the road.

"I'm impressed by the thoughtfulness of all our Hackathon competitors, and particularly the civic good that would be advanced by the winners' app. These students today will be the technology and policy leaders of tomorrow, to the benefit of us all," said Swalwell.

"Perhaps they or someone like them will develop an app to let House members participate in committee hearings and vote on non-controversial suspension bills remotely but securely, per my bipartisan MOBILE resolution (H.Res.587)," he said.

A co-sponsor of the event was Knodemy, a Livermore educational enterprise that partners with schools and organizations to teach hands-on programming.

Rasim Bokheri, co-founder of Knodemy, said that there were about 20 participants this year in the competition. Bokheri and his mentors offered coaching at the event to help the students get up to speed. "Some have had no tech background, but we coach them and hold workshops," said Bokheri.

# MAILBOX

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## Thank You & "Ask Herb" Herb Ritter Pleasanton

Dear Pleasanton Residents,

Thank you to each and every one of you that voted in our local election. I proudly accept our community's decision to retain Karla Brown and Jerry Pentin as our city councilmembers. We can all look forward to their leadership in keeping Pleasanton the thriving hometown we all cherish.

Although I was not elected to our City Council this term, I am grateful to be able to continue to serve as Planning Commission Chairman. I will continue the fight to minimize state-mandated housing, reduce traffic impacts, and find ways to work with the school district to ensure our children's education remains top ranked. I will also remain involved in my many volunteer community activities.

My sincere thanks goes out to everyone on my campaign team for their efforts on my behalf. And I am especially appreciative to everyone I met on the campaign trail. Your passion and devotion to our city strengthened my resolve to continue to serve our community. I want to do this with a clear understanding of what our residents want and with your ideas about how we can keep our open spaces open, our businesses thriving and our children's education the best there is.

I invite you to "Like" [facebook.com/HerbRitterPleasanton](https://www.facebook.com/HerbRitterPleasanton) or "follow" me on [twitter.com/RitterHerb](https://twitter.com/RitterHerb) so that you can get regular updates on what is happening in Pleasanton. I am committed to providing you with the facts, figures and decisions so that you can be informed about the projects and plans in Pleasanton. It is a great way for you to provide me your feedback along the way!

Join me for coffee! I enjoy having coffee downtown, so please email me at [herb@herbritter.com](mailto:herb@herbritter.com) if you would like to chat about what is happening in our city!

With sincere appreciation, Herb Ritter.

## Sign Petition Kathy Streeter Livermore

Thank you for the letter about the Elephant in the Room, or The Electoral College by name.

We were all told that every vote counts, but it doesn't. Even the absentee ballots from our military do not get counted until well after the election and then only if there are enough of them to make a difference.

The votes for Hillary in states where Trump won do not count at all under our Electoral College winner take all system. But guess what? The folks going to vote at the Electoral College DO NOT HAVE TO VOTE FOR TRUMP!. There are 538 Electoral College votes in total.

With the winner take all system of assigning votes Trump comes out with 306 compared to Hillary's 232. How does that square with Hillary getting close to two million more popular votes than Donald Trump?

If you are appalled at Donald Trump's total lack of experience and ability for the job of President and at what Donald Trump and his radical team are planning during this 'transition period', then sign a petition and PASS IT ON. Because If 38 Electoral College voters decide to switch to Hil-

ary we will be saved from Trump's misogynistic, racist, Muslim haters and climate change deniers who have been added to his inner circle.

Just Google: [www.change.org/electoral](http://www.change.org/electoral).

4.4 million people have already signed. Trump will cause irreparable damage, but we don't have to wait for him to do it and then try to repair our democracy. We can make our vote actually count on December 19th when the results of the Electoral College vote elects Hillary Clinton!

A quote from a Holocaust survivor: "You know, maybe if we had organized and fought back against Hitler's rise right from the beginning, we could have prevented what happened. We could have made it more difficult for him to do what he did if we hadn't waited and just assumed that 'this too shall pass.'"

## A Call to Action Julie Testa Pleasanton

Our city council just voted to accept a draft proposal for a new Civic Center Complex on the Bernal property. I do not support the Civic Center project as it is proposed. While I believe Pleasanton would benefit from an improved library and a community center, I do not support the cost of moving the police station (I am told there is nothing inadequate with our current police station, it is a land use move). I do not believe the city offices are a priority for such a significant commitment of financial resources. The current estimate is up to \$200 million dollars for the masterplan project.

I want our community to understand that the agenda for moving our city buildings, at a tremendous cost, is to rezone the land where those buildings currently reside, to mixed-use-residential. Picture downtown packed with three to five story buildings like the building across from BART, which is an example of existing mixed-use-residential in Pleasanton. The logic being that rezoning the land to residential would be sold at an increased profit of an additional \$8 million dollars, but the cost of moving the police station will cost tens of millions more. A tremendous cost to Pleasanton citizens with a resulting negative consequence of more high-density housing.

Consider the traffic and parking demand that this will generate for downtown. Our treasured downtown will be dramatically altered and our city will suffer the impacts of additional impacts of hundreds of condos and apartments, while costing us hundreds of millions of dollars.

Do not be misled when we are told that nothing is decided. At the City Council meeting, Councilman Pentin said, after a year of work on this proposal, "it is too late to consider an amendment to the plan." Now is the time to speak up about this plan that will have tremendous consequences to Pleasanton.

Email Pleasanton's Mayor and City Council at [citycouncil@cityofpleasanton.ca.gov](mailto:citycouncil@cityofpleasanton.ca.gov).

## Reckless Driving Donna Blevin Livermore

Today a car drove recklessly on Fourth Street in front of my house at probably 60 mph. It's not the first time that Fourth Street looked like a speedway. I've held off writing until after the election since everyone was focused on the downtown plans. What I worry about is getting downtown. I live where I do because I like the urban feel of not having to drive my car and I walk everywhere that I can. That's the appeal of Livermore. In addition, there are few street lights. I don't know if that's by design or they are burned out. So between dark streets and speeding motorists it doesn't feel safe to walk home from dinner or a movie after dark. In Alameda, for example, the speed limit is

25 mph. It is almost always observed, and if it isn't, it is enforced. Alameda is a very pedestrian-oriented town. If someone could take a look into enforcing speed limits and reckless driving, it would be greatly appreciated.

## Thank You Robert Allen Livermore

Your coverage of local candidates and ballot measures for the recent election was a great help to voters. I especially appreciated your printing so many letters to the editor presenting a wide range of opinions. You did an outstanding job, for which I thank you sincerely.

Stan Horn's thoughtful letter November 17 proposed routing ACE from Santa Clara north along the Caltrain line to San Francisco instead of south to San Jose.

One problem: the pending Caltrain electrification.

With a slight modification, his plan could work well, however. Arrange the train schedules to assure closely timed connections at Santa Clara between westbound ACE and northbound Caltrain in the AM and between southbound Caltrain and eastbound ACE in the PM.

## Speeding Joe Pavlakovich Livermore

Just to add to a recent letter asking why the Livermore police do not enforce speed limit laws.

I have called and written to Traffic Enforcement here in city hall many times and always told the same song, we will look into it.

We have speeding problems on many of our streets like Concannon, Arroyo, 4th street and College Ave. On the College Ave 'speedway' from L street to 4th street rarely does any traffic follow the 30 mph speed limit. Average is 50 to 60 mph and sometimes more like 70. We have enough police per citizens according to the State of the City address and we have a motorcycle division so where are they? Maybe us taxpayers provided too nice an office building for our police department. I also questioned why there is no crosswalk on College after L street and was told we don't need one to cross College but the City has a real nice one to connect Sycamore Park to a winery. Can we slow down traffic on our Livermore streets please?

## Niles Safety Jacob Wouden, MD

Dear Tri-Valley Neighbors,

How many more people have to die in order to make critical safety changes in Niles Canyon? One more is too many. Driving through Niles Canyon is often a harrowing and dangerous experience. The main issue is the narrow width of the road and lack of an adequate safety shoulder in the majority of the drive. This means that if a driver traveling the opposite direction crosses the midline, you have no direction in which to escape. In this situation, you would be forced to choose between taking the head-on collision, running into the rock wall on one side, or potentially going off a cliff on the other side.

The danger is exacerbated by several tight turns in the canyon which predispose to drivers crossing the midline. Large freight trucks passing through Niles Canyon barrel through the narrow space and heighten the peril for all.

Action has to be taken before any more tragedy takes place on this road. The ultimate solution to the danger in Niles Canyon is to add a divider barrier in the center of the road. This would separate the oncoming traffic in either direction, markedly increasing the safety of driving through the canyon and dramatically reducing the fatalities.

I grew up near a canyon that shares features with Niles Canyon, called Sardine Canyon. This connects

Brigham City to Logan in Utah. We would frequently hear of deaths in Sardine Canyon from head-on collisions. In fact, during senior year of high school, one of my classmates died in a head-on collision in the canyon. Eventually, Utah transportation added a center divider in Sardine Canyon to separate the oncoming traffic. Since they have done this, the fatality rate in the canyon has plummeted. Similarly, Highway 17 in California became MUCH safer with the addition of the center divider. This means lives are being saved in both locations.

Niles Canyon certainly warrants a similar center divider as well as widening of the safety shoulders. This would lead directly to the preservation of life by preventing head-on collisions.

Niles Canyon has a high injury and fatality rate and has been identified in the Caltrans Monitoring Program for head-on fatal accidents. The rumble strip installation did help, but the accident rate remains much too high. Between the years 2000 and 2014, 390 persons were injured and 14 persons died in 507 accidents in Niles Canyon. Will the next one be someone you know?

As a physician, I have directly observed the ravages of motor vehicle trauma. A neurosurgeon colleague at Washington Hospital turned into one of the "statistics" for Niles Canyon. He was involved in a major motor vehicle accident in Niles Canyon, ended up in the intensive care unit for an extended period of time, and eventually died. This happened before I began working at Washington Hospital and has been relayed to me by my colleagues.

Other colleagues of mine who must drive through the canyon to reach Washington Hospital tell me of their daily fear driving through the canyon, and several of them refuse to drive through the canyon at night for fear of their safety. One of my partner physicians grew up in Livermore. He tells me that when he was younger, he used to drive through Niles Canyon frequently. Now, however, he avoids the canyon at all costs. The tragic event with his neurosurgeon colleague helped him realize the gravity of the danger. In addition, an ultrasound technologist at Washington Hospital lives in Pleasanton and is an avid biker. Some of her biking takes her through Niles Canyon, but she tells me that it is a frightening proposition due to the narrow character of the road and lack of shoulder space for a biker.

I know that certain citizen groups voice concern over plans to upgrade Niles Canyon. I understand their environmental concerns. However, I feel that they are a vocal minority. Some of them are likely not forced to drive through Niles Canyon on a daily basis, like many of us who live in the Tri-Valley area do. Many likely do not attempt to enjoy Niles Canyon on a bicycle.

Even with widening of the safety shoulders and removal of trees immediately adjacent to the road, many beautiful trees will remain in Niles Canyon. The drive and bicycle route will remain scenic. We do not need the trees that are so close to the road that they prevent safety.

If we choose a few trees over safety widening of the road, this means that we are choosing trees over people's lives. We must ask ourselves: Which has more value, the tree immediately adjacent to the road, or the person who will die because the road is too narrow and is unable to escape a head-on collision?

I urge Caltrans to consider adding a center divider and widening the safety shoulders in Niles Canyon. You will be saving lives, perhaps mine, yours, or our children.

If you agree with me, please email Caltrans at [nilescanyonprojects@dot.ca.gov](mailto:nilescanyonprojects@dot.ca.gov) to express your opinion

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# Hacienda Helping Hands Awards Grants

Hacienda Helping Hands has awarded four impact grants to organizations providing local services: Tri-Valley Haven, Childcare Links, Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation and Close-up Foundation. Tri-Valley Haven was given a \$5,000.00 grant to fund a commercial refrigerator in support of their food pantry programs. Child Care Links was given a \$2,000.00 grant in support of the organization's new Diaper Bank. Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation received a \$2,250.00 grant to provide underwriting for a special cancer caregiver seminar series. Close-up Foundation was given a \$2,100.00 grant to provide scholarship funding for local, low-income student participation in their program. Grants were made through a Donor Advised Fund held by the East Bay Community Foundation.

"Hacienda Helping Hands is pleased to help make a difference by supporting

these organizations' great work," said James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager. "We specifically wanted to provide funding where we could help further the special projects being undertaken by groups that contribute to the community in key ways."

Ann King, MSW, Tri-Valley Haven Executive Director, stated, "Tri-Valley Haven is appreciative and relieved to be awarded help from Hacienda Helping Hands to purchase a new refrigerator. We were really in a bind, as two refrigerators at our food pantry stopped working recently. This is before our busiest time: Thanksgiving and the Holiday Season. Hacienda Helping Hands is aptly named, as they are helping us and our many clients avoid a food crisis. The Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry assists several thousand local families per year with groceries. During the holidays alone we will provide groceries to about 1600 families, totaling over

4000 individuals."

Laura Page, Child Care Link's Community Events and Outreach Coordinator said, "Child Care Links is extremely grateful to Hacienda Helping Hands for their support of our diaper program. These funds will help our agency provide diapers to more families struggling to afford a sufficient supply for their children. This generous contribution brings the total number of diapers raised by Child Care Links since October 24th to 55,000 diapers. The average child uses six diapers a day, which means an estimated 1,300 children will have a week's supply of diapers to keep them clean, dry and healthy. The success of this program could not have happened without the support from Hacienda and other community organizations such as Valley High School, Valley Community Church and Valley Family Child Care Association. This diaper program allows Child

Care Links to partner with families in new ways to discover their changing needs and help build strong and healthy families. It's evident Hacienda Helping Hands is committed to building strong community partnerships to better the lives of all Tri-Valley residents."

Sandra J. Wing, Chief Executive Officer declared, "We are honored that Hacienda Helping Hands issued our cancer charity a grant to enhance our community education events. For several years, the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation has hosted 3 education events for the Tri-Valley community. Typically attendees include cancer patients, their family and friends, and caregivers. A cancer diagnosis impacts not only a cancer patient but all those in that person's circle of influence. The Hacienda Helping Hands grant will be applied to our 2017 workshops covering the following topics: Caregiving; A Mindfulness Technique of Guided/Visual Imagery; and Laughter is Good Medicine. Our workshops are offered free to the Tri-Valley community and all are welcome to attend."

"Close Up Foundation

# County Finishes Counting Ballots

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters Office completed ballot processing and released Unofficial Final election results from the November 8 General Election.

Updates posted to the Registrar's website, [www.acvote.org](http://www.acvote.org), show ballots cast by 670,245 voters, the most ever to participate in an election in Alameda County.

That number represents a 75.42 percent turnout of Alameda County's 888,709 registered voters.

Jamie Hintzke won reelection to her third term on the Pleasanton school board. After all votes were counted, Hintzke received 12,071 votes, 144 votes ahead of Kathleen Ruegsegger's 11,927.

Steve Maher led the field with 24,468 votes, followed by incumbent Valerie Arkin with 14,736. There were 143 write-in votes.

Hintzke said, "I am very encouraged that we had four excellent candidates run in this election. I hope that this is a trend and we see more good candidates step up in the future."

Ruegsegger sent congratulatory notes to the winners, "I've said from the beginning that we had four good candidates. I'm fine with the outcome. I will stay involved."

Certification of the vote is required to take place by Dec. 8.

The unofficial final count:

Livermore Mayor	
John Marchand (I)	30,390
Livermore City Council (2 elected)	
Bob Coomber	18,153
Bob Carling	12,427
John Stein	9,445
Lauren Turner (I)	9,124
Stewart Gary (I)	8,276
Chester Moore	5,525
Pleasanton Mayor	
Jerry Thorne (I)	20,106
Julie Testa	11,777
Pleasanton City Council (2 elected)	
Karla Brown (I)	20,337
Jerry Pentin (I)	14,499
Herb Ritter	13,938
Dublin Mayor	
Dave Haubert (I)	15,607
Shawn Costello	2,553
Dublin City Council (2 elected)	
Arun Goel	8,928
Melissa Hernandez Strah	7,950
Doreen Wehrenberg (I)	6,323
Mona Lisa Ballesteros	6,016
Pleasanton School Board (3 elected)	
Steve Maher	24,468
Valerie Arkin (I)	14,736
Jamie Hintzke (I)	12,071
Kathleen Ruegsegger	11,927
Dublin School Board	
2-Year - 1 elected	
Dan Cherrier	8,874
Sameer Hakim (I)	8,035
4-Year - 3 elected	
Joe Giannini	9,526
Amy Miller (I)	9,324
Dan Cunningham (I)	7,804
Gabrielle Blackman	7,152
Xiaozhao Zhuang	6,364
Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (2 elected)	
Beth Wilson (I)	21,704
Jan Palajac	17,845
John Kibbe	10,038
BART Board, District 5	
John McPartland	83,473
Jennifer Hosterman	49,952
Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Area 7	
Edralin "Ed" J. Maduli	19,677
William Macedo	15,575
15th Congressional District	
Eric Swalwell (I)	196,725
Danny Turner	69,712
State Senate, 7th District	
Steve Glazer (I)	250,555
Joseph Rubay	126,121
State Assembly, 16th District	
Catharine Baker (I)	123,880
Cheryl Cook-Kallio	97,200
Measure MM (Costco - Pleasanton)	
NO	21,532
YES	12,849
Measure FF (Springtown Open Space)	
YES	30,226
NO	7,020
Measure I1 (Pleasanton School Bonds) 55% vote required	
YES	23,782 69.10%
NO	10,633 30.90%
Measure A1 (Affordable Housing Bonds) 2/3 vote required	
YES	456,705 73.30%
NO	166,320 26.70%

## MAILBOX

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ion, preferably before December 2 during the open comment period. You can also write Caltrans at: Caltrans District 4, Office of Environmental Analysis, Attn. Elizabeth White, 111 Grand Avenue MS 8B, Oakland, CA 94612. The Niles Canyon project website is: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d4/nilescanyon/>.

### Get over the "Yuck Factor"

Tony Green  
Livermore

Potable water has traditionally been perceived as an unlimited resource—something that would always be available in endless supply. As a result, water conservation has often been viewed as unnecessary. But California has been in a drought since 2009; it persists despite last winter's rainy season and reservoir levels that are approaching normalcy.

Households consume 40% of California's potable water through toilet use. Since toilets are plumbed with the same water that runs to kitchen sinks, toilet water is fine for drinking. Yet after only one use it is promptly returned to Waste Water Treatment plants. Recycled water from sinks and showers, defined as "Grey Water," can be used for non-potable uses such as washing cars or watering plants. This recycled water, better known as water that comes from the purple pipe, is treated to a purity level only slightly lower than potable water standards.

Hopefully, after years of drought messaging the average person is aware that water conservation is something that we all need to think about.

Why not drink our recycled water?

The question is, "What stops people from recycling Grey Water to bring it up to drinking standards?" The answer is not technology-based, since reverse osmosis systems provide the technology to remove any particle, virus or contaminant in water that might be harmful to people if it is consumed.

The answer is marketing. The overriding perception is that drinking recycled water is the same as water that is

flushed down the toilet. This is simply not true. Orlando, Florida and Orange County, California have both used recycled water in this way since recycled water systems became required by law in 1986.

Examples of places where water is recycled to drinking level include Singapore, where cleanliness standards are more stringent than average, and Windhoek, Namibia, the first city in the world to use recycled water to address its drinking water requirements.

Converting previously used water to drinking standards, the true definition of "Toilet-to-Tap," is also cheaper and creates a smaller carbon footprint when it is purified locally than when it is pumped to purification plants that may be hundreds of miles away.

Where will our drinking water come from?

In the state of California, these facts are difficult to avoid. Scientists predict that climate change will result in lower amounts of snowfall in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The spring snowmelt from this mountain range comprises much of California's water supply. The population growth trajectory indicates that the state's population will be over 50 million by 2050 and, of course, all residents will require water.

An alternate source of water that has been suggested is desalinated ocean water. Desalination, however, is an energy-intensive process that currently has only niche applications. This leaves us asking: Where will our drinking water come from?

A solution for when no viable options exist for drinking water

During their drought the Australians considered converting the water used recycled well enough to wash coal directly to drinking water with some added purification. Charles Fishman illustrated in his book "The Big Thirst", Toomba Australia's Director of Water and Waste Water services Kevin Flanagan came up with the idea based if water could be used to wash coal then why not clean it to a level where people could drink it. Once the politicians in opposition

implemented a marketing campaign utilizing fear tactics they were able to affect public opinion and derail the project.

The people of Australia failed to understand the term toilet-to-tap means the water that was in your toilet is processed before being made available for drinking. Every drop of water has been recycled at some point in the earth's history.

Water is naturally filtered by the ground, through the soil, through the zone where both water and air fill spaces between soil particles above the area where water alone fills the pore spaces. Larger particles, such as silt, leaves, and twigs are filtered out because they can't fit through the small pore spaces. Smaller particles such as suspended clay and microorganisms become adsorbed to the soil particles. Some microorganisms are eaten by other organisms. And some dissolved chemicals such as nitrates and pesticides are consumed up by bacteria which live underground.

Our lakes and streams, provide filtering through the actions of plants and bottom-dwelling animals (like freshwater clams and mussels) which take in water, remove nutrients, and return the purified water to the environment.

Water which evaporates from the ocean due the heat provided by sunlight eventually condenses as water droplets in clouds. If the cloud grows large enough, the droplets coalesce and fall typically as rain sometimes as snow or ice. A majority of the water evaporated into the atmosphere falls as precipitation on the ocean, mostly in the tropics.

Some cities have so little clean natural water that treated sewage is reused by filtering it through the ground. Why not utilize a process used by nature for millions of years and use current technology to increase the speed and efficiency of the process?

Time to get over it

We need to get over "the yuck factor" and take advantage of every possible resource to ensure that there is ample drinking water for everyone. I shudder to think of the ramifications if we do not.

# Park District Buys Two Parcels

The East Bay Regional Park District board of directors voted 7-0 recently to purchase two parcels totaling 390 acres to expand Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve in Antioch and Vasco Hills Regional Preserve near Byron.

The Black Diamond property consists of a 191-acre parcel that will complete the northern gateway and entrance to the park, and bring the park's total acreage to 8,482. The Park District is purchasing the property, a former ranch once owned by the Arata and then Moller families, from the Antioch Unified School District for its appraised fair-market value, \$306,000. The price is reduced because the land comes with a conservation easement as part of mitigation for the School District's Dozier-Libbey Medical High School and a third-party development. It will be land-banked until the Black Diamond Mines land-use plan is updated.

Acquisition funding comes from a grant from the State Department of Parks and Recreation Habitat Conservation Fund, from Measures AA and WW, and from proceeds from the sale of a property near Anderson (Shasta County) that was donated to the Park District in 1970.

"This important acquisition is the culmination of a 30-year effort by the Park District to secure the entryway into beautiful Markley Canyon, the major access route into Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve," said Chief of Land Acquisition for the Park District, Liz Musbach. "It also provides the opportunity to move Park services from the interior of the park north to its entry point, and to consider options for the preservation

and adaptive reuse of the ranch's historic structure for education programming and recreational use."

The second purchase consists of 199 acres purchased for \$1.5 million, its appraised fair-market value, from the Coehlo Machado family. The funds will come from the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (using grants from Proposition 84 and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species conservation fund), Contra Costa County and NextEra Conservation.

The property, with its lush rolling hills and oak woodlands, is prime habitat for native species, including many which are threatened and endangered, and is part of an important wildlife corridor that stretches from Antioch to Livermore. Vasco Road bisects the property. A tunnel underpass allows for passage from one side to the other, and may be used to accommodate hikers, bicyclists and equestrians as part of a regional trail network sometime in the future.

The property will expand the boundaries of Vasco Hills Regional Preserve as well as Byron Vernal Pools Regional Preserve. It will be land-banked until the Vasco Hills land use plan is completed.

"It's exciting to protect so much open space in eastern Contra Costa County," said Park District director Diane Burgis, who represents that area. "These properties provide a wonderful opportunity for the public to explore, see wildlife and learn about the history of the area."

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## TVLC

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management and other problems with ACOE, plans were set in place to support LVJUSD in their oversight role as the charter school's authorizer.

"When allegations of misappropriation surfaced, ACOE's legal responsibility was to determine whether there was a reason to believe that fraud, misappropriation of funds, or other illegal fiscal practices had occurred. As a result of TVLC's invitation to FCMAT to conduct a fiscal review, suspicious financial transactions were identified and reported to ACOE that appear to constitute fraud or misappropriation."

L. Karen Monroe, Alameda County Superintendent of Schools, stated, "After reviewing the evidence presented by my business office staff, I contacted FCMAT to conduct an Extraordinary Audit. Based on the findings of this audit, the Alameda County Office of Education will work with all parties to take action on the identified issues of concern and work toward a swift resolution."

A letter from acting TVLC CEO Lynn Lyso sent to the Livermore School suggested that financial issues would be resolved through Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization.

The FCMAT team had visited TVLC by invitation on Nov. 7, and asked for certain documents, Lyso told the TVLC board at its Nov. 17 meeting.

According to Lyso, the FCMAT representative said that TVLC could save money, and have the state do an extraordinary audit, instead of having TVLC pay FCMAT \$38,000 to conduct the audit.

An FCMAT top official suggested Lyso contact county Associate Superintendent Gary Jones and ask for the extraordinary audit. Jones told The Independent on Tuesday that a contract will be signed, probably next week. The county pays for the work, but can be reim-

bursed by the state, he said.

### NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS

At last Tuesday's Livermore School Board meeting, Assistant Superintendent Chris Van Schaack noted that there had been a response from LVCS regarding previous notice of violations.

He told the board that TVLC had remedied the complaint regarding the foreign exchange program. Students were charged tuition to attend the prep school. The program was canceled. Fiscal mismanagement allegations were partially cured with payment of teacher pensions and some creditors. However, not all of the fiscal concerns have been resolved. Van Schaack added that the issues regarding transparency and integrity were not remedied.

New concerns were listed by the school district in a report (the full report on the violations can be found at <http://esbpublic.lvjUSD.k12.ca.us/>). They include fiscal mismanagement, unpaid debt, deficiencies in budgets, bankruptcy filings, misrepresentations in the LVCS charter renewal petition and lack of candor regarding the bankruptcy filing. In addition, the school district says that TVLC has failed to comply with the FCMAT investigation. The district says it has found deficiencies in education programs, site safety violations, lack of due diligence in hiring previous site principals, violation of admissions preferences, and violations of promises made in the charter petitions. The prep school had lost its accreditation.

TVLC hosted WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) visitors on Nov. 17, as part of the accreditation body's data collection for a decision it will make Jan. 28 about whether to reinstate Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory accreditation.

A representative of a firm

handling the TVLC bankruptcy protection, which was filed last week, told the WASC group how the reorganization works. Most of the reorganization work will be done between February and June, said Lyso.

Van Schaack commented, "Due to financial challenges, we believe there have been significant changes in education programs. Programs have been eliminated that were part of the charter provisions." He said he had visited the site to look into allegations of safety. A return visit found concerns had not been remedied. Van Schaack added, there is no realistic plan to pay creditors.

TVLC has 90 days to respond to the district with proposed remedies.

The Livermore School District noted that Chapter 11 proceedings would be taken into consideration. However, the district's concerns are not exclusively financial.

Board member Chris Wenzel said he was disappointed in what happened at the schools. "We have a responsibility to protect the community and the children."

### CHARTER RENEWALS

TVLC has applied to the Livermore School District for early renewal of the two charters. The current LVCS charter runs through June 30, 2018; the prep school charter through June 30, 2020.

At the Livermore Board meeting, Lyso introduced new principals for both schools, as well as a vice principal who works at both schools. She stated that Chapter 11 represents fiscal reorganization. "We are trying to change everything we've done in the past. There are a lot of dedicated people left who would still like to have this education choice."

New LVCS principal Jaime Colly told the Livermore School Board that the charter school offers a different educational choice. There

are smaller class sizes, a tight knit academic community of teachers and students. There is a focus on the arts and speciality programs. There is also a tech focus. "This school has potential that is off the charts."

Parent David Von Heeder commented that a charter should be built upon an unshakable foundation of engaged community support. The charter should include collaboration with parents, teachers and other stakeholders. In this case, however, parents and teachers were completely unaware that an early renewal petition was being submitted and were not asked to participate in its preparation. He said that was emblematic of TVLC. He asked that the charter for LVCS not be renewed.

Another parent said that TVLC consists of the same board members making the same decisions.

Charter Prep's new principal Gary Pogue addressed the Livermore School Board, stating, "I wouldn't do this job if I didn't believe in this organization." The school offers choices. Class sizes are smaller. There is a sports program. Learning is project based. Currently, there are over 300 students. The small size allows for students to fit in and thrive.

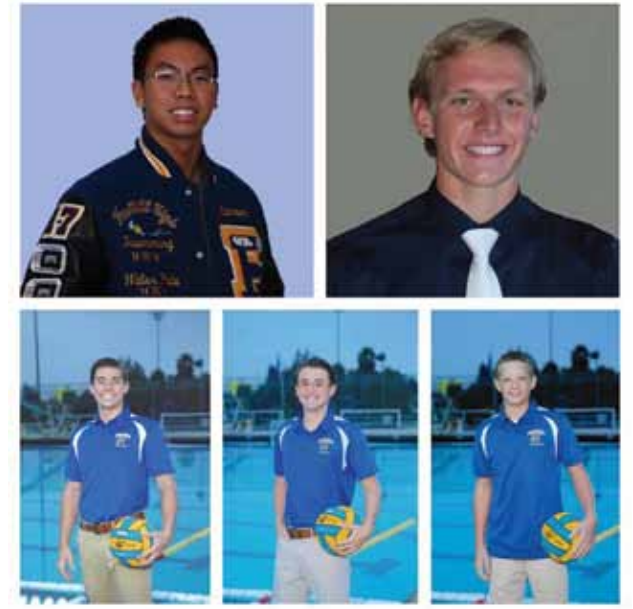
Several students said that they loved the prep school. "I feel safe, loved and free to be me," one stated. Another pointed out that different students learn in different ways. "They should have the option from a more traditional high school."

A parent echoed those comments when discussing his children. He asked that the board not take action until the end of the school year to avoid harming students.

It was noted that both schools have been outstanding when it comes to performances on academic tests.

The school board is scheduled to take up the issue of extending the charters at its December 13 meeting.

## SPORTS NOTES



**Foothill Water Polo players (from left, top) Aaron Li, Fabio Salvioni, Dylan Pottgieiser, Nathan Williams, and Matthew Dotson were honored with end-of-season awards including three All League selections. Matthew Dotson, a junior, was selected as All League First Team. Nathan Williams, a sophomore, and Aaron Li, a senior, were selected as All League Honorable Mention. In addition to these honors, Dotson was named Most Valuable Player for the FHS boys' varsity squad, Fabio Salvioni, a senior, was the Defensive Player of the Year, Li was the Falcon Award winner and junior Dylan Pottgieiser was Most Improved.**



**West Coast Katz had a very good showing at the NorCal NPL College Showcase. Katz faced off against the Juventus SC 99 Black and California Odessey South Black. The Katz fought to a 1-1 tie against Juventus and a 2-1 victory over California Odessey on a late goal by forward Kira Karter, and an earlier score by Lesly Jimenez on a free kick just outside of the 18 yard box. Briana Haskins scored the lone goal against Juventus on an assist by forward Alize Perez. The Katz stingy defense was anchored by Bela Cuevas, Sydney Duncan, Morgan Hall and Taylor Petersen. Sophia Shokoor and GK Amanda Leal. The midfield continued to lock down the middle with play from Jessica Bonfiglio and Amanda Silveira and Tara Collier.**



**The U17 West Coast Wildfire closed out their Norcal Premier fall league with a 4-1 win over Placer United at the NPL Showcase in Davis. Wildfire finished in the top 3 giving them a berth in the Champions League next season. Picture is Kayla Grisham making a run toward the goal. Grisham scored 2 of the 4 goals in the game against Placer United.**



**Pictured is the Fusion SC's U12 Boys Maroon team**

### Fusion Soccer

Fusion SC's U12 Boys Maroon team, playing in the top Premier bracket on Nov. 12, took on Diablo FC Academy. Fusion's offense came out strong. Montgomery Carey, Peyton Bruan, Tanner Griffith & Marcos Valdez collaborated on a beautiful passing sequence, setting up Zachary Huerta for the game's first goal. Huerta was just getting warmed up; he scored two more goals to claim a coveted "hat trick" - by the end of the first half. Fusion continued the offensive onslaught in the second half, with Tanner Breesch scoring twice, Joaquin Sanchez once, and Huerta his fourth of the game. The 7-4 victory gave the team strong momentum heading into Sunday's final fall season game against one of the top-ranked teams in their bracket: Benicia.

The match with Benicia was a hard-fought defensive struggle, with neither team able to get an advantage until Rodrigo Salazar scored the game's only goal in the second half giving Fusion a 1-0 win.

relentless offense with stellar play. The weekend's two victories secured the team's #1 spot in the Premier division standings.

### West Coast Soccer

The West Coast Wildfire closed out their Norcal Premier fall league with a 4-1 win over Placer United at the NPL Showcase in Davis. The win capped off an outstanding fall league showing giving the Wildfire a 6-2-0 record with 17 points overall. Wildfire finished in the top 3 giving them a berth in the Champions League next season.

In their final match of the NPL I East division, the Wildfire met faced a tough Placer United team. The first score of the match came in the 12th minute from West Coast's midfielder Kayla Grisham. West Coast moved ahead 1-0 and closed out the half in the lead.

As the second half started, Wildfire stepped up their aggressive attack. Several offensive plays were set up by West Coast's midfielder of Grisham, Sierra Martin, Bella Barbero, Amanda Zeck, and Tori Borgna. Forwards Briane Torres, Savannah Seals and Rachel McArthy all went one-on-one

## LAWSUIT

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litigation against the California Dept. of Parks and Recreation regarding the Carnegie State Park Recreation Area General Plan Revision. The suit will officially be filed next Monday. The suit will challenge the adequacy of the final environmental impact report. Friends of Tesla Park planned to file a separate lawsuit yesterday, Nov. 23.

The topic of the expansion and potential lawsuits arose during the meeting of the Altamont Open Space Advisory Committee last Friday. The committee is comprised of representatives from Alameda County, Livermore, the Sierra Club and Pleasanton. It was established to administer funds raised through fees paid at local landfills.

The committee had authorized sending a letter to the California Department of Parks and Recreation to make the department aware

that there are funds available to purchase property in the area.

The letter stated, "The proposed Expansion Area for the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area is within the East Alameda County Open Space Acquisition Area under the Altamont Landfill Settlement Agreement. On September 16, 2016, the Altamont Landfill Settlement Agreement Open Space Committee (Open Space Committee) representing the East Alameda County Acquisition Area (City of Livermore, Alameda County, and the Sierra Club) made a determination that the proposed Expansion Area is a high priority for potential acquisition if it became available. Currently, there is approximately \$12 million available in the Open Space Fund to acquire open space land in East Alameda County."

The letter noted, that if the proposed Expansion Area were to become available for acquisition, then the Open Space Committee would consider a grant application for use of the Open Space Fund to acquire a permanent easement over the properties or to acquire them in fee title.

Liz McGuirk, Chief Deputy Director of the department, replied in a letter, "I appreciate your reaching out to express your interest in the Alameda-Tesla property. The department does not currently have authority to dispose or sell real property. This authority, not including special legislation, is granted to the Department of General Services." Government code establishes a process for disposal or sale of real property.

During public hearings on plans to expand the Carnegie Off-Road Vehicle

Park into the Tesla area, objections have included the likelihood of motor vehicle damage to rare and endangered plants and animals, impact on Native American and other historic sites, substantial air and water pollution, increased incidence of Valley Fever and opposition by neighboring ranchers and other residents concerned about noise, dust and traffic.

In support of the expansion, off-road organizations pointed out that the State owns the existing Carnegie off-road site and Tesla, and has previously approved the concept of the expansion. They complain that Carnegie is too small and crowded for the number of riders that use it and that there are no other nearby places to practice their sport. They contend that their fees and taxes helped pay for the land and expansion, and that off-roaders are responsible stewards of the land.

## DUBLIN

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Emeryville, Piedmont, Berkeley, Fremont and the unincorporated area of the county have passed first readings, said County Principal Planner Bruce Jensen. He said that Livermore is scheduled to decide on Nov. 28 about whether to approve a first reading.

Pleasanton heard the county presentation, and asked questions based on its own consultant's report, but has not taken a vote.

ADublin staff report cites reasons for joining the JPA as reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by selecting a higher proportion of green power for delivery to customers, and the local benefit of job creation.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who is leading the county efforts to form the CCA, has said that three clean energy firms operating

in the Altamont are interested in selling their power to the CCA.

On another item involving regional cooperation, the Dublin council approved a resolution supporting development of a connection between BART and the ACE train line. The Altamont Regional Rail Working Group, formed in October 2015, has been calling for cities in Northern California to support the concept of having the link.

The Dublin resolution says there are 12 million people in the "north California Megaregion," and 68 percent of them cross regional boundaries to commute to jobs in the Bay Area.

The Pleasanton City Council approved a similar resolution at its Nov. 15 meeting.

### CHILDREN'S MUSEUM GIVEN CHANCE FOR PARK LOCATION

The Dublin Council voted 4-0 to approve a master plan for Dublin Crossings Community Park. It will be located on 30 acres adjacent to Dublin Boulevard near the future extension of Scarlet Drive.

The park will have active uses near the Dublin Boulevard side of the park, such as sports fields and a community gathering place. More passive areas to the north will include such things as a seniors area and nature walks near the Chabot Canal.

The Dublin council, as it was constituted in 2006, said it would include the Valley Children's Museum (VCM) in the park. Currently, the museum operates from a truck, and would like to build a permanent facility

in the park.

However, the VCM has not yet raised any funds. Councilmembers were skeptical that VCM could raise the needed \$15 million or more in the next two years to open a museum when the park opens.

VCM Vice-president Pat Costanzo said that museum supporters have confidence that the money can be raised from big donors. However, it's necessary to have a land guarantee first.

The council's solution was to direct staff to meet with VCM officials and the landscape architect to see what could be done to reserve a spot for a 20,000 square-foot facility. In that way, the city will keep in touch with fund-raising efforts, and may be able to design a place-holder spot that VCM could use.

## SPORTS NOTES

### Local Golf Team Wins National Title

Livermore's Las Positas Golf Course's Junior Team (Team California) won the PGA Junior League Golf National Championship yesterday at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Arizona, defeating Team Georgia 8-4.

The team of boys and girls ages 12 to 14 years old from cities in Alameda County, as well as from as far away as Corte Madera and Fresno, raced out to an early lead and never looked back.

The Las Positas team locked up the win on the par 4, 305-yard 6th hole with a championship-clinching, 3-foot birdie putt by Alice Liu, 12, of Pleasanton. Despite earning the magic half-point that put California mathematically over the top, Liu was unaware at the time of the putt's significance.

"When I was setting up the ball, I just wanted to make it," said Liu. "When everyone started jumping and cheering, that's when I realized it was the winning putt."

This is the second PGA Junior League National Championship title for the Las Positas Junior team. The team won the championship in 2012, and also finished second in 2013.

"These kids fight," said Las Positas Junior team captain, Jeff DeBenedetti, PGA director of golf at Las Positas. "They grind. They go after it."

Cheers of "Go Las Po!" rang throughout the course during the event from the families of the Las Positas team. "They heard the cheering, and they kept going because they knew it was for them. It was fun to watch," said DeBenedetti.

The championship event consisted of eight teams, comprised of 80 top junior players from across the U.S. Each team won their regional competition to advance to the PGA Junior League Golf National Championship presented by National Car Rental. A record 36,000 boys and girls participated in PGA Junior League Golf in 2016.

Las Positas Junior Team 2016 PGA Junior League Golf National Championship: Ian Gilligan, 13, Corte Madera; Darren Pang, 13, San Ramon; Anay Roge, 14, San Ramon; Jacob Ponce, 12, San Ramon; Alice Liu, 12, Pleasanton; Drew Kim, 13, Pleasanton; Aidan Tran, 12, Fresno; Austin Tran, 14, Fresno; Ethan Jaehn, 12, Fremont; Madison Wu, 13, Dublin.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

**Granada High School's varsity football team defeated Concord 17 to 0 last Saturday. They will take on Winsor on Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. in the semifinals of the NCS Division II Championship. In the photo is Livermore High action. The Cowboys lost to Ukiah 35 to 21 in the quarterfinals.**

with the goalie only to be denied by an outstretched Placer goalkeeper.

At the 52nd minute, Placer tied the score, 1-1. Placer's goal was answered in the 66st minute by Wildfire defender, Leila Anzo. With more than 20 minutes remaining and a solid lead, West Coast Wildfire continued to attack. A third goal was scored by McArthy. As the match moved into the final minutes, Grisham found another scoring opportunity and fired a shot into the top left corner of the goal. West Coast moved ahead 4-1 and closed out the match with a solid win.

**West Coast Soccer U19 girls** continue to back their #1 in the Nation Ranking per GotSoccer National Leaderboard results for most wins in the country. This past weekend team Wild dismantled one of the top youth teams in the country with a five goal barrage over PSV Union ending in a 5-3 thriller. Delanie Sheehan and Devyn Gilfooy put up a good showing on why they should be considered on the youth national team pool, according to coach Troy Dayak. Devyn Gilfooy scored 3 goals and got an assist while Delanie score 2 goals and had 2 assists in the game with PSV.

**The Earthquakes** hold an impressive, never been done before evening of soccer under the lights at Mountain House High School. The RDS Earthquakes had over 160 players tryout. Tommy Thompson, a current Earthquakes player came out and shared his soccer story and signed autographs for the players. Earthquakes Academy Head Coach and past player Paul Holocheer helped evaluate and identify the players for the program. This program is aimed to develop players to the next level and all

the way to the full Academy and possible Earthquakes team. The Director of the Earthquakes Regional Development School is a former Earthquake and 2 time MLS Cup Champion, Troy Dayak. His coaching staff will all be training the players in the Earthquakes philosophy. Joining him will also be former player and academy coach Marquis White. The program will be continued throughout the year

#### LGSA Registration

Livermore Girls Softball Association welcomes all Livermore girls aged 5-18 for the 2017 Spring Recreational season. No prior experience necessary. Online registration is open at [www.lgsa.org](http://www.lgsa.org). Visit the website or email [info@lgsa.org](mailto:info@lgsa.org) for more information.

#### CYO Track and Field

St. Michael CYO Track and Field team will begin practices for the fall season on February 8th. Sign ups are January 9, 12, 17 & 19 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Livermore. The team is open to all children from kindergarten through eighth grade who live in Livermore or attend St. Michael. Go to [www.smistrack.org](http://www.smistrack.org) for more information or contact Mandy Costello at [mandy.costello@hotmail.com](mailto:mandy.costello@hotmail.com) or 925-337-7344.

#### Bah Humbug! 5K

The 24th Annual San Ramon Bah Humbug! 5K fun run and walk will be held Sat., Dec. 3.

The Bah Humbug! is a chip timed race on a 3.1 mile course. The course is a fun, flat, family friendly, paved route



### Tallon Ace Chambers Carries on Family Tradition of World Championships

The Chambers family of Livermore have captured world titles in the sport of Jet Ski racing.

The most recent family member to capture a title, is Tallon Ace Chambers. He competed in the 2016 Junior World Championship this past October. This year's event marked the 35th Annual Jet Ski World Finals held in Lake Havasu City, Az. This was Tallon's 13th year attending the World Finals and 3rd year competing in the event. He races the Junior Stock 10-12 year old class and competes on a Kawasaki SXR800 standup Jet ski.

With Tallon's win at this year's World Finals, the Chambers became the first family in the history of the sport to have a mother, father, and now son to all hold World Champion titles.

His mother, Brenda Chambers, began her racing career in the late seventies and continued into the early nineties. She is a multi-time World and National Champion and has been to 34 of the 35 Jet Ski World Final events. The only event she missed was the year Tallon was born in 2003. His father, Art Chambers, began his racing career in the early eighties and continued into the late nineties. He is a multi-time World and National Champion and has been to 33 of the 35 Jet Ski World Final events.

Jet Ski racing has been described as motocross on water. The events are held on lakes, rivers, and oceans. The track is made up of large colored buoys that represent left and right turns. The racers line up behind a starting band and when the band is released the race is on. Up to 25 racers will compete in a race, where in the stock class they will reach speeds up to 54mph. Jet Skis have no brakes. They require extreme balance, strength, and stamina. To add to the difficulty, water conditions on the track are constantly changing. Water gets rougher and more difficult to navigate. Following another Jet Ski in the white water or foam is also nearly impossible making passing and choosing lines very difficult.

Tallon Ace Chambers was born on August 27th, 2003. He took his first ride on a Jet Ski as an infant and started riding on his own when he was 3 years old. He won his first race at the age of 6. He has been the regional Junior Champion for the last 5 years. In his first World Finals appearance in 2014 he placed 10th overall in his first event and 6th overall in his second event. At last year's World Finals he was on the podium for the first time with a 3rd overall in both of his events.

In 2016, the family committed to attending as many races as possible to give Tallon more time on the water to try and gain more racing experience. This included 5 races of the "Best of the West" series in Arizona and Southern California with Tallon crowned the Overall Junior Champion. The family also attended a National Tour Race in Reno Nevada where they combined the 10-12 year old class with the 13-15 year old class. Tallon still was able to win all 3 motos for another Overall Junior Champion title.

Based on his performances, there were high hopes for a good finish at this year's World Finals event. There were 25

beginning at the San Ramon Community Center at Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. Registration details are available online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) search Bah Humbug! San Ramon or visit the City of San Ramon website at: Bah Humbug! 5K Run and Walk.

Runners are asked to bring a can of food to be donated to the Contra Costa County Food Bank to assist those in need during the holiday season. Canned food donations will be collected at the registration table. San Ramon Police Department will be collecting new, unwrapped toys as a part of their "Stuff the Cruiser" toy drive benefiting Toys for Tots. Costume awards will be given for: Most Grinch-Like, Best Holiday Spirit, and Best Group Theme!

Medals are given to the first three finishers in each age division. The Mayor's Crown will award the lowest combined times of the 2016 Bah Humbug! and 2017 Run San Ramon pre-registered 5K runner. The Mayor's

Crown winner will be recognized at the 2017 Run San Ramon 4th of July event.

All pre-registered participants may receive their shirt prior to the event start



Tallon with his trophy (lower photo); start of the moto is shown in the upper photo.

kids in his class representing a dozen different countries. Most of the countries that come to the World Finals have government subsidized programs that build racing centers where riders can train year round. International racers are treated like Olympic athletes. Tallon set the tone early in his qualifying event when he swept around last year's World Finals Champion, the most difficult pass in Jet Ski racing, en route to his qualifying win. In the first of two motos, Tallon almost pulled off the same pass but was forced to slot into 3rd place where he ultimately finished. In the second and final moto, Tallon needed to win in order to have a shot at the Overall title. He pulled off a fantastic start and led wire to wire to clinch his first World Title.

The family has lived in Livermore since 2007. Tallon attended Arroyo Seco Elementary School from K-5. He now attends East Avenue Middle School where he is in the 7th grade. His is an honor roll student and competes on the cross country team, wrestling team, and track team through his school sports program. He has played baseball for Livermore Little League for the past 8 years and played soccer for Fusion for the past 9 years.

at a packet pick up hosted by the New San Ramon Sports Basement located at 1041 Market Place San Ramon on Thursday, December 1st from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ornaments are given out at the completion of the run.



The Fusion Rec U14 Boys FC United team, coached by Fred Mallon, completed a perfect season. The season culminated with a 1-0 victory in the championship game. Mallon played for Fusion during the 1970's / '80's, when Fusion was LYSL. After a season opening game in which the boys had to come back from a 2 - 0 deficit, the boys gelled as a team and played the season undefeated. Pictured is the team.



The Granada High School Varsity Boys and Girls Cross Country have qualified to compete in the State Championship meet in Clovis next weekend. The Granada Boys finished third in NCS DII qualifying for the first time in 16 years. This outstanding result was earned with a team effort. The Granada Girls raced short-handed and defended their NCS DII Championship with a gutsy, unexpected victory. Racing without their top runner, the team needed a near perfect effort to win and got it. The team continuously picked off runner after runner in the last mile, needing every spot to best rival Monte Vista by 1 point. Pictured are (top, from left) Cameron Meier, Kinaar Desai, Cameron Priest, Chris Kilday, John Bennett, Alex Hattori, Tyler Hattori; (bottom row) Kaylie Lawsen, Daisy Guinchard, Colleen McCandless, Kinga Bihari, Kalea Bartolotto, Paula Leigh and Gracie Dupuis.

# LVPAC Asking Donors to Tell Who Brought Them to the Arts

Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's (LVPAC) #GivingTuesday campaign, "Who Influenced You?" encourages everyone to share their stories about who introduced them to the arts, then make a gift in their honor on Tuesday, November 29, 2016. Whether made in tribute or not, all gifts given on #GivingTuesday will be matched two ways, first against a special \$30,000 #GivingTuesday matching grant for that day only, then against LVPAC's \$150,000 Challenge Grant which runs through December 31, 2016, effectively tripling the power of a single gift.

All proceeds from both #GivingTuesday and LVPAC's \$150,000 Challenge Grant will support the efforts of the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center, including educational outreach and community art activities.

Scott Kenison, Executive Director for LVPAC, commented, "People who have made a difference in our lives inspire us to make

a difference in others' lives. Whether one enjoys music, dance, visual arts, film, or another art form, virtually everyone has a story to tell about how they were introduced to the arts or who influenced them to become involved in some way. Often it was parents or family members who took them to see performances or paid for music lessons. It may have been a teacher who shared their own passion for an art form and inspired experimentation. For others, the spark may have been just seeing a talented musician on stage, a free theater performance, or an artist's work at a street fair.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to pay it forward, to thank that person for their impact on your life and provide opportunities for others to experience and be inspired by the arts," Kenison added. "The power of the matching grants offered to LVPAC by our generous donors makes every gift go even further." LVPAC's educational outreach pro-

gram helps underwrite free monthly family events, student tickets, as well as workshops and master classes with visiting artists, providing opportunities for young people to be inspired by the arts and make the arts a part of their own future.

Through social media and online, LVPAC is encouraging people to remember who brought them to the arts. If tributary information is provided, an acknowledgement letter will be sent to the person in whose name the gift is given. Share stories on LVPAC's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/lvpac/> or via email at [development@lvpac.org](mailto:development@lvpac.org)

Donations can be made online at [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org) or by mail to Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center at 2400 First Street, Livermore, California, 94550. For questions about #GivingTuesday, the \$150,000 Challenge Grant, LVPAC membership or ongoing gifts, contact development officer Denise Bridges at (925) 583-2304.



Myles



Ralphie

## Giving on Tuesday Can Help Rescue Animals in Need

Pledge your support to join Valley Humane Society on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 for Giving Tuesday, as we come together to cel-

brate generosity and raise \$5K to help local dogs and cats. Visit [valleyhumane.org](http://valleyhumane.org) to take the pledge, learn more about this one-day-only event, or find other ways to participate. Social media fans can share and follow globally via the hashtag #givingtuesday.

Funds raised will help animals like Ralphie and Myles. Sweet and energetic, Ralphie is a spritely kitten who is learning to get along after a leg amputation. Myles is an affectionate Retriever puppy who was found as a stray with a severe but treatable skin condition. Through Valley Humane Society they have the best of care during recovery and the chance to find loving forever homes. Every year, thousands of animals are lost or abandoned locally to crowded municipal animal shelters; Valley Humane Society gives a second chance to as many as possible.

As a private nonprofit organization, Valley Humane Society relies upon the community to support the lifesaving programs and services we provide to local dogs and cats, their guardians, and people of all ages. Funding does not come from national humane groups, taxes, or state and federal sources, but from the philanthropic spirit and dedicated compassion of individuals, small businesses and local corporations

Giving Tuesday ([givingtuesday.org](http://givingtuesday.org)) is a global movement in its fifth year, created to celebrate and encourage giving. It balances the often excessive Black Friday and Cyber Monday spending that follow many a Thanksgiving feast.

# Lab Gives Back to the Community

Each year, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) sponsors an employee charitable giving program called the HOME Campaign (Helping Others More Effectively). The HOME Campaign is now officially open and will run through Friday, Dec. 2. It is designed to allow employees the opportunity to donate to their favorite charities through payroll deduction. An added benefit to donating through HOME is that Lawrence Livermore National Security (LLNS), the Laboratory's managing contractor, matches employee donations up to \$1 million increasing the contribution value to participating agencies.

The Laboratory has been raising funds through the HOME Campaign for 42 years and has become one of the region's most generous annual charity drives, with employee contributions benefiting more than 700 charities. Since 2009, the Lab's HOME Campaign has raised more than \$3 million annually, including the annual LLNS \$1 million match, with a total amount raised of more than \$30 million overall in the last decade.

The Laboratory has many other employee giving programs that benefit local communities. LLNL is the largest blood donor in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The Lab's Brighter Holidays, started in 1989 with just a few local Livermore families, now assists hundreds of individuals in need across nine counties.

As a federally funded entity, LLNL is prohibited from making direct monetary contributions to sponsor fundraising events and/or non-profit agencies. All charitable fundraising conducted at the Laboratory is employee-based.

In addition to the HOME Campaign, LLNS, the Laboratory's managing contractor, has a Community Giving Program that accepts applications from local 501(c)3 charitable organizations during an annual call for gift requests. More information on LLNS and its Corporate Giving Program is available on the LLNS website (link is external)

LLNS has announced the recipients for the 2016 LLNS Community Gift Program.

LLNS received 81 applications totaling more than \$680,000 in requests. Thirty-four applications were selected for awards totaling \$100,000 through a committee review process. The majority of these awards serve children in the Tri-Valley area, Contra Costa and San Joaquin Counties, with a focus on literacy, cultural arts and science, technology, engineering and math education. Other recipients focus their charitable efforts toward children, families, senior citizens and individuals in need of assistance.

Bill Goldstein, LLNS president and LLNL director, presented the awards during a reception at the LLNS office in downtown Livermore. "I am honored to thank you, on behalf of LLNS and the Laboratory for your commitment and your service to our community," said Goldstein. "It is sincerely appreciated."

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

- Alameda County Foster Parent Association provides support services that allow foster children to have experiences that are afforded other children.
- Assistance League of Amador Valley, Operation School Bell provides clothing, school supplies, mentoring and tutoring to underserved school children in the Tri-Valley.
- Banta Elementary School encourages students to make a positive difference in the world and our environment.
- Blind Babies Foundation, A Program of Junior Blind provides critical early childhood development services and support to children and their families.
- California High School Engineering and Design Academy provides students with hands-on project-based learning in STEM fields.
- Central Valley Youth Symphony offers support to young musicians, affording them the opportunity to learn how to play symphonic music.
- Chabot Space & Science Center in Oakland inspires and educates students of all ages about our planet and the universe.
- Coalition of Tracy Citizens to Assist the Homeless offers services to improve the well-being of homeless people.
- Discovery Bay Odyssey of the Mind, International Problem-Solving Competition delivers the opportunity for gifted students to think outside the box in technical and engineering fields.

- Dublin San Ramon Women's Club delivers youth, family and senior programs that strengthen the community, making it a better place to live.
- Dublin High School provides supportive, caring and alternative learning by engaging students in project-based learning.
- Exceptional Needs Network offers a free overnight camp for special needs children at Livermore's Camp Arroyo.
- Faith Network of the East Bay, Science Horizons Program gives Oakland elementary students learning opportunities in STEM.
- Fertile GroundWorks, Garden Lab Program teaches K-12 students how to grow nutritious food for themselves and others, including those in need.
- Give Every Child A Chance delivers project-based learning activities that introduce youth to STEM related fields.
- Lammersville Unified School District, Altamont Elementary School prepares students with hands-on learning, placing amplified emphasis on STEM with their new science lab.
- Las Positas College, Biotech Bootcamp exposes high school students to careers in biomedical science through hands-on biotechnology experiments.
- League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Youth Eagles Aviation & Space Education advances educational attainment with Hispanic youth emphasizing the STEM fundamentals.
- Livermore High School Calculus Camp removes students from everyday distractions and immerses them in the study and review of calculus.
- Livermore High School, Biotechnology Curriculum offers a rigorous course in which students explore concepts using modern equipment.
- Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD), Girls Who Code Club teaches computer programming to middle and high school students after school.
- LVJUSD, Junction Avenue K-8 Fifth Grade Science Camp provides an opportunity for students to study our valley water shed, history and ecosystems.
- LVJUSD, Joe Mitchell K-8 inspires and supports students to be critical and reflective thinkers utilizing hands-on experiences.
- LVJUSD, Granada High School Machine Tool Program teaches the skills necessary to safely program and operate computerized machinery.
- Oakland Children's Fairyland Inc., Science Alive! Teaches zoology and botany to underserved kindergarten and first grade students.
- Pacific Chamber Orchestra, The Science of Music introduces elementary students to basic musical concepts within a themed program.
- Pine Valley Middle School utilizes online tools and technology to provide a platform to help drive struggling students forward.
- San Ramon Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW), Tech Trek advances equity for women and girls through hands-on activities in math, science and related fields.
- The Livermore/Pleasanton/Dublin Branch of the AAUW, Tech Trek Summer Camp for Girls advances equity for women and girls through hands-on activities in math, science and related fields.
- Tracy High School, Science Program enables students to become skilled users of biotechnology utilizing modern tools for conducting scientific investigations.
- Tri-Valley Conservancy, Discovery Program connects youth with nature and provides them with a meaningful outdoor experience.
- Tri-Valley Haven, Food Pantry provides nourishment, creates homes safe from abuse and contributes to a more peaceful society.
- Windemere Ranch Middle School, STEM Q&A: K-12 Science Trivia Program encourages students interested in STEM with a computerized trivia program and competition.
- World of Wonders Science Museum compliments the education of young children through hands-on scientific discovery.

More information on LLNS and its Community Gift Program is available on the website, [www.llnslc.com](http://www.llnslc.com).

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# Local Effort Underway to Support Wreaths Across America

Local volunteers are working hard to ensure that all veterans laid to rest at the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery are honored this December on National Wreaths Across America Day. This year, the ceremony, held simultaneously across the country at more than 1,000 locations, will take place on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016 at 12 noon. The goal: to place a live, fir wreath at the headstone of every veteran buried there and say each person's name, so their memory lives on.

Wreaths across Pleasanton is a grass roots effort to place a wreath on every veteran's grave (560) that is in the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery located at the 5700 Block Sunol Blvd.

This effort is led by an Amador Valley High School Student, Cameron Huber, with the sponsorship by the VFW Post 6298, the American Legion Post 237, the Pleasanton Lion's Club and the local chapter of the Association of the United States Army.

Help will be needed on Sunday December 11th to assemble about 600 wreaths. Although this will take place from 9 am until finished (hopefully by 5 pm.), volunteers can come for an hour, 2 hours or long as they can spare. We are hoping to get 100-150 volunteers to help with this effort. The wreath

rings and red ribbon to make bows are ready. The group will receive Christmas Tree trimming donated from local tree lots, prior to assembly day. All help big and small is appreciated.

The assembly project will take place at the Amador Recreation Building, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Coffee, cookies and cocoa will be provided.

At 9 am on Saturday December 17th about 50 - 70 Boy Scouts will place wreath display stakes at each of the veteran's graves.

At 12:00, the goal will be to have 300-350 citizen at the cemetery to place the wreaths on the display stakes.

Just prior to the placing of the wreaths, Army Chaplain Major Seidel will bless the wreaths and the veterans who served.

For information, go to [www.wreathscrosspleasanton.org/](http://www.wreathscrosspleasanton.org/)

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# OBITUARIES

## Frank Warner Holm

4-01-1929 to 11-01-2016

Frank's life began on a farm on Stanley Blvd, called Fairview. Frank and his family were a big part of the old history of Livermore. Frank's grandpa came from Denmark and settled here, helping form the Dana Lodge. Frank's father, Warner Wilbur Holm was born in Livermore. Frank's mother is from the Teeter family.



Frank's entire young life was spent working alongside his father and siblings as they owned and operated the cattle/grain-farmed acreage of Fairview. Fairview, the large 3-story family home built in 1906 was used in 1967 as a joint exercise-in-training for mutual aid-fighting a 3-story structure fire by firefighters who practiced using new ladder trucks from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department in conjunction with the big ladder trucks from the Livermore Radiation laboratory. Although Fairview is gone now, a park remains named in honor of Frank's Grandma, Ida Holm on a portion of their property.

Frank had his own "Custom Tractor Work" enterprise and was contracted in June 1950 to clearing the land with his scraper and disc implements for the new California Research & Development Co. facilities being built at the old East Avenue air base area. For those 75 hours of work, he received \$300.00! In 1976, Frank started employment with the LLNL until his retirement in 1989 as Rigger Supervisor. Frank and his family still own and operate a cattle business on the Holm Ranch on Mines Road. All his life, Frank and his buddies hunted there during deer season each summer, followed by their "famous" venison BBQs at the ranch's cabin/pool area. The big 4th of July celebration at the ranch still exists today. The Holm family was full of family tradition and Frank's life revolved around his family and those occasions.

Frank was an active lifetime member and Past President of Las Positas Parlor #96, Native Sons of the Golden West. He was an active and lifetime member and Past Commander of the Livermore V.F.W. Post #7265. He was very proud of his commemorative "brick" in front of that building. He was a lifetime member of the Operating Engineers Local Union #3, a Life Member of the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club and Life Member of the Livermore Rodeo Association. His clubs were very important to him and he loved to work and cook for them whenever he could. He enlisted and served in the US AF as a heavy equipment operator from December 1951 to December 1955 with tours in Texas, Missouri, Tennessee, Labrador and Utah. After his service, he worked at Camp Parks and then as a burro crane operator for the Southern Pacific Railroad. He then was employed for 13 years at Deetz Construction Co. in Pleasanton as an Operating Engineer.

Joan (Voerckel) and Frank were Livermore High School sweethearts who married in 1950 in the little chapel of the First Presbyterian Church. They lived on College Avenue for 35 yrs, and then moved to Third Street in 1985 for 32 years. They were content with a simple life in Livermore and happy to see all the new improvements, especially downtown and in the "old southside" where they resided for more than 66+ yrs. Frank almost never had to hire a repairman because he could fix anything that needed to be done. It seems that he never quite "finished" improving his own home and yard.

Frank was very proud of his two sons: Gary (& wife, Jeri Sween) is a retired Lt. Cdr., US Navy who also then went on to retire a second time from the Dept. of Veteran's Affairs in San Diego. David (& wife, Sandy

Sports Garcia) of Manteca, was a long-haul truck driver and is active in his church missions. Grandson Brett (& wife Heather, children Gemma & Kaiser) is a Honolulu firefighter. Grandson Derek (& wife Eihdel, children Charlene & Brody) is a SMSgt. In the US Air Force Reserve and works for a bio tech firm in San Diego. Granddaughter, Jennifer (& husband Victor) is a UC Stanislaus Graduate, living in Livermore and working in Milpitas.

Frank loved the solitude of his weekly fishing trips to Lake Del Valle in his boat, which was his pride and joy during retirement. He loved to distribute his catch of trout to his friends and neighbors. He tallied every fish he ever caught. He checked his outdoor high-low thermometer each morning and tallied his rain gauge, always coordinating his reading with those in the local newspaper.

Frank loved all his dogs: Pepper, Dingo, Buster, Mickey and Hammie. They enriched each other's lives. He took such good care of them. Frank was "known" around Livermore as the guy with his dog hanging out of his truck window as they went for their daily ride together each morning, mostly to their beloved Livermore rodeo grounds.

And at the end of Frank's long and full life, he once again found himself coming full circle, residing on Stanley Blvd. He ended his days with us living among newly made friends at Heritage Estates not far from his beloved family home, Fairview.

He will be missed and forever loved.....He was a good man. His parents Ione Teeter Holm and Warner Wilbur Holm; his siblings sister, Marilyn "Tilli" Holm Calhoun, James G. Holm, Patsy Holm Neely and Richard Holm, all deceased

## Leon Rudolph Bridgers

3/26/26 to 11/17/16

Leon passed away at the age of ninety on the morning of 11/17, at his home at Rosewood Gardens in Livermore, Ca, after living with the effects of Alzheimer's disease for the last three years.

Leon, known to his five siblings as Rudolph, was born and raised in Rocky Mount N. C. After serving in the Army in Germany at the end of World War II, he returned home where he continued to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a commercial pilot.

He also met and married his wife, Iretha Smith. Together they began his career and their life together. He was recalled into the Army Air Corp at the beginning of the Korean War and sent to Lubbock, Texas, where their first child, Cynthia, was born.

After being discharged, they once again returned to N. C., where his flying career continued and 2nd daughter, Debbie, was born. The family moved several times over the next few years living in Tennessee, then Michigan, where 3rd daughter Bridget was born, then Ohio, and ultimately settling in Pleasanton, Ca., which became his home for forty seven years. Leon worked for several supplemental airline carriers during the span of his career, eventually retiring from Transamerica Airlines. After his career as a pilot Leon turned his focus to his other passions, becoming a stock broker and enjoying a relaxing round of golf.

Leon was preceded in death by his wife, Iretha, who passed away in 2004. He is survived by daughters: Cindy Herrera of Livermore, CA, and her husband John, Debbie Voelker of Galt, CA, and Bridget Camara of Tuolumne, CA, and her husband Ken. Also his grandchildren: Kelly Galassi and husband Rocco, Nicole Hyland, Rhonda Williams and husband Brett, Kasandra Camara, Nathan Camara and Laura, Nicholas Camara,

Mikayla Camara, and great grandchildren, Andrew and Amanda Galassi, Jarrett, Chase and Payten Williams, Isabella Muse and Charles Camara.

Leon is also survived by his sisters, Joan Atkinson, Carol Chambers, Violet Wallace and brothers, Tommy and Robert Bridgers, and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 12:00 p.m. Nov. 28 at Callaghan's Mortuary in Livermore, CA.

## Thomas James Nugent Jr.

Resident of Livermore, CA. Apr. 9, 1934-Oct. 23, 2016

Brother, Father, Uncle, Grandfather and friend to many.

Thomas was born in Brooklyn, New York and attended Immaculate Conception Elementary where he was a mathlete champion, Holy Trinity HS, and graduated from City College of New York with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He received a Master's degree from San Jose State University.

Thomas served in the ROTC, Army and National Guard reserves from 1952-1959. Thomas moved to Livermore in 1956 and worked for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory from 1956-1980. He went all over the world during the Atomic Era. He taught as a professor of Computer Engineering at San Jose State University from 1962-1997.

Thomas is predeceased by his son Michael (1964-2015), and his ex-wife Carmela Anna "Millie" (1932-2011).

Thomas is survived by his brother Richard, wife Amy of Alamo, CA.; brother Kevin, wife Leslie, son Mark of Pollack Pines, CA. and son John, wife Kimberly, children Katherine and Sean of Placerville, CA.; brother William of Chino Valley, AZ.; brother Brian of Prescott Valley, AZ.; sister Mary of Sonoma, CA.; son Thomas III of Livermore, CA.; son Daniel, wife Nicole, daughter Alexandra of Concord, CA.

Thomas' passions were teaching and Bridge. He would even teach bridge to anyone who was willing to learn. He played Bridge all over the United States and in other countries. Thomas was a member of The ACBL and achieved the rank of Life Master long ago. Thomas was a Charter member of The Knights of Columbus council 4588, Livermore 1958. He held most every officer position through Fourth Degree. He was an avid reader, liked to travel and was very charitable.

Friends and Family are invited to attend a Visitation on Tues. Nov. 29th from 4pm-7pm and a Rosary at 7pm at Callaghan Mortuary 3833 East Ave. Livermore 925-447-2942. Catholic Mass on Wed. Nov. 30th at 11am at St. Michaels Church 458 Maple St. Livermore. Burial Service will follow Mass at St Michael's Catholic Cemetery 3885 East Ave. Livermore. A reception will be held after burial (location TBA).

Thomas will be sorely missed by all who knew him. In lieu of flowers, friends are encouraged to donate to their choice of Health charities. -Thomas Nugent III tnugent25@comcast.net

## Frederick (Fritz) Wright

Fritz Wright passed away on November 14, 2016. He was born in Fresno, CA. on September 2, 1962. He was the son of Edwin and Judith Wright. Fritz graduated from Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, CA. in 1980. After graduation he followed in his Father's footsteps and went into the HVAC industry where he worked for many years. Fritz loved cars and raced a 1969 Chevy Camaro dragster and drove his beloved '29 Model A Roadster which his father had restored. He was an accomplished water skier, barefoot skier and certified diving instructor.

Fritz is survived by his Mother, his brother Chris and wife Annette, his nephew Adam and niece Amanda. He was predeceased by his Father, maternal and paternal grandparents.

There will be a memorial service for Fritz on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 11:30 A.M., at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, CA. A reception will follow the service at Poppy Ridge golf course in Livermore.

Fritz was much loved by his family, his passing has left a hole in the family that can never be filled. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity of your choice.

Sandra Lynne (Haddock) Brooks, of Livermore, California - "Sandy," to those who knew her - went home to be with her Lord on Monday, November 7, 2016, at 2:04 p.m., while a patient at UCSF Parnassus Medical Center in San Francisco. She died after a more than four-year battle with Colon Cancer, a victim of a sudden onset of Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

Sandy was born in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, November 24, 1963, the first child of Jerry and Sharon Haddock, of Siloam Springs. She graduated with honors from Siloam Springs High School in 1982 and was a member of the National Honor Society. She attended Arkansas Tech University from 1983-1985, and graduated with honors from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science in Education, in 1987.

Sandy began her career as a legal secretary for various attorneys in Northwest Arkansas. Later, she was employed by the Arkansas Office of the Attorney General, as Charitables Coordinator for the Consumer Protection Division.

In 1983, while attending Arkansas Tech University, Sandy was married to Scott Brooks, originally of Siloam Springs, but then a resident of Russellville, Arkansas. She faithfully honored her vows until the day of her death.

Sandy retired from outside employment in 1995 when her third daughter, Emma, was born, choosing instead to invest her time and energy into the rearing and education of her children.

The course of Sandy's life led her to reside in Siloam Springs, Russellville, Fayetteville, Springdale, Little Rock, and Malvern, all in Arkansas; Broken Bow, Oklahoma; Tulare, and Livermore, Calif. She was an active and faithful church member throughout her life, holding membership in Wedington Missionary Baptist Church (Siloam Springs), Russellville Missionary Baptist Church, Landmark Missionary Baptist Church (Siloam Springs), Unity Missionary Baptist Church (Little Rock), Liberty Missionary Baptist Church (Little Rock), Pine Top Missionary Baptist Church (Broken Bow), Big Creek Missionary Baptist Church (Malvern), Tulare Missionary Baptist Church, and Grace Missionary Baptist Church (Livermore), and as a pastor's wife, was cherished by the churches her husband served.

Sandy was a dedicated wife, mother, and homemaker. She had a quick wit, an infectious personality, and she loved to laugh. She loved rollercoasters, daffodils, and clothes of all kinds but especially shoes. She loved baking, much to the delight of friends, family, and church members. She loved her dogs — Bonnie, Schatten, and Caelin — who all preceded her in death. She loved people, interacting with them, and getting to know them and their families. She loved doing things for others; she was a servant at heart. She loved her children and her husband, for whom she selflessly sacrificed daily. But most of all, she loved her Lord, Who she learned daily to trust and depend upon, as He carried her through the difficulties and hardships of her protracted disease.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents and an aunt, Jessie Lowe, all of Siloam Springs. Sandy is survived by her husband, Scott Brooks, of Tulare, Calif.; her daughters, Rachel Stitt and husband Brandon of Fremont, Calif., Chloe Brooks of Phoenix, Ariz., Emma Brooks of Reno, Nev., and Molly Brooks of the home; her parents, Jerry & Sharon Haddock of Siloam Springs, Ark.; her brother, Ed Haddock and wife Gwen of Rudy, Ark.; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Don and Jackie Brooks of Kansas, Okla.; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Nanci and Homer Solis of Batesville, Ark.; two aunts, Pat Rhoades and husband Bob, and Linda Jones; an uncle, Frank Phillips and Edie Adams, as well as numerous cousins.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Nov. 19, at Wedington Missionary Baptist Church, 19445 Wedington Church Rd., Fayetteville, AR 72704.

A second memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Nov. 26, at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, CA 94550.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, tax deductible donations in memorial be made to the donor's choice of the following 501(c)(3) organizations: UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, P.O. Box 45339, San Francisco, CA 94145-0339, made payable to UCSF Foundation in memory of Sandra Brooks or online donations may be made at: www.makeagift.ucsf.edu/cancer; Grace Missionary Baptist Church, 1759 Locust St., Livermore, CA 94551; or Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, 440 Boulder Court, Suite 100C #7, Pleasanton CA 94566. Online donations or further information at: www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org.

Edwina Leimomi Damron Sept. 6, 1940 – Nov. 15, 2016 A 49 year resident of Livermore died Tuesday, November 15th. She was 76. She was born September 6, 1940 in Kau, Hawaii. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was an avid Nascar fan and loved watching the races every weekend. She was always full of life and energy and created a party wherever she went.

She is survived by her children, Charlie and Kathy Atkins, Barrett Damron of Kansas; Charlene and Mike Walker of Pennngrove, Lorene Swanson of Ohio; Brad and Julie Damron; Lynnette



and Katie, Travis, Brandon, Jesse, Jake, Justin of Kansas; Joshua and Brenda of Germany; Steven of Livermore; Nikia, Michael and Angela of Pennngrove; Amanda of Ohio and Edwina of Nevada, Little Dog Milo; and many great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by husband Gerald Damron, daughter Yvette Damron, mother Annie Kaapana, father Manuel Kaapana, adopted dog Sasha and longtime dog companion Gizmo.

Private ceremony will be held at Golden Gate Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers – donations can be made to: The A.L.S Association, 27001 Agoura Rd. Ste. 150, Calabasas Hill, Ca. 91301-5104; phone 1.888.949.2577.

## Ed "Fast Eddie" Burrow

Left us on Nov.12, 2016

Louis Edward Burrow was born on July 3, 1969, in Livermore, Ca. He resided in Livermore most of his life and moved to Tracy, Ca.12 yrs ago. He attended grade school at Christensen Elementary



East Avenue Middle School and graduated from Livermore High School in 1987.

Ed was a devoted husband and father, son, brother and friend. Ed loved life and was loved by many. Ed's passions included his 68 Nova which he raced at several tracks. His other hobbies included golf, fishing, bowling, and coaching his daughter's softball team.

Ed is survived by his loving wife of 15 years, Kerri Burrow, his 15 year old daughter, Taryn Burrow, parents Louis and Julie Burrow, sister Karen Honour and brother in law Ken Honour, and many other family members who miss him dearly.

Ed was laid to rest in a graveside service that was held on Thursday, November 17th at Park Side Cemetery located in Manteca, CA.

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# The Story of a Woman Who Changed the Course of Astronomy

By Carol Graham

Bigger is not always better.

The five-person cast of "Silent Sky" at Las Positas College so artfully become their characters that watching the drama feels like a riveting, intimate glimpse into the lives of those who lived a century ago and forever changed history.

"Silent Sky is a beautiful play about the woman who, while mapping the sky at Harvard, discovered that pulsing stars could be the key to understanding our place in the universe," said LPC Theater Coordinator and Director Titian Lish. "It's about the power of brave and persistent women."

Devoid of splashy musical numbers and shifting sets, Silent Sky allows attendees to focus on the compelling story, personalities and relationships. That the play is presented in-the-round (a first at the college) heightens the experience by drawing the audience close - nearly into the action.

Written by San Francisco playwright Lauren Gunderson, Silent Sky centers on three female "computers" who, around the turn of the 20th century, were tasked with recording information from photographic plates in order to measure and catalogue the brightness of stars. One, Henrietta Leavitt, made a groundbreaking discovery that allowed astronomers to measure the distance between Earth and faraway galaxies.

"Henrietta is fun, quirky



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## A scene for Las Positas College's production of "Silent Sky."

and extremely dedicated to her work," said Amber Hill who plays her. "There are so many levels to this show. It was amazing to watch it develop through the actors, the set, the music, and finally the ever-important lights. It's almost euphoric how they all come together to create such beauty and importance."

Rounding out the cast are Kaitlin Bailey as Annie Jump Cannon, Hannah Ramirez as Williamina Fleming, Alynn Lima as Margaret Leavitt, and Niall Malone as Peter Shaw. Together, they bring to life themes as relevant today as ever: women's places in the work force, their re-

sponsibilities to family, and the challenges of romantic relationships.

It would be hard to imagine a group of women working today being referred to as a harem, but under Edward Pickering at Harvard in the 1890s, the highly-intelligent, feisty female colleagues were known as Pickering's Harem.

"Williamina brings sassiness and laughter to every situation she's in, and she is definitely brave, independent and incredibly smart," said Ramirez. "Through the eyes of Peter, she is 'Scottish stock, swift and angry.' He is rather scared of and intimidated by her, which

she loves - making him feel uncomfortable every time he enters the room. But to the ladies, she's like the older sister everyone wants, and she would give them the jacket off her back."

It is, in fact, the rich dynamics between the characters that make Silent Sky an engrossing, uplifting, thoroughly enjoyable production. Filled with warmth, intelligence and plenty of laugh-out-loud moments, Silent Sky is a must-see show.

"My favorite scene is when Henrietta has been working alone in the observatory and is overcome with frustration as she thinks she has reached a wall in her

research," said Bailey. "She is crying at her desk when Annie comes in. Henrietta explains her dilemma, ranting about how it's all a dead end. I love acting this scene because Annie isn't sure of what Henrietta is discovering, but she recognizes the passion that Henrietta has - she knows the feeling well - and can tell that Henrietta's work is not finished. Sometimes when we reach dead ends like that in our daily lives, we all need an Annie Cannon to come in and show us what we're really made of. I get chills every time I say the words, 'You're close. Keep working.'"

The Annie Cannon of LPC's theater department is Titian Lish, the incredibly gifted leader who is behind the college's top-quality, eclectic, relevant and affordable productions.

"Titian is like a mythical creature," said Lima. "A unicorn. I have never met anyone as dedicated, insightful and caring as she is. She is a joy to work with. She laughs with us, but also keeps a high level of professionalism. The expectations and faith she has in her team are great, and her creative eye is unlike any other. She makes things happen."

Much like Henrietta Leavitt herself. Though her work was originally published under Pickering's name, Leavitt was later recognized and considered for the 1926 Nobel Prize in Physics, but she had passed away in 1921 from ovarian cancer (prizes are not

awarded posthumously). She did, however, have the Leavitt moon crater named in her honor, along with the asteroid 5383 Leavitt.

Upcoming performances take place at the Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts, located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore. The show opens on December 2, with Friday and Saturday shows beginning at 8 p.m. on December 2-3, and 9-10; and Sunday shows beginning at 2 p.m. on December 4 and 11.

"We will have talk-back sessions after the Sunday shows in which audience members can ask astronomy professors questions about the women of Harvard and their discoveries," said Lish. Additionally, audience members can, weather permitting, engage in stargazing after the Friday and Saturday shows, courtesy of the LPC Astronomy program.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission, and \$10 for students of any school, seniors and staff. Since seating is limited (about 80 seats per show) advance purchase is highly recommended. A \$2 parking pass is required on Fridays.

"Silent Sky is an insightful journey not only about the woman who changed the course of astronomy but is also a look into common themes that most people face in their daily lives," said Lima. "It is a truly inspiring work."

For more information, visit [www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts) or call (424-1120).

## SHORT NOTES

### Dublin Exchange Zone in Place

In order to provide a safe location for the exchange of goods or child custody exchanges, Dublin Police Services has created an "Exchange Zone" in the Civic Center parking lot near the police department at 100 Civic Plaza.

The Dublin Police Services Exchange Zone is a well-lit, designated parking area. It is under 24-hour video surveillance, although it is not monitored in live time. Police officers will not be present during transactions, but this designated area will potentially deter individuals wanting to engage in criminal activity. Additionally, using the Exchange Zone helps citizens maintain a level of privacy by not disclosing the location of their homes.

Parking lots and front lobbies of police departments have been used by parents for child custody exchanges for many years. Recently these areas have been used by buyers and sellers to complete a variety of private party transactions, including online purchases.

While Dublin Police cannot guarantee that people won't become victims of crime or fraud as a result of their transactions, the video monitoring and nearby police presence are meant to provide a safer alternative to meeting a stranger in their home or at an unfamiliar location. In the case of child custody transfers, the new Exchange Zone is not a drop off where parents can leave children for a later pick-up time. All exchanges must be person-to-person.

Below are some additional safety tips to keep in mind when conducting transactions:

- Only conduct transactions with local buyers/sellers.
- Do not go to a transaction

alone.

- Make sure a friend or family member is aware of the details.
- Complete the transaction during daylight hours.
- Be extra cautious buying/selling valuable items.
- Only use cash or money orders.
- Trust your instincts; if it sounds like a scam it probably is a scam.
- If someone is not willing to come to the Dublin Police Department to complete a sale, it is probably not a legitimate transaction.

The Exchange Zone is now available for use; no appointment is necessary. For more information, contact Dublin Police Lieutenant Vic Fox at (925) 833-6689.

### Pleasanton Library Conducting Survey

The Pleasanton Public Library is undertaking a strategic plan to help shape and guide library services for the next five years. The Library is collecting input from the community in a variety of methods, including an online survey.

The input received through the survey will be combined with the results from a staff survey, community focus groups and a Library Commission focus group to accurately reflect the needs of the community in the strategic plan. Please help us plan for the future of the Pleasanton Public Library!

The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PleasantonLibraryCommunitySurvey>

### Giving Tuesday

The School of Imagination has joined #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and

organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide.

Occurring this year on November 29, #GivingTuesday is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday to kick-off the holiday giving season.

SOI is including #GivingTuesday in its ongoing "Let's Make a Match" fundraising campaign, which was created when the Quest Foundation agreed to match every dollar the school can raise for the next year, up to \$50,000. Those who are interested in joining SOI's #GivingTuesday initiative can visit [www.schoolofimagination.org/invest-2](http://www.schoolofimagination.org/invest-2).

For more details about #GivingTuesday, visit [www.givingtuesday.org](http://www.givingtuesday.org), [www.facebook.com/givingtuesday](http://www.facebook.com/givingtuesday) or follow @GivingTues and the #GivingTuesday hashtag on social media.

### Annual Coat Drive

The annual coat drive sponsored by Tri-Valley Evening Rotary Club in conjunction with Tri-Valley Rotoract is accepting donations of coats for kids 2-16. Donations of new or clean, gently used coats are much appreciated. All sizes accepted (infants, toddlers, kids and adults).

Coats are distributed to individuals and agencies in need mid-December. Final pick up of coats will be Dec 14th.

For more information contact Carol at [info@trivalleyrotary.org](mailto:info@trivalleyrotary.org) or 925 337 0433

Pleasanton drop off locations are Club Sport, 7090 Johnson Dr., and Hairlights Salon, 4307 Valley Ave.

Livermore drop off locations are Gene Morgan Insurance, 2020 Fourth St.; and Pacific

Coast Seed, 533 Hawthorne Pl.

### Post-Holiday Walk

Post-Holiday Walk will be led by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Nov. 26. Meet Ranger Darren Segur at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

Hopefully, Thanksgiving involved lots of food, family and friends. Now it's time to work off all those calories and say goodbye to family and guests - at least until the December holidays. Come out for a walk in the park to enjoy the cooler weather. This will be about a 2-mile walk on flat ground. Bring water and a camera, if you like. Canceled if raining.

There is a \$7 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$3 donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified. There is an annual parking pass available that provides significant savings over the daily fee for regular park visitors. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

### Warriors' Tickets

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty has donated four mezzanine suite tickets to the January 4th Golden State Warriors vs. Portland Trailblazers basketball game. To be entered into the drawing to win these tickets, donate to the Las Positas College Foundation #GivingHawksDay campaign by midnight on Tuesday, November 29th.

For more information, visit website at <http://laspositascollege.edu/givinghawksday/>

### Holiday Party Set

6th Annual Children's Holiday Party on Dec. 4 at the

Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge #2117 from 2 to 5 p.m. with Santa to arrive around 3:30 p.m.

This event is free to children in the Tri-Valley ages 1 to 12. Parents are requested to stay to help their children with arts and crafts activities. There will be snacks.

This activity is being funded by the donations of members to the Elks National Foundation. Any questions, contact Tammy Sturgill - Project Officer and reference "ElksChildren's Holiday Party" [k.sturgill@comcast.net](mailto:k.sturgill@comcast.net) or 925-437-0109

The Lodge is located at 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore.

### Commission Vacancies

The City of Dublin is seeking applicants to fill one unscheduled vacancy on the Parks and Community Services Commission and one on the Human Services Commission. Applications must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office at 100 Civic Plaza by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2016.

The Mayor recommends all appointments, subject to confirmation by the City Council. Because these are unscheduled vacancies, appointments are for two-year terms. It is anticipated that appointments will be made in December, with terms beginning January 2017 through December 2018.

Dublin residents interested in serving on one of the above Commissions must complete an application. Applications may be downloaded and/or submitted online at the City's website, [www.dublin.ca.gov/commissions](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/commissions), or obtained at the Dublin Library, Dublin Senior Center, Civic Center, or by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (925) 833-6650.

### Warm Coat Drive

Local insurance agency, Gene Morgan Insurance, is gearing up for the Holiday season by hosting a coat drive for families in need in the Tri-Valley. The agency is collecting new and gently used coats at their Livermore office located on 2020 4th Street. Coats for school-aged children are most in need.

Gene Morgan Insurance is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, and closed daily from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm for lunch. They will be accepting donations during regular business hours. The drive will end on 12/16/2016.

If there are any questions regarding the coat drive, or to make arrangements to drop something off, please contact Michelle Morgan at (925) 447-2565 ext. 218 or [michelle@gemorganinsurance.com](mailto:michelle@gemorganinsurance.com)

### November Fights Cancer

Every November, a band of perfectly ordinary men take on the brave task of Movember: growing a moustache for charity in a bid to raise awareness about men's health - prostate cancer, testicular cancer and all other cancers.

November 1st marks the start of Movember. The month will culminate in shave off party December 1st at Livermore Barber at 2077 3rd Street in Livermore, from 10-2. The Livermore Barber shop is not only donating space but their time as well. 100% of all of the proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society and Livermore Pleasanton Firefighter Foundation!

For those who want to show support in other ways, contact Josh Leines to make a donation or [RSVP.acffagolf@gmail.com](mailto:RSVP.acffagolf@gmail.com)

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 523696

The following person(s) doing business as: QUICKMOP, 1042 Ventura Ave, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Melquiades Cervantes, 1042 Ventura Ave, Livermore, CA 94551

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrant(s) :s/ Melquiades Cervantes Cabrales

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 19, 2016. Expires October 19, 2021.

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 523995

The following person(s) do-

ing business as: Cal Auto Tech, 554 Rachelle St, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Troy Beecher, 554 Rachelle St, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on April 11, 2011. Signature of Registrant(s) :s/ Troy Beecher

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 28, 2021. Expires October 28, 2021.

The Independent Legal No. 4023. Published November 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 523942

The following person(s) doing business as: Heavenly Day Spa & Salon, 357 Ray St., Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Christy Solorio, 9005 Alcolta Blvd #220, San Ramon, CA 94583

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant has not yet

begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrant(s) :s/ Christy Solorio

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 24, 2016. Expires October 24, 2021.

The Independent Legal No. 4024. Published November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 2016.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 524099

The following person(s) doing business as: North Bay Auto Inc, 1155 Portola Ave, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

North Bay Auto Inc, 447 Oak Crest Pl, Bay Point, CA 94565

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrant(s) :s/ Muhibullah Nasrat, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 1, 2016.

Expires November 1, 2021.

The Independent Legal No. 4025. Published November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 2016.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 523542

The following person(s) doing business as: Bert's Fine Catering Co., 1677 Altamont Circle, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Roberto G. Ortiz, 1677 Altamont Circle, Livermore, CA 94551

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrant(s) :s/ Roberto German Ortiz

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 14, 2016. Expires October 14, 2021.

The Independent Legal No. 4026. Published November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 2016.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 524203

The following person(s) doing business as: QuickHelp Vir-

tual Solutions, 3946 Hampden Ct, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Lena Monish Shah, 3946 Hampden Ct, Dublin, CA 94568

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrant(s) :s/ Lena Monish Shah

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 4, 2016.

Expires November 4, 2021.

The Independent Legal No. 4027. Published November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 2016.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 524220

The following person(s) doing business as: 1)American Gametruck 2)American Game Trailer, 5868 Northway Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Lenn, LLC, 5868 Northway Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94566

This business is conducted by a limited liability company

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrant(s) :s/ Enian Dhanabalan, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 4, 2016.

Expires November 4, 2021.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE Notice to Bidders

Notice is hereby given that Sunol Glen U.S.D. hereby calls for proposals for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment to be installed at its site.

Bid packets may be obtained at Sunol Glen U.S.D., 11601 Main St., Sunol, CA 94586, att: L. Hoxie, Facilities & Grounds, (925) 862-2026.

Bids will be accepted until 2:00 pm on December 20, 2017 and will be opened thereafter on December 20, 2017 at the same address.

These bids shall be presented in accordance with specifications for the same which are on file with said



Sunol Glen U.S.D. herein above mentioned. Instructions may be obtained from Sunol Glen U.S.D.

Sunol Glen U.S.D. reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any and all items of such bids.

By order of the School Board of Sunol Glen U.S.D.

Lowell Hoxie, Facilities & Grounds  
The Independent Legal No. 4029 Published November 17, 24, 2016

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 524433

The following person(s) doing business as: Ballou Family Backflow, 64 Cameo Dr, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

1)Jeffrey Alyn Ballou 2)Yvonne Marie Ballou, 64 Cameo Dr, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by Married Couple

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrant(s) :s/ Jeffrey A. Ballou

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda

on November 10, 2016. Expires November 10, 2021.

The Independent Legal No. 4030. Published November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 2016.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 524298

The following person(s) doing business as: Stop-N-Wash Coin Laundry, 1344 Railroad Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Highland Laundry Inc, 47000 Warm Springs Blvd #114, Fremont, CA 94539

This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on March 11, 2011.

Signature of Registrant(s) :s/ John Martin, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 7, 2016.

Expires November 7, 2021.

The Independent Legal No. 4031. Published November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 2016.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 524128

The following person(s) doing business as: Na Hoku - Ha-

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wail's Finest Jewelers Since 1924, 2113 Stoneridge Mall, Space B-205, Upper Level, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Na Hoku, Inc., 3049 Ualena St. 12th Floor, Honolulu, HI 96819  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on March 21, 2006. Signature of Registrant(s) :s/ Linda L. Flanagan, Secretary  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 2, 2016. Expires November 2, 2021. The Independent Legal No. 4032. Published November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 2016.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 524453

The following person(s) doing business as: Relaunch Now, 3477 Torlano Place, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
(1) Patricia Recupero, 3477 Torlano Place, Pleasanton, CA 94566 (2) Kimberly Richardson, 4582 Gatelree Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94566  
This business is conducted by a General partnership  
The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrant(s) :s/ Kimberly Richardson, General Partner  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 10, 2016. Ex-

pires November 10, 2021. The Independent Legal No. 4033. Published November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 2016.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 524062

The following person(s) doing business as: The DNA Geek, 5853 Wilma Court, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Leah Larkin, 5853 Wilma Court, Livermore, CA 94550  
This business is conducted by an individual  
The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrant(s) :s/ Leah Larkin  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 1, 2016. Expires November 1, 2021. The Independent Legal No. 4034. Published November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 2016.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 524449

The following person(s) doing business as: A+ Quality Construction, 7254 Elba Court, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): A+ Quality Inc., 7254 Elba Court, Dublin, CA 94568  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrant(s) :s/ Ioan Pascut, President  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda

on November 10, 2016. Expires November 10, 2021. The Independent Legal No. 4035. Published November 24, December 1, 8, 15, 2016.

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Visit our website, [WWW.TVAR.ORG](http://WWW.TVAR.ORG), to see adoptable animals, volunteer opportunities, and how to donate.

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**Alameda County Sheriff's Mounted Posse**

**Volunteers Are Carrying on a Time Honored Tradition**

**By Carol Graham**

For Linda Evans, volunteering with the Alameda County Sheriff's Mounted Posse is about being part of a time-honored tradition.

"Think back to the days when the sheriff would call up the posse to ride through the hills, hoofs thundering in the darkness," said Evans. "Posse members participate in mounted crime prevention, emergency response, and working as a parade unit."

While the Alameda County Sheriff's Mounted Posse (ACSMP) may bring to mind the wild west, its modern-day role is as important as ever.

"We have an excellent, elevated view when mounted, and are the eyes and ears above the crowd when we represent the sheriff's office at public functions," said Training Sergeant Brenda Gnetz. "The calming effect that a group of horses can have in a crowded space is amazing. For example, at Oakland Raiders games, walking through a crowded aisle on horseback often mellows the energy of the crowd."

Since its beginning in the 1940s, the all-volunteer posse has been representing and assisting the sheriff's office at parades, rodeos, and fairground and sporting events.

"A mounted unit serves as a visible, mobile deterrent and guide," said member Cleo Home. "It's amazing how visible a horse is, and the natural attention and buzz alone can begin to defuse a situation."

In addition, the posse provides a positive presence.

"Everyone loves horses, and being at high-profile events with the posse horses



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

**The Alameda County Sheriff's Mounted Posse took part in the annual Veterans Day Parade in Pleasanton.**

gives citizens an opportunity to connect with law enforcement in a positive way," said member Diane Miles Wishart. "On horseback one has a different vantage point to observe, and we can go into crowds where cars or motorcycles may not be able to. Folks tend to step aside for horses."

At the dozen or so events the posse participates in each year, riders often hear the same questions: May I pet your horse and take a picture? Are you a cop? Are you paid to be here? Is this your own horse?

"When people ask if they can pet our horses, we always say yes," said member Barbara Guidotti. "There are many people at Raiders games who have never been close to a horse, so it's a great opportunity for public relations."

As for being part of the police force, Evans noted, "We are not officers, but we're there to promote a positive image and to be

another set of eyes and ears in case of an emergency."

The 17 members of the posse are not paid, and do ride their own specially-trained horses.

"As the training sergeant, I develop and lead monthly training sessions where the posse works on formation riding and desensitization exercises to better prepare our horses to perform professionally in public venues," said Gnetz. "A fractious horse that overreacts due to nerves would be difficult to manage safely. Given the level of sensory input at events, we give our mounts exposure to noises and objects during training sessions."

Cool, calm and collected riders are equally important to the posse's success.

To select qualified members, Gnetz said, "First is an initiation period where new members interact with existing members so we can mutually decide if it's a good fit. After that comes

an application process where new members are required to pass formal employee-level background checks before being sworn in."

Once part of the posse, deep bonds develop.

"There's a sense of pride interacting with the public. We don't pretend to be real officers, but the small part we play is really special," said member Bret Buckler. "We build up a tremendous camaraderie with each other as we depend on each other. We always have to be prepared for the unexpected, so we constantly look out for not only the public but each other. It's a real close group."

Members may be residents of Alameda or Contra Costa Counties. With the exception of Guidotti, who lives in Oakley, the posse members quoted here live in Livermore and range in age from 55 to 68.

Throughout the year, the posse competes in California State Horsemen's Association (CSHA)-judged

parades and most recently participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Pleasanton on November 6.

"My favorite part was the rider-less horse," said Home. "It's an entry the posse began doing a few years ago, and invests time and effort to ensure it fully honors our fallen soldiers in a tangible way. It is powerful to see how much meaning that single black horse without a rider and with boots turned backwards in the stirrups has for so many people, including me."

"We also competed in the Chowchilla Spring Festival Parade, which was the designated parade of champions for CSHA competitors," she added. "The Alameda County Sheriff's Mounted Posse won the two highest awards: the parade championship as the best entry; and the highest CSHA award, the

Scheurer-Standley Sweepstakes Perpetual Trophy."

It was a proud moment for posse members, who each volunteer more than 100 hours every year. Yet for many, it is the work itself that provides the greatest satisfaction.

"My favorite part of events is seeing posse team members bravely step up to the plate and manage their single black horse with the confidence of leaders," said Gnetz. "Volunteering should have an element of personal enjoyment so as we saddle up for our details, I encourage everyone to rely on their skills and embrace the opportunity to smile and enjoy. Seeing that happen is a huge reward."

To learn more, visit [www.alamedacountysheriff.org/cws\\_posse.php](http://www.alamedacountysheriff.org/cws_posse.php), or call (925) 803-7800.

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### Museum on Main Reveals 2017 Speaker Series

Museum on Main has announced performers and speakers for the highly anticipated 2017 Ed Kinney Speaker Series An Evening With... at the Firehouse Arts Center beginning in January.

"People have been clamoring to find out who will be visiting Pleasanton for the 2017 Speaker Series," says Director of Education for Museum on Main and the coordinator for the speaker series, Sarah Schaefer. "We have an exciting line-up for 2017, including Chautauqua actors portraying famous historical individuals such as abolitionist and American hero Harriett Tubman, beloved author Louisa May Alcott, Revolutionary War hero and United States President George Washington, Wild West Showman Buffalo Bill, millionaire John D. Rockefeller, and many more."

Going into the seventh year of monthly performances at the Firehouse Arts Center, attendance has continued to grow for the An Evening with... speaker series with over 2,200 people attending last year's speaker series. "We often hear that this is the hottest ticket in town and the most affordable, so it was no surprise when last year all ten of our shows sold out months in advance," notes Schaefer. The museum this year is encouraging individuals to get their tickets well in advance.

Corporate sponsor's this year are The Chevron Corporation and Republic Urban Properties. Community sponsors this year are the City of Pleasanton and Cellar Door. These sponsorships are an integral part of our program because they help us bring talent from all over the country and keep ticket costs low and accessible to our entire community.

"This community continues to embrace the performance style known as Chautauqua," Schaefer noted. "Chautauqua performances are a unique way for people, young and old alike, to engage with history

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## Festive Dancing and Music to Fill the Bankhead Theater During the Holidays

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) will welcome the holiday season with a variety of music and dance events at the Bankhead Theater and Bothwell Arts Center.

In December, the Bankhead will include choral favorites, Celtic melodies, classical ballet, and pianist David Benoit with music from the Charlie Brown holiday television specials. LVPAC's annual New Year's Eve celebration brings the year to a close with the vocals of The Four Freshmen, followed by a festive champagne and dessert reception in the lobby.

The holiday season opens with events that showcase the talents of several Bankhead Theater Resident Companies. On December 3rd, LVPAC Presents offers its second Free Family Concert featuring the Livermore Amador Symphony, Cantabella Children's Chorus and Valley Dance Theatre at 3:00 p.m. It will end just before the annual Livermore Holiday Parade winds its way through downtown. After the concert, an Instrument Petting Zoo will offer a priceless opportunity to interact with the musicians and their instruments. Livermore Amador Symphony's concert season opens later that evening with, "A Heavenly Life," featuring the works of Mozart and Mahler with rising star soprano Emily Helenbrook. The following weekend, Valley Dance Theatre opens their charming full-length production of the world's most famous classical ballet The Nut-



**San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus to perform.**

cracker on December 10th. A local tradition for nearly three decades, VDT offers eight performances of the holiday favorite accompanied by the Valley Dance Theatre Pit Orchestra.

On Sunday afternoon, December 4th, the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus makes its first appearance at the Bankhead in "Home for the Holidays," a festive celebration of classic holiday favorites, along with new works.

On December 11th, the Bothwell Arts Center will host its traditional "Celtic Christmas Concert and Gathering," a community celebration that starts with a casual potluck dinner buffet and finishes with a lively concert featuring the Gabe Duffin Band. Duffin and his special guests serve up favorite Christmas tunes with an irresistible Celtic flair in this annual fundraiser for

the Bothwell Arts Center.

The third week of December, LVPAC Presents at the Bankhead offers two world-class holiday performances in the week leading up to Christmas. Grammy-nominated pianist David Benoit takes audiences on a trip down memory lane with feel-good jazz from a timeless holiday classic on December 19th. Accompanied by his quartet and a local children's chorus, brings to life the magical music from the Charlie Brown television specials. Benoit's lifelong passion for the work of original Peanuts composer Vince Guaraldi is reflected in his own compositions for later specials. The evening with Benoit on the piano will feature both in this delightful reminder of a happy holiday tradition.

"An Irish Christmas" returns on December 22nd.

Through storytelling and song, step dancing and other traditional dances, the music of Ireland is brought to life from "Carol of the Bells" to ancient Irish hymns and melodies. Special guests, including Kevin Horton of Riverdance, will help make "An Irish Christmas" a unique and unforgettable experience.

One of the first groups to perform at the Bankhead Theater when it opened in 2007, The Four Freshmen make a welcome return for the Annual LVPAC New Year's Eve Celebration as part of the theater's milestone Tenth Season. Building on the close-harmony vocals pioneered by the group in 1948, today's Four Freshmen have been called the greatest jazz vocal group of all time. They preserve the group's trademark vocals while

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## Pleasanton Community Concert Band Holiday Concert Offers 'Seasonal Variations'

"Seasonal Variations" is the theme of the Holiday Concert to be performed by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band on Sunday November 27, 2016 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton at 2 p.m.

The one-hour performance will include many familiar songs in unexpected variation settings adding to the impact of the subject. There are also some relatively unfamiliar works whose setting in variance makes them become enjoyable additions to celebrating the season.

As tradition demands, "Sleigh Ride" will be the closing work. It will be preceded by an opportunity for an audience singalong of several "Pop" tunes. Bring your voice, words will be provided.

The concert is free (donations accepted gladly, but not required) with open seating when doors open at 1:45.

## 'Harmony Holiday' Performance Features Chorus

Harmony Fusion Chorus, a women's a cappella barbershop chorus and members of Sweet Adeline's International, presents "Harmony Holiday" with an afternoon of carols and popular holiday songs set to the scene of a lively holiday party. Joining the chorus are two award-winning high school choruses: Mt. Eden High School Chamber Choir and Concord High School's Ladies First and quartets. Performance details are as follows:

Harmony Holiday will be performed at 3 p.m. on Sun., Dec. 4 at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries Church, 1385 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

"This will be an exciting concert featuring two award-winning youth choruses as well as Harmony

Fusion Chorus (HFC) and its associated small groups and quartets," says Barbara Vander Putten, director of HFC. "The music is sure to get everyone in a holiday mood. It's a perfect way for people of all ages to start the holiday season."

The show will feature holiday songs set to a holiday party theme. Songs will include favorites such as Sleigh Ride, Winter Wonderland, familiar carols such as Carol of the Bells, Jingle Bells and Chocolate in My Stocking, a holiday song in the barbershop style with a few surprises of additional fun songs.

Joining HFC are two award-winning high school choruses: Ladies First chorus from Concord High School and Mt. Eden High School Chamber Choir,

both lively and entertaining award-winning choruses that have performed at Carnegie Hall.

"We love having youth choruses perform with us. A main element of our mission statement is to reach out to the community," explains Vander Putten. "For me, that is especially true with respect to young performers. Each year we include at least one youth group in our shows. We're very proud of our support and commitment to keep music and performance alive in the schools and in the community. This concert will underscore that commitment in a big way!"

Pat Cull, president of HFC says, "This concert offers the community a great opportunity to relax and enjoy holiday music. It will



Harmony Fusion Chorus

be a wonderful afternoon of music for all to enjoy regardless of the date."

Harmony Fusion Chorus will host a reception for all guests immediately following the performance in

the church fellowship hall.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Students are \$10. Advance tickets may be purchased via the chorus website at [www.harmonyfusion.org](http://www.harmonyfusion.org),

or by calling the chorus performance chairpersons Garrienne at (510) 523-3324 or Carla at (925) 373-0599.

More information can be found at [www.harmonyfusion.org](http://www.harmonyfusion.org).

## Dublin Offers Series of Festive Events for Everyone

From now through the end of the holiday season, the City of Dublin has a number of events planned in celebration. From the annual tree lighting ceremony and breakfast with Santa Claus, there is something for people of all ages taking place in Dublin this season. While many of the events are free, some events require reservations and payment through the City of Dublin's Parks and Community Services Department.

The City of Dublin's 33rd Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Thursday, December 1, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., at the Dublin Civic Center (100 Civic

Plaza). The Dublin High School Choir, under the direction of Alexandra Lopiano, and the Wells Middle School Jazz Band, under the direction of Erik Bertelson, will provide seasonal entertainment. Free refreshments will be served after the performances. Guests may be surprised to see a special visitor from the North Pole.

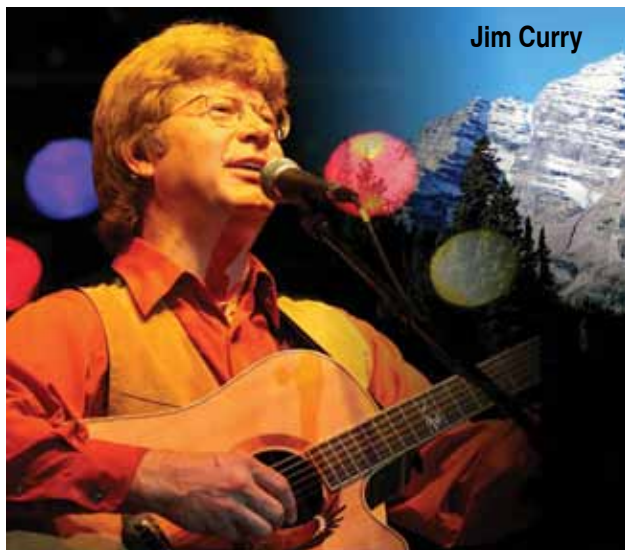
The Sunday School Barn at the Dublin Heritage Park and Museums (6600 Donlon Way) will be the site of a special Children's Holiday Tea on Saturday, December 3, at 11:00 a.m., and Country Holiday Teas on Saturday, December 3, and Sunday, December 4, at 2:00 p.m. Guests at

the Children's Tea will enjoy holiday sweets with a festive sing-along and a visit from Old St. Nick, while visitors at the Country Holiday Teas will find a traditional tea menu of sandwiches, delectable desserts, and peaceful holiday music. Tickets to both events are \$25 per person and can be purchased in advance.

Visitors to the Dublin Senior Center can celebrate the season with friends while heating up the dance floor to classic ballroom, cool swing, and contemporary music with Lady K and the Kings of Swing at the "Holiday Danc-

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# A Rocky Mountain Christmas Features Music of John Denver



Jim Curry

Performer Jim Curry, whose voice is heard in the CBS movie "Take Me Home: The John Denver Story," comes to the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Curry and the band present his holiday salute to John Denver, "A Rocky Mountain Christmas," which includes a long list of John Denver hits, plus loads of holiday favorites from John Denver's many Christmas Television specials and Christmas Music collections.

Two shows will be performed Sunday, December 4 one at 2:00 p.m.,

the second at 7:00 p.m. Reserved seating tickets are \$17-\$27. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and two hours prior to the performance. NOTE: at this writing, 2:00 p.m. matinee is almost sold out.

Curry performs his tribute to sold-out theaters throughout the country. Memorable melodies will

include numbers like "Silver Bells," "Silent Night," and "O Holy Night," along with John's own "Christmas for Cowboys," "Noel, Christmas Eve," "Aspen-glow," and "The Peace Carol." In addition, Curry and the band will present many of John's all-time hits like "Rocky Mountain High," "Sunshine On My Shoulders," and "Back Home Again," to name a few.

Jim Curry has emerged as today's top performer of Denver's vast legacy of multi-platinum hits, according to reviewers and concert-goers alike. Jim's uncanny ability to sing with John's voice transports audiences back to the time when his music topped the charts, and his heartfelt message of caring for the earth and caring for each other touched so many.

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providing their own musical accompaniment on the jazz and pop standards that first made the Four Freshmen a success, as well as newer hit melodies, all delivered with "a twist of elegance, a splash of swing, and a whole lot of fun." Immediately following the performance, a festive reception with sparkling wine and sumptuous desserts will be held in the theater lobby.

• LVPAC Presents Free Family Concert: Livermore

Amador Symphony and Cantabella Children's Chorus perform seasonal music and Valley Dance Theatre offers excerpts from The Nutcracker. Afterwards meet the musicians at the "Instrument Petting Zoo" before the annual Livermore Holiday Parade. Saturday, December 3 at 3:00 p.m. Bankhead Theater

• "A Heavenly Life": Livermore Amador Symphony presents a joyful evening of music featuring

soprano Emily Helenbrook in Mozart's "Exsultate Jubilate" and Mahler's Symphony #4. Saturday, December 3 at 8:15 p.m. Bankhead Theater

• San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus "Home for the Holidays!": Holiday classics plus new works create an incredible holiday celebration of gorgeous choral music all done up with SFGMC's trademark flair. Sunday, December 4 at 3:00 pm. Bankhead Theater

• Celtic Christmas Concert and Gathering: Following a casual potluck buffet dinner, the Gabe Duffin band and special guests offer a concert of holiday music and other tunes with irresistible Irish style. Sunday, December 11, potluck 6:00 p.m., concert 7:00 p.m. Bothwell Arts Center

• "The Nutcracker": The world's most famous classical ballet is staged by Valley Dance Theatre in an enchantingly elegant full-length production with orchestral accompaniment. Eight matinee and evening performances from December 10th to 18th Bankhead Theater

• David Benoit: Take a trip down memory lane as Grammy-nominated pianist

David Benoit, accompanied by his quartet and a local children's chorus, brings to life the magical music from the Charlie Brown television specials. Monday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater

• "An Irish Christmas": All the joy, hope, laughter and spirit of the season merge in a night of storytelling, song and dance that celebrates age-old traditions and sparkles with life and a wee bit of Irish "magic." Thursday, December 22 at 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater

• Annual LVPAC New Year's Eve Celebration: The Four Freshmen celebrate the new year with an evening of old favorites infused with fresh style delivered in their familiar close-harmony vocals. Includes a festive reception in the theater lobby immediately after the show. Saturday, December 31, at 8:00 p.m. Bankhead Theater

More information and tickets for holiday events at the Bankhead Theater and Bothwell Arts Center are available at Bankhead Theater ticket office, 2400 First Street, Livermore, online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or by calling 373-6800.

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## Black Cat Friday Weekend Offers Fee-Free Adoptions

For folks hoping to catch up on their sleep and catch a great deal after Thanksgiving this year, there's Black Cat Friday Weekend, a feline adoption event running November 25-26 at Valley Humane Society in Pleasanton. All black or mostly black cats go home fee-free to qualified adopters between 10 am and 4 pm on Friday and Saturday.

Black cats go with everything, and have vibrant personalities that suit any lifestyle, but are often the last to be adopted. Valley Humane Society carries all sizes and can help you find the perfect fit for your family with our Meet Your Match survey.

Adoption fees will also be reduced on other styles of cats. All cats have been checked by a veterinarian, spayed or neutered, tested for FeLV/FIV, microchipped, and given appropriate vaccinations, dewormer and flea treatment. A cardboard carrier and a goody bag go home with each new pet. Standard adoption criteria apply, while "supplies" last. Stock up and save a life!

Adoptions are handled on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified adopters; animals may not be placed "on hold." Allow approximately one hour to complete the adoption process. Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Visit [valleyhumane.org](http://valleyhumane.org) or call (925) 426-8656 for more information.

## LHS Homecoming

# Special Moment Spans Generations

By Carol Graham

A touching moment during Livermore High School's homecoming celebration proved that a shared experience could bridge eight decades.

As the school celebrates its 125th anniversary this year, members of the alumni association decided to do something extraordinary: they invited 99-year-old Edna Chance to be the 2016 Honorary Homecoming Queen. After all, she had graduated from the school in 1935 when, says Edna, "The school was brand new."

On the evening of September 30, Edna was escorted onto the Cowboys' football field at halftime to pin this year's official Homecoming Queen, Madison Croft. Edna's son Tom Chance, a 1968 LHS graduate, was there to watch, along with many other family members.

"My favorite moment was when the newly-crowned queen told my mom, 'Thank you for sharing this evening with me, and you have the most beautiful blue eyes.' Mom patted her on her face and thanked her," said Tom. "It was a precious moment for two people sharing a similar experience with 80 years' difference of life experiences."

Edna said that returning to her alma mater had been exciting.

"It was wonderful to be alive and to be back there!" she said. "I liked high school. Most of the teachers were nice, some cranky, but I liked them and understood they just wanted us to learn."

That she was able to share her homecoming experience - complete with tiara and sash - with her family is what meant the most to the Livermore resident.

Grandson Timothy Buckley, a 1993 LHS graduate, said of the celebration, "It was surreal. I haven't been back to the campus in many years. It was a collision of thoughts and memories as I had my 8-year-old daughter and 5-year-old son on the field cheering for their 99-year-old great grandma."

Timothy added that three memories of the evening remain etched in his mind: "Seeing my sweet grandma waving to the crowd, seeing my daughter looking so proud wearing my old letterman jacket, and seeing my son watching in awe as the football players ran onto the field after halftime."

The LHS Alumni Association had begun planning 125th-anniversary festivities eight months earlier.

"Homecoming is always exciting," said Kristin Waters-Meyer, a 1987 graduate and association member. "We put a lot of work into the evening. We arranged a special entrance just for alumni called 'Alumni Alley.' If they had their ID card from LHS, they got in free. It was fun and many brought theirs. Alumni were also invited to a free barbecue, where they were grouped by the decades in which they'd graduated."

"I was most excited about Edna," she added. "I couldn't wait for the crowd to see her. I mean, she is 99-years-young! She is something special."

In that, all who know Edna agree.

"She always looks for the best in others," said Tom. "She is a woman of integrity, and an encourager to all who know and love her. Being named homecoming queen is



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

### Madison Croft presents a rose to Edna Chance.

an honor well deserved for all the wonderful ways she has contributed to our city."

Daughter Janet Chance Buckley, a 1962 LHS graduate, said that attending homecoming this year brought back fond memories.

"There are so many - participation in all the activities and the varsity cheerleading final are special memories," said Janet. "And I can't not mention meeting my future husband. He's an LHS athlete and 1960 graduate. We've been married now for 52 years."

On August 30, 2017, Edna will turn 100. Asked whether the family is planning a special celebration, Janet replied, "Of course, but it will be hard to beat this."

The 2016 homecoming kicked off the year-long celebration of the school's 1891 start. A parade and bonfire took place the evening before the homecoming football game in which LHS beat Dougherty Valley High School 24-14. Upcoming events include a Crab Feed in March, and a Golf Tournament and a Day on the Green & Gold in May. Fundraisers include a dedication-brick project and sales of a 125th-anniversary commemorative bottle of wine.

Yet for many the highlight was seeing the Edna receive her honorary title - 81 years after her graduation.

"It was a prideful feeling seeing kids applaud," said Timothy. "She is incredibly gracious, spiritual, generous, and always has great advice. She represents a very special generation to our town and to this country."

To learn more, visit [www.livermorehs.schoolloop.com](http://www.livermorehs.schoolloop.com).



## Livermore High to Stage 'Almost, Maine'

Livermore High School will perform John Cariani's "Almost, Maine" as its fall play.

Cariani sets his play "on a cold, clear, and moonless night in the middle of winter, where all is not quite what it seems in this remote, mythical town. As the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, the residents of Almost find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and hilarious ways."

The New York Post describes Almost, Maine as "Thornton Wilder crossed with 'The Twilight Zone'. In this midwinter night's dream, knees are bruised and hearts are broken. But the bruises heal and the hearts mend — almost."

A cast of 18 presents a series of nine absurdist vignettes about love featuring: Elias Barauskas, Justin Beasley, Brittany Bistline, Sean Brooks, Maddie Conner, Nathan Fish, Eloisa Gutierrez, Kiersten Hottendorf, Emily Jones, Mateo Lungu, Eric Maravilla, Jared Persson, Grace Piazza, Beren Rogers, Margaret Sneed, CJ Sylvester, Chelsea Warner, and Riley Wilson. Supported by a dedicated stagecraft team of 21, each love story comes to life with a "touch of good-natured magic realism. They are sweet, poignant and witty."

All are invited to LHS Theater in the snowy, mid-winter wonderland of Almost, Maine. All performances are at 8pm on December 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10, 2016. Tickets are \$10 reserved and can be purchased at the LHS Cowboy Webstore or at the door.

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"Escape" on Friday, December 9, 7:00-10:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Discounted tickets, \$10 for residents and \$13 for non-residents, can be purchased by December 8. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door for \$15.

"Breakfast with Santa," a Dublin tradition, will be held on Saturday, December 10, at the Shannon Community Center (11600 Shannon Avenue). Families are invited to enjoy a delicious hot pancake breakfast, served with sausage, fruit, coffee, and juice, followed by the arrival of Santa Claus. There will be three seatings for this event, at 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Ticket prices are \$14 for residents, and \$17 for non-residents. This event benefits the Dublin High School Irish Guard and Band.

The festivities this year will also include a holiday philanthropy project, "Warm the Winter Chill," hosted by City of Dublin employees. Residents are encouraged to visit the Dublin Civic Center, Shannon Community Center or the Dublin Senior Center, and select a gift tag. Each tag represents the wishes from a neighbor in need. Participants will purchase the item, and deliver the wrapped gift, along with the tag, to the Dublin Civic Center, Shannon Community Center or Senior Center by Friday, December 9, at 5:00 p.m. Gifts will be delivered in time for Christmas to the recipients. For more information, call (925) 833-6640.

Participants may register for any of the pre-sale events at [www.dublin.ca.gov/holidayhappenings](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/holidayhappenings) or by visiting the Parks & Community Services offices at the Shannon Community Center in Dublin. For more information about any of the holiday events, contact the City of Dublin Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 556-4500.

# Erie Mills Named Livermore Valley Opera's Artistic Director

Erie Mills, former Metropolitan Opera soprano, has been appointed as Artistic Director by Livermore Valley Opera. She joins the artistic team with Alexander Katsman, Music Director and Conductor for the company.

"Erie Mills brings a robust set of valuable experiences from personal opera performing, coaching singers, and maintaining strong contacts with professional singers and stage directors," says Jim Schmidt, LVO President. "She will provide Livermore Valley Opera a fresh, new perspective."

Mills, who has been involved with LVO since 2009, received critical and popular acclaim throughout the world during her career for her performances as a coloratura soprano in the world's major opera houses, including the Metropolitan Opera, San Francisco Opera, Santa Fe Opera, New York City Opera, and many others. She became involved with LVO because she saw its potential and the dedication of its volunteers who have helped the company thrive for the past 25 years.

"This is an opera company that brings high quality opera to the Tri-Valley and the East Bay. Since I have been involved with the company, I've seen the quality improve with each production," says Mills. "While LVO relies on our many wonderful volunteers, we are a professional opera company."

Though Mills has been a member of LVO's advisory board for several years, this



Erie Mills

new appointment provides many opportunities to expand LVO's performance repertoire and bring high quality opera to the east bay region. She looks forward to planning future productions with Alexander Katsman, LVO Music Director.

"While I think LVO will continue to perform standard repertoire, I do believe we can begin to think a bit outside the box regarding both repertoire and productions. Our glorious production of

The Flying Dutchman, which attracted a wide audience from around the Bay Area, was greeted with critical acclaim. It taught us we can think big and attain our goals. For example, in March we will present Mozart's comedic opera The Marriage of Figaro, set in 1940's Hollywood. LVO has produced Figaro twice in its history: in 1999 and in 2009. Both were traditional productions. This time will be wonderfully different for those who have seen the opera many times and

exciting for those seeing it for the first time."

Since joining LVO in 2009, Mills has been a great champion for LVO, always speaking highly of its professional productions, great potential and volunteers. But she knows there is still work to be done.

"Many people don't know there is a professional opera company in Livermore. We have to change this. I believe we are the best small company in the entire bay area. We have a high quality product and people need to know about it, appreciate it and support it, both in attendance and patronage. One of my goals is to have folks come to the box office on a performance date and not be able to get in because we are sold out! Get your tickets early, because you will want to be a part of our audience!"

Mills' performance of Cunegonde at the New York City Opera was seen on a national telecast on PBS' "Live from Lincoln Center." From 1998-2008 she was on the voice faculty at San José State University. Since 2004 she has worked as the English diction specialist for Opera Theatre of St. Louis, and also works in this capacity for the Metropolitan Opera and the Santa Fe Opera. In 2004 she became the first singer to join the board of directors of Opera America. She is a graduate of The College of Wooster in Ohio, the University of Illinois, and the Houston Opera Studio.

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

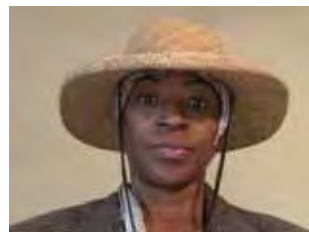
## SPEAKER SERIES

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and historical personalities. Actors bring historical characters out of the book or Wikipedia page and on to the stage providing the audience with a monolog as a historical character and then answering the audiences' questions as the character."

The 2017 An Evening With... Schedule:

- An Evening with Booker T. Washington: Tuesday, January 17th, 7pm: Although born into slavery, Booker T. Washington, lived much of his life in a post-Civil War America where advancing racial equality was a precarious endeavor. Washington became the major African-American spokesman in the eyes of white America because he publicly supported a more segregated approach to race relations. However, he secretly propagated the cause of racial equality by financing court cases and writing pamphlets under a pseudonym. He was a guest of American Presidents and even Queen Victoria and is most well known as a proponent of equal access to education and African-American economic independence. Booker T. Washington will be portrayed by scholar and Chautauquan James Armstead.



**Betty Jewell Slater as Harriett Tubman**

- An Evening with Harriett Tubman: Tuesday, February 14th, 7pm: Harriett Tubman is a name synonymous with courage, freedom, the underground railroad, and soon the 20-dollar bill. In her life, she escaped slavery and returned to the south to escort hundreds of slaves to free-

dom. She became one of the leaders of the abolitionist movement and attended many anti-slavery meetings. During the Civil War, she worked as a cook, nurse, and spy for the Union. She was also an armed scout and the first woman to lead an armed expedition during the Combahee River Raid. The American Hero, Harriett Tubman, will be portrayed by actress Betty Jewell Slater.



**Bruce Buonauro as Bernardo de Galvez**

- An Evening with Bernardo de Galvez: Tuesday, March 21st, 7pm: Finally taking his place among the European heroes of the American Revolution is Governor General Bernardo de Galvez. He was the Spanish born aristocratic Governor to Spain's territories in the new world, who became the American patriot who fed and clothed the ragged army dying in Valley Forge and the warrior who drove the British from the western and southern borders in the Mississippi Valley. The story of Bernardo de Galvez's life is shared by actor and scholar Bruce Buonauro.

- An Evening with Hugh Liang: Tuesday, April 11th, 7pm: The 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and subsequent fire destroyed



**Charlie Chin as Hugh Liang**

nearly all of Chinatown. Unknown numbers of the 14,000 Chinatown residents were killed in the fire and the rest were displaced from their homes. Huey Liang survived the fire and wrote about it in his journal. His recounting of the earthquake is one of the only surviving records of the quake's impact on Chinatown. Hugh Liang is portrayed by renowned story teller, musician, and historian William "Charlie" Chin.



**Miriam Reed as Louisa May Alcott**

- An Evening with Louisa May Alcott: Tuesday, May 9th, 7pm: Louisa May Alcott is a beloved American author and self-declared woman's rights advocate. She devoted her life to supporting her entire family and repaying family debts amassed over decades. She worked several jobs to support her family including teacher, nurse, domestic worker, and writer. She started writing as a young woman, influenced by the education she got from her father and family friends such as Henry David Thoreau and

Ralph Waldo Emerson. Her most famous work, *Little Women*, is an autobiographical work based on her memories of her childhood. Actress Miriam Reed will be portraying Louisa May Alcott in a solo-play within a play entitled *Living Little Women*.



**Frank X. Mullen as Huey Long**

- An Evening with Huey Long: Tuesday, June 13th, 7pm: Senator Huey P. Long was a populist demagogue from Louisiana. In 1935 he was on track to become the nation's first "dictator" when he was assassinated. Long promised to get government away from the corporate fat cats and give it back to the people and thus, was both loved and despised. Today the nation would be a much different place had he become president during the Depression. The "Kingfish" Huey Long will be portrayed by Chautauqua scholar, journalist, historian, and author Frank X. Mullen.



**Peter Small as George Washington**

- An Evening with George Washington: Tues-

day, July 11th, 7pm: Everyone can name the first President of the United States, but how well do they know the military general, plantation owner, and founding father? Washington was a complex man who believed in ethical practices and refused to seek a third term in presidential office for the benefit of a democratic government. Educator and historical impressionist Peter Small will bring the "Father of our Country" to life to separate the man from the legend and fact from myth all the way from the cherry tree to the crossing of the Delaware River.

- An Evening with John D. Rockefeller: Tuesday, August 8th, 7pm: A man with wealth beyond imagination, John D. Rockefeller's reputation and legacy is intermixed with a negative perception of big business, big oil, and American greed. His companies altered the lives of ordinary people, often for the better, by creating more efficient and cheap products to improve Americans' everyday lives. However, as the founder of Standard Oil, he made gasoline cheap and available helping America transition into the automobile era and a dependency on oil. Beyond a business man, Rockefeller was one of the first American philanthropists giving almost all his wealth away to charities and foundations. This enigmatic man will be portrayed by Chautauqua scholar, actor, and professor Doug Mishler.

- An Evening with Winston Churchill: Tuesday, September 19th, 7pm: Before becoming the cigar-toting British Prime Minister who became famous during WWII, Winston Churchill thought he could provide a victory in WWI. In 1915, the little-known Battle of Gallipoli against the Ottoman Empire became one of the worst defeats in modern military history. Churchill took all of the blame for the defeat but always

said, "Don't imagine I am running away from the Dardanelles. I glory in it." After defeat, he fought at the front lines in France and eventually became Minister of Munitions and Secretary of State for Air and War. In 1919 he attended peace talks in Paris. A WWI Winston Churchill will be portrayed by professor and Chautauqua scholar Kevin Radaker.

- An Evening with Buffalo Bill Cody: Tuesday, October 10th, 7pm: Viewed as one of the quintessential American showman, Buffalo Bill Cody had a larger than life character. He was a pony express rider, soldier, American scout, bison hunter, and Medal of Honor winner. He is most known for Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, a large company of performers that toured the United States, Great Britain, and Europe putting on shows that highlighted the American West, cowboys, and the Indian Wars. This colorful figure will be portrayed by professor and Chautauquan Brian Kral.

All events are general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Tickets are \$15 General Admission, \$10 Seniors (65+) / Students (with valid ID), \$7 Members. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. Tickets purchased by phone and online will be available for pick up at Will Call in the lobby of the Firehouse Arts Center on the evening of the event. Tickets may be available at the event subject to availability. Cash, check, Visa and MasterCard accepted.

For more information on the Ed Kinney Speakers Series visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or phone Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766.

# Amador Mix It Up Day Brings Diverse Groups Together

Freshman students at Amador Valley High School (AVHS) participated in Mix It Up at Lunch Day on November 17, 2016 to identify, question, and cross social boundaries. The event was coordinated by Nicole Zhang, a junior at AVHS, and was led and facilitated by Mix It Up Leaders—students in the Amador Student SEED organization, LINK program, and Leadership class.

“As the student coordinator of the first Mix It Up at Lunch Day at Amador, I hoped to organize an event that would promote inclusion and acceptance at Amador. Mix It Up at Lunch Day provides an opportunity for freshmen to break social barriers. When students step out of their cliques and get to know someone new, they realize just how much they have in common,” said Nicole Zhang, leader of the Amador Student SEED organization.

Students often identify the cafeteria as the place

where divisions are most clearly drawn. Mix It Up at Lunch Day encouraged students to move out of their comfort zones and connect with someone new over lunch. It is a simple act with profound implications as studies have shown that interactions across group lines can help reduce prejudice. When students interact with those who are different from them, biases and misconceptions fall away. This event aimed to improve intergroup relations and support positive school experiences for students at AVHS.

“I believe the transition to high school is a major event in the life of a teenager. Studies show that the transition to high school can create emotional stress and discomfort for many students. Programs like LINK and activities such as Mix It Up at Lunch Day provide our students with on campus communication with peers and upperclassmen, time away from screens, and multiple

transition strategies,” said Mary Scavone, a PE teacher at AVHS and the advisor of Mix It Up at

On the day of the event, Mix It Up Leaders went to fourth period classes to give freshmen name tags with random group assignments. The leaders guided freshmen to the large gym where they sat with peers they typically do not sit with during lunch. Mix It Up Leaders helped facilitate conversations in the groups and played games with the freshmen. Amador and District administrators and staff members attended the event to show their support. As the event came to a close, the theme song from the TV series “Friends” played to remind all students of the friendships they had created by moving out of their comfort zone to connect with someone new.

“LINK’s goal is to acclimate the freshman class into the high school atmosphere. I think Mix It Up at Lunch Day is a great opportunity for freshmen to meet



Students at lunch.

new people and step out of their comfort zones,” said Kirsten Hewitt, a senior at Amador and the coordinator of the LINK program.

Through the LINK program, upperclassmen will continue to help freshmen students with the transition

to high school. The Amador SEED students, who served as leaders for Mix It Up at Lunch Day, will continue their efforts to build a more equitable school community and promote acceptance in their school culture. The next event that they will or-

ganize in collaboration with other leaders on campus is the annual Doniversity celebration that gives AVHS students the opportunity to share their identity with their peers and appreciate the diversity on campus.

# Golf Tournament Raises Funds to Help in Fight Against Breast Cancer

Drs. Jeff Bueno and Tom Sellick have made a commitment to the fight against breast cancer, the disease which claimed the lives of both of their mothers. “Having a family member diagnosed with breast cancer is devastating,” Dr. Bueno shared. “Not having the money to get treatment or postoperative care is demoralizing and defeating.” In 2009 Tom and Jeff founded Dentists Against Cancer, whose sole purpose is to raise money to help those adversely affected by breast cancer.

On August 19, 2016, Dentists Against Cancer hosted its sixth Tri-Valley Memorial Golf Tournament at the Poppy Ridge Golf Course in Livermore. On October 31 the doctors presented a check for \$31,500, representing the proceeds from the 2016 golf tournament as well as proceeds from the 2015/16 Main Street Brewery Semi-Annual Golf Classics, the 2015/16 Smiles For Life from Pacific Dental Care, and the 2015 Grins For a Good Cause from Patterson Dental Charity. Scott Gregerson, Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare’s President; Shaké Sulikyan, Executive Director of ValleyCare Charitable Foundation; and Denise Estrada, Director of Women’s Imaging and Cancer Services, accepted the donation on behalf of Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare’s Women In Need fund.

“The Women In Need fund helps underprivileged women battle breast cancer. Whether it’s a diagnostic



Pictured are (left to right) Shaké Sulikyan; Tom Sellick, DDS; Scott Gregerson; Jeff Bueno, DDS; and Denise Estrada.

mammogram, a prosthesis after surgery, postoperative compression sleeves, a bathing suit, a wig, or one of many other incidentals, the fund is there to help as many women as possible,” Dr. Bueno said. “We are happy to do this in memory of our mothers, both of whom lost their battles with breast cancer.”

The Women in Need fund was established in 2010 with funding from the first Tri-Valley Memorial Golf Tournament. The fund provides financial assistance to underinsured and underprivileged women in the Tri-Valley area who are in need of a diagnostic mammogram if their screening mammograms show area(s) of concern. Since 2010 the fund has grown. Last year the fund was used to provide lymphedema sleeves, bras, gloves, gauntlets, and prostheses to 87 patients, 140 wigs to cancer patients, and to pay for the diagnostic mammogram, ultrasound, and radiologist fees for one patient.

“We are extremely grateful to Drs. Bueno and Sellick for their dedication to our patients,” said Shaké Sulikyan. “Their generosity makes a tremendous difference at a time when our patients may feel at their most vulnerable. The funds available to patients allow them to focus on what’s most important, the fight against breast cancer and their recovery, instead of their medical bills.”

Women who live in the Tri-Valley and need financial assistance to pay for mammograms or other breast cancer services can call for more information on how to apply. Contact Sherry LaSalle, Nurse Navigator, 925-734-3313.

To make a donation to Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare, contact ValleyCare Charitable Foundation at 925-373-4560 or [vccharitable@stanfordhealthcare.org](mailto:vccharitable@stanfordhealthcare.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.

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

**Blackhawk Gallery**, Alamo Danville Artists' Society presents Blackhawk Gallery's new Exhibit Chroma. On view seven days a week from September 23 to November 27. Free and open to the public. The Chroma exhibit features one guest artist and forty-one member artists. www.BlackhawkGallery.org

**Bryce Beecher's "Natural Influences"** art exhibit hangs at Cuda Ridge Winery through December 31st, 2016. 2400 Arroyo Road in Livermore. Regular winery hours are 12-4:30 Fri.-Sun.; open by appt. at 510-304-0914.

**Urbanscapes:** Gritty, invitational exhibit featuring established Bay Area artists at the Harrington Gallery through December 14. Installation includes works in watercolor, collage, photography, oils, ceramic, and mixed media. Artists: Karen Frey, Robert Huberman, Catherine Mackey, Jill McLennan, Andy Ruble, William Salit, Beth Waldman. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Donations appreciated.

**Color, Line, Content**, a show by the artists of Show & Tell, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Drysdale Properties, 1983, Second Street, Livermore. The group includes painters; photographers; sculptors; printmakers; artists who draw, etch or create collages; artists who tool leather or make jewelry and wearable art; and others. The public may view the show weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information about the show, or to schedule a showing during non-business hours, contact Cher Wollard at cherw@cherw.com or 925-784-

4679. For information about Show & Tell, contact Miller at danne\_miller@att.net.

**Special Art Exhibit at Firehouse Arts Center:** Through December 17: Abstract Bay Area cityscapes is the theme of collage artist Belinda Lima's vibrant works, depicting the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, and other iconic locations. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Donations appreciated.

**Leonardo Cuervo, oils and drawings:** A solo exhibit by this Livermore artist on display at the Wente Vineyards Estate Winery from November 1st until November 30th. Installation includes oils and pencil drawings intending a photographic depiction of the real and the fantastic world. Regular exhibit hours: daily from 11:00am to 5:00pm. Estate Winery & Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore.

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

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

**ACC/Art Critique & Coffee**, Discuss and share work with Professional Artists in sketching, painting, exhibiting and marketing your work. ACC members currently working on exhibiting theme works, under the Inspiration of "The Artist's Edge /The Edge of Art & Chosen Pathways." Meets and Critiques Friday mornings in Pleasanton. PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com

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

**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, contact Thomasin Dewhurst at (925) 216-7231 or thomasin\_d@hotmail.com or visit http://childrensart-classesprojects.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, Home school classes, Special classes during school breaks offered. (925) 216-7231 or email 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. (925) 216-7231 or email thomasin\_d@hotmail.com for further info.

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

**Ukulele Circle**, Meetings held the last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$10 fee to cover meeting costs.

## WINE & SPIRITS

**Prelude to Christmas**, Fenestra Winery, Nov. 25, 26, 27. noon to 5 p.m. Wines, arts and crafts vendors. Fee. 83 Vallecitos Rd., Livermore. fenestrawinery.com.

**Holidays in the Vineyards**, Sat., Dec. 3 and Sun., Dec. 4, noon to 4:30 p.m. Livermore Valley Wine Country holiday tradition where wineries showcase decorated tasting rooms, special wines, arts, crafts, holiday music and more. Admission is free; tasting fees may apply. www.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 Tuesday each month from 7:30-9:30--Dance floor, full bar, small cover.

**Holiday Youth Music Festival**, 4th Annual Event at Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Bands, solos, plus the first ever Firehouse Arts Center Youth Chorus will perform fun holiday favorites and perhaps a few surprises. Saturday, November 26, at 6:00 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. General admission tickets: students \$5, adults \$10.

Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Box Office at the center. Free parking.

**Pleasanton Community Concert Band**, holiday concert, 2 p.m. Nov. 27. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Free, donations appreciated. www.pleasantonband.org

**Handel's Messiah 2016, Pacific Chamber Orchestra**, 2 p.m. Nov. 27. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Taylor Hicks**, 8 p.m. Dec. 2. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Annual Family Concert**, 3 p.m. Sat., Dec. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center will host a free family-oriented concert featuring three Resident Companies of the Bankhead Theater just prior to the start of Livermore's Annual Holiday Parade. Following the performance there will be an Instrument Petting Zoo. The concert is free, but tickets are required for admission. www.bankheadtheater.org

**Livermore-Amador Symphony**, Dec. 3, 7 p.m. prelude talk, 8:15 p.m. concert. A Heavenly Life, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Holiday Shorts: "A Long Winter's Tale."** A Creatures of Impulse Production. The Bay Area's award-winning teen improv troupe presents annual holiday classic! Audience suggestions will inspire holiday themed games, scenes, and improv fun in the first act. The audience will then vote for which short scene Creatures of Impulse will make into an entire improvised "play" in the second act. Every show different. Thursday, December 1 and Friday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. General admission tickets: students \$5, adults \$10. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Box Office at the center. Doors open 7:10 p.m. Free parking.

**Asbury Christmas Concert** - Asbury United Methodist Church will hold its 20th Annual Christmas Concert at 7 PM on Sunday Dec. 4, 2016 in its Sanctuary at 4743 East Ave. in 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/coffee/milk and homemade cookie reception immediately following in the Fellowship Hall. For more information call Jean Braun at 449-4168, the church office at 447-1950 or e-mail: TerriG@asburylive.org

**SF Gay Men's Chorus**, Dec. 4, 3 p.m.

Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets at www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**The Nell Robinson & Jim Nunally Band**, 7 p.m. Dec. 4 Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Brings five genre-busting artists together to perform music infused with folk, bluegrass, Americana, roots, swing, jazz, and the blues. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**A Rocky Mountain Christmas - Jim Curry's salute to John Denver**. Two shows on Sunday, December 4, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Reserved seating tickets \$17- \$27. Acclaimed performer Jim Curry, whose compelling voice is heard in the CBS movie "Take Me Home: The John Denver Story," performs his tribute to sold out theaters throughout the country. This special holiday concert includes many songs from Denver's vast legacy of multi-platinum hits, plus holiday favorites for the whole family. A show that will truly "fill up your senses." Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848 [Call: 925-931-4848] , or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

**Winter Pops: A Night of Seasonal Classics!** 7 p.m. Dec. 6. Amador Valley High School instrumental music: wind ensembles and concert bands. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**A New Orleans Christmas with Jeff Bordes and Friends**, 8 p.m. Dec. 10. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, www.firehousearts.org.

**David Benoit**, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**An Irish Christmas**, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 22. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**New Year's Eve with the Four Freshmen**, 8 p.m. Dec. 31. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

## ON THE STAGE

**Silent Sky**, The story of Henrietta Swan Leavitt, an American astronomer who discovered the relation between light and stars. Dec. 2-11, Fri./Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. www.laspositascollege.edu

**Almost, Maine**, fall play. Livermore High School. All performances are at 8pm on December 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10, 2016. Tickets are \$10 reserved and can be purchased at the LHS Cowboy Webstore or at the door.

**Sound of Music**, A Civic Arts Stage Company Production, Dec. 9-18. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. 931-4848, www.firehousearts.org.

**Holiday Celebration**, Wednesday,

December 14th and 21st, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Livermore Shakespeare Festival artists will offer a staged reading of a holiday classic. Whirl on the Square, downtown Livermore. livermoreshakes.org/

## COMEDY

**Free Comedy Show** every Thursday at Sanctuary from 7:30-9pm in the Skylight Room at Sanctuary, 2369 First St. in Livermore.

**Comedy at the Bothwell with Margaret Zhao**, December 3, 7 p.m. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Tickets available at 373-6800 or www.bankheadtheater.org

**Will Durst, the Big Fat Year-End Kiss-Off**, starring Will Durst & Friends, 8 p.m. Dec. 28. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, www.firehousearts.org.

## MOVIES

**The Classic Film Series**, Pleasanton Library will feature a range of genres. "On the Islands," themed films will be shown the first Thursday of each month through June 2017. 6:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue. Free admission. Everyone is welcome to attend. Some films are mature in content and may not be suitable for children. For more information or assistance, please contact the Pleasanton Public Library at (925) 931-3400, extension 4. Visit www.pleasantonlibrary.org for a list of films and more information.

## DANCE

**The Cobbler's Gift**, presented by Anastasis Ballet Company in collaboration with Radiance School of Ballet at the Dublin Center for Performing Arts and Education, 8151 Village Parkway, Dublin. Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12-\$22 www.anastasisballet.org

**The Nutcracker 2016**, Valley Dance Theatre accompanied by the Valley Dance Theatre Pit Orchestra. Dec. 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

## CHORAL

**Annual Sing-It-Yourself Messiah**, Valley Concert Chorale, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 2, Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. www.valleyconcertchorale.org or 866-4003.

**Traditional Carols with a Twist! Valley Concert Chorale**, 7 p.m. Dec. 10, Lynnwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton; reception immediately following; 3 p.m. Dec. 11, First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore. www.valleyconcertchorale.org or 866-4003.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Hagemann Ranch Open House**. Tours of the 140+ year old ranch and free, family friendly seasonal activities. The last Sunday of each month, 1-4 PM. Go to www.livermorehistory.com

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for the monthly program. 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore.

**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 Nancy Tingstrom Turner at ntingstr@yahoo.com.

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

**Fundraising supporting Livermore High School band, orchestra and jazz band.** 4:30 to 8 p.m. Dec. 1 at Page Mill Winery, 1960 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Students will come play music. There will be vendors and \$10.00 wine sales that will go 100% to the music department.

**Lights of the Valley, A Celebration of Light and Music.** Thurs., Dec. 1, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Heritage Estates, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. A special celebration that provides an opportunity to remember and honor those we love. Remembrance Ceremony; live music, poetry, entertainment, refreshments. RSVP at (925) 373-3636. Sponsored by Hope Hospice.

**Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony,** 7 p.m. Dec. 1, Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Refreshment, music, and a special visitor. Free.

**Home for the Holidays,** downtown Livermore, Dec. 3, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lizzie Fountain will be a winter fun zone. [www.livermore-downtown.com](http://www.livermore-downtown.com)

**Holiday Sights and Sounds Parade and Tree Lighting,** downtown Livermore, Dec. 3, 6 p.m. [www.livermoredowntown.com](http://www.livermoredowntown.com)

**Hometown Holiday Celebration,** Main Street, Downtown Pleasanton. Sat., Dec. 3, 5 p.m. Holiday Parade followed by tree lighting ceremony. [www.hometownholiday.com/](http://www.hometownholiday.com/)

**Country Holiday Teas,** Dec. 3 and 4, 2 p.m. Dublin Heritage Park & Museums, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. \$25 per person. [www.DublinRecGuide.com](http://www.DublinRecGuide.com), 556-4500.

**Victorian Yuletide. Ravenswood Historic Site,** Dec. 11. Music, tours of the site, and more. Free admission. 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. [www.larpd.org](http://www.larpd.org)

## Sip and Shop Event to Benefit Sunflower Hill

Sunflower Hill will be celebrated as the highlighted nonprofit at Rubino Estate Winery's annual Sip & Shop event next Thursday, December 1 in the Tasting and Barrel Rooms, 1188 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton. This event offers free admission. Various local vendors will be showcasing their newest holiday goodies and donating a raffle item that will benefit Sunflower Hill. Rubino will include a wine basket in the raffle and be selling wine by the glass or bottle. Receive 10% off Rubino retail this night only.

Sunflower Hill is a Tri-Valley based nonprofit organization founded in 2012 by local community leaders and parents of children with special needs in an effort to develop residential communities similar to senior living as well as vocational programs and activities. Nationwide, there are more than 5 million individuals with special needs such as autism, down syndrome and cerebral palsy with 17,000 individuals alone in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Due to lack of

options and affordability, more than 80 percent of adults end up living with their parents their entire lives. Sunflower Hill seeks to change that paradigm by creating an enriched, safe and secure residential community that affords life-long living options.

In Livermore, a new community on First Street is in the city review process. If approved, it would offer 44 affordable units at 30 to 50 percent of the area median income. Sunflower Hill has partnered with MidPen Housing, a leader in affordable housing, on the project. MidPen will lead the construction efforts and provide onsite property management. Sunflower Hill also intends to preserve the historical home onsite and partner with the Heritage Guild to provide regular public access. The home was built in 1927 by Robert Schenone, the great grandson of Robert Livermore.

In 2015, Sunflower Hill partnered with the city of Livermore to open Sunflower Hill Gardens at Hagemann Ranch - a one-



Sunflower Hill Board member Janeen Rubino Brumm and Tanya Ludden, Board of Directors-VP invited all to Sip & Shop Next Thursday Evening at Rubino Estates Winery.

acre garden that provides educational/vocational programs for special needs individuals from several groups and programs in the Tri-Valley area including the Granada, Foothill, Dublin, and Amador Valley High School Adult Transition Programs, and the Danville Adult Day Program. Sunflower Hill is also

working collaboratively with Las Positas College on a possible non-credit certificate program in horticulture. If realized, it would provide young adults with special needs an opportunity to learn a specialized skill that could be translated to the workforce.

Details on Sip & Shop at Rubino Estates Winery, Thursday, December 1, can be found by calling 925-484-1699 or at <http://www.rubinoestateswinery.com/event>.

Sunflower Hill Gardens

details and other information can be found at <https://sunflowerhill.org>.

## Eight Bridges to Release 'Russian Hill Imperial Stout with a Local Twist'

Eight Bridges brewing will be releasing this year's barrel aged Russian Hill Imperial stout with a local twist. Each year the beer is a little different and sometimes intentionally. The 2014 and 2015 releases were aged for 6 months using only Jack Daniels barrels. High rye bourbon whiskey barrels from Sutherland Distilling Company, a Livermore craft distillery, were added to the mix this year. The barrels have a higher charring and are thicker than the Jack Daniel barrels and the result has been an increase in vanilla flavors.

The 2016 Russian Hill Imperial Stout will be released at the brewery on November 25. Tastes will be available from all three years so visitors can explore how the Russian Imperial stout changes as it ages.

The 2016 release will be available in Belgian style 750ml cork and wire bottles.

Eight Bridges Brewing, Inc.™ was founded in 2013 by the Beardsley family, George, Debbie, Justin and Caitlyn. They specialize in producing balanced and flavor forward™ beers in a range of styles that are available in establishments throughout the Bay Area. Beer lovers will feel right at home inside this family run brewery.

Eight Bridges is located at 33 Earhart Way, Livermore; information at 961-9160.

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## Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Award Scholarships

The Paul G. Chenkovich Memorial Scholarship provides educational opportunities to children of current and former members of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, Current Reserve Firefighters, Student Fire Explorers and Las Positas Fire Science and EMS students. Captain Chenkovich was a dedicated firefighter for over 23 years who died from job-related cancer. His legacy lives in every life he touched and in his selfless service to others. In his memory, the scholarship will assist others to achieve their goals in becoming a firefighter or first responder. The scholarship fund was created by family and fellow firefighters to continue Captain Chenkovich's

commitment and dedication to helping others through education.

The Paul G. Chenkovich Memorial Scholarship has awarded four scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each. The applicants had to meet a list of criteria in order to apply. The students must be enrolled in Fire Science or EMT programs, must have a GPA of 3.0 or greater, and write a thoughtful or compelling essay. Three applicants were selected based on this criteria. They are, Jonathan Dourneau, Albert Glancy, Hayden Olsen and Elliot Tripp. W

e wish them all the best success in academic and professional pursuits. To make a donation to the Chenkovich Memorial Scholarship Fund, go to [www.lpfirefoundation.com](http://www.lpfirefoundation.com) or mail to: Paul G. Chenkovich Memorial Scholarship, Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation, 4847 Hopyard Road, Suite 4, PMB 303, Pleasanton, Ca 94588-2713. For information, email [pchenkscholar@yahoo.com](mailto:pchenkscholar@yahoo.com)

**Pictured at left are Hayden Olsen, Jonathan Dourneau, Albert Glancy and Matt Thau Director of the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation.**

## BULLETIN BOARD

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

**6th Annual Children's Holiday Party** on Dec. 4 at the Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge #2117 from 2 to 5 p.m. with Santa to arrive around 3:30 p.m. Free to children in the Tri-Valley ages 1 to 12. Parents are requested to stay to help their children with arts and crafts activities. There will be snacks. Activity is being funded by the donations of members to the Elks National Foundation. Any questions, contact Tammy Sturgill - Project Officer and reference "Elks Children's Holiday Party" [k.sturgill@comcast.net](mailto:k.sturgill@comcast.net) or 925-437-0109. The Lodge is located at 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore.

**BSA Troop 900 Christmas Tree Lot** - The troop's annual fund raiser is a Christmas Tree Lot located at the corner of Hillcrest and East Ave. Starting Saturday, November 26th, the lot is open 9AM-9PM on weekends, 5PM-9PM Monday-Friday. Three types of 6'-7' trees are available ranging in price from \$42-\$64. Tree stands and mistletoe are available, too. Help support Troop 900 by purchasing a tree at their Christmas Tree Lot this year.

**Livermore Library Board of Trustees**, meets 7 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

**Meals on Wheels Volunteers** are needed to deliver fresh meals to homebound seniors in Livermore or Pleasanton one day per week, Monday-Friday between 10am-12pm. For more information, please call (925)483-1989.

**Fundraising supporting Livermore High School band, orchestra and jazz band.** 4:30 to 8 p.m. Dec. 1 at Page Mill Winery, 1960 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Students will come play music. There will be vendors and \$10.00 wine sales that will go 100% to the music department.

**Tri-Valley CAREs Member Appreciation & Holiday Party.** Enjoy wonderful food, adult and other beverages, great company and maybe a game or two. Special awards ceremony to celebrate the winners of the 2016 Youth Video Contest. 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 7. Livermore Main Library, Community Rooms A & B, 1188 South Livermore Avenue. For information, call 443-7148.

**Armchair Travelers**, at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center on Thurs., Dec. 8, 2016 at 1:30 pm. Richard Finn will present a slideshow entitled "England, Scotland & Wales." Richard Finn will share stories and photographs from the trip he took with his daughter in May of this year. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional information please call 925 373-5500.

**Grief Workshop** - Stepping Stones on Your Grief Journey. Join us bi-monthly. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Pleasanton; Second and Fourth Thurs-

day evenings at 7:30pm, Dec. 8, 22, Jan. 12, 26 and Feb. 9, 23. No pre-registration is necessary. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Call Eleanor Flatley at 925-846-8708 for more information.

**Grants Available**, Rotarian Foundation of Livermore is now accepting applications for 2017 community grants. Grant applicants are limited to organizations serving youth in Livermore. The Livermore Rotarian Foundation now partners with the Livermore Valley Education Foundation. Grant applications can be found online at [www.rotarianfoundationlivermore.org](http://www.rotarianfoundationlivermore.org). Deadline for submitting applications is December 9, 2016. Contact Marty Plone for additional information on grant criteria and the application process (925) 443-2629

**Magical Christmas Holiday Boutique**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat., Dec. 3, 1170 Innsbruck St., Livermore. Gift baskets and gifts. Refreshments.

**Learn Scottish country dancing** in Livermore. lively reels and jigs and graceful strathspeys that are the traditional social dance of Scotland. Classes are Mondays 8:00 to 9:30 pm at the Livermore Veteran's Hall, 522 South L Street, Livermore. No prior dance experience required. Call Margaret Ward at (925) 449-5932 or Sheena MacQueen at (925) 447-1833 for more information. Youth class (ages 8 and up); contact Sheena MacQueen (925)447-1833 for info.

**Rotary Club of Livermore Valley** invites interested individuals to attend its morning meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7am in Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill at the Las Positas Golf Course, 915 Club House Drive, Livermore. Anyone who would like to give back to the community is invited to meet with club members and community leaders who work or live in the Livermore area for fun and fellowship while raising money to help local schools and various organizations such as Open Heart Kitchen, AXIS Health, Every 15 Minutes, Wheel Chair Foundation, CAPE, Veterans groups, and many more. For more information, go to [www.livermorevalleyrotary.org/](http://www.livermorevalleyrotary.org/) or contact Fred Quarterman at 925-337-5342 or Deb Tacker at 925-447-1135.

**Del Valle Folk Dancers:** beginning and experienced dancers are welcome. Balkan, Israeli and other world dances, easy line and circle dances, no partners required, casual dress. \$3 per session (first time free). Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center (West end), 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Information: George Pavel (925) 447-8020 or [george.pavel@gmail.com](mailto:george.pavel@gmail.com)

**Square dancing** for all ages 8 years and up Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm at Del Valle High, 2253 5th Street, Livermore. Families and friends welcome. September classes free to new dancers. Questions? Margaret 925-447-6980 or [mmiller1435@gmail.com](mailto:mmiller1435@gmail.com)

**Shepherd's Gate Thrift Store**, open at 4014 East Ave. Hours will be 9-6 Monday through Saturday. Donations can be left at 4014 East Ave in the rear of the building, 9:30 AM to 5 PM M-F, 8-2:30 PM Sat, closed Sundays & holidays.

**Writing Club for Young Adults**, age 13 through 21 will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on December 15, 2016. Livermore

## Hope Hospice Adds New Member to Board of Directors

Sav Mancieri, a long-time resident of Livermore, has been elected to the Hope Hospice Board of Directors. He joins a 15-member board, each of whom is elected to a two-year term, with up to three consecutive terms.

Mancieri has been with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories since 1992. Currently, he is the group leader for the Environmental Support and Programmatic Outreach Group, and oversees air, water and waste permissions and compliance. He is also responsible for environment, safety, health and emergency management. In addition, he supports several Department of Homeland Security initiatives.

"Seeing how committed Hope Hospice staff members are in giving patients and families a quality end-of-life experience has made a big impression on me," says Mancieri. "It has inspired me to give back to the community through my participation on the Hope Hospice Board of Directors," he adds.

Mancieri has Bachelors of Science degrees in both applied math and environmental engineering from Roger Williams University in Rhode Island. He was the former president of the Valley Montessori School Board of Directors. He has four children.

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Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The club is free and no registration is required. Led by published Young Adult author, J.L. Powers. For more information, visit Teen Space page on the library's website: [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net), or contact Teen Services Librarian Jennifer Mosel at 925-373-5576.

**Italian Catholic Federation.** meets 3rd Friday of the month, 6 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Anyone who loves all things Italian is invited to meet to celebrate the Italian heritage with monthly dinner meetings and holding charitable events. The group supports Children's Hospital research, college scholarships and other charities. For information, contact Judy Wellbeloved, president, 462-2487.

**Sons in Retirement (SIR)** is a social group of retired men who join together to better enjoy their leisure time. Activities include golf, bridge, photography, travel, fishing, biking, wine tasting, and technology. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the Tri-Valley SIR at [www.trivalleyeir.org](http://www.trivalleyeir.org) and the Statewide SIR at [www.sirinc.org/](http://www.sirinc.org/). For information or to attend a meeting, call Carl Churilo, 925-967-8177.

**Sons in Retirement (SIR)** is a group for retired men who seek activities to enhance their retirement. Monthly meetings feature lunch and an interesting speaker. Men have the opportunity to learn about and join activities such as hiking, bridge, investment, bowling, bocce ball and wood carving. There is also a neat group of guys to get to know. SIR Branch #121 meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the DoubleTree Hotel, Las Flores Road (near Bluebell Drive), Livermore, at 11:30. Any retired man is welcome to drop by to learn about your opportunities. For more information check our website: [branch121.sirinc2.org](http://branch121.sirinc2.org) or email Neal Cavanaugh at [nealcavanaugh@att.net](mailto:nealcavanaugh@att.net) (put "SIR" in the subject line).

**American Legion Post 47** in Livermore is looking for veterans in the Livermore area who are interested in performing community service for young people and promoting veterans affairs. Interested veterans will meet with other like-minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veteran's causes. The American Legion is the largest federally chartered veteran's organization that is the veterans lobby and voice to congress. The Livermore American Legion Post 47 meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Enter the building from the ramp on the 5th Street side. For more information go to <http://www.calegion.org/> or contact Bill Bergmann at [calegion.post47@gmail.com](mailto:calegion.post47@gmail.com) or (925) 443-2330 or Roy Warner at 925-449-6048.

**Pleasanton Lions Club** welcomes visitors to come experience a great time while making a difference in our community & beyond. Dinner meetings every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. Check the website for meeting location: [www.pleasantonlionsclub.org](http://www.pleasantonlionsclub.org)

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

**Operation: SAM "Supporting All Military"** is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued morale support of deployed troops. For information or donations, visit [www.operationsam.org](http://www.operationsam.org), email [operationsam@comcast.net](mailto:operationsam@comcast.net) or call 925-443-7620.

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

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

**DBE Daughters of the British Empire.** John McLaren's Roses of Britain Chapter in the Tri-Valley meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Castlewood Country Club. DBE was founded in 1909 and is a nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization made up of women of British or British Commonwealth heritage and ancestry with a focus on charity and fellowship. Those interested in helping with "the cause," enjoying social activities, and forming long-lasting friendships, contact Edith Caponigro at 925-998-3500 or Jenny Whitehouse at 925-484-1273 for additional information.

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

**Livermore Military Families**, a support group for families in Livermore who have a loved one serving in the Military, is invited to be a safe place for

family members to come and share their experiences and concerns with others who understand what they are going through. All family members are welcome to attend meetings. Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Livermore Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Tami Jenkins, 925-784-5014 or email [livermoremilitaryfamilies@yaho.com](mailto:livermoremilitaryfamilies@yaho.com), or call (925) 461-6401.

**Kiwanis Club of Pleasanton**, meets Fridays at noon at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 Main St., Pleasanton. This is a Tri-Valley Club with members from Dublin and Livermore, as well as Pleasanton. The motto is "To serve the children of the world." All are welcome.

## RELIGION

**First Presbyterian Church**, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. 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**, Center for Reform, Jewish Learning, Prayer and Community in the Tri-Valley. 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055. Rabbi Dr. Lawrence Milder, [www.bethemek.org](http://www.bethemek.org).

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

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

**Sunset Community Church**, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Hispanic service starts at 2 p.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church** Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 1020 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. For information, call 925-447-1246.

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

**Calvary Tri-Valley**, Sunday Services at 243 Scott Street, Livermore, 10:00am. [www.calvalrylivermore.org](http://www.calvalrylivermore.org) or 925-447-4357.

**Granada Baptist Church**, 945 Concannon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school - 9:45 a.m.; worship service - 11 a.m. All are welcome. 447-3428.

**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, Adult Sunday school 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church (Pre-K-5th grade) 11:15 a.m., Nursery to age 3, Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Senior Adult Ministries meet every other month. For ministry information call (925) 846-8650

**Trinity Church**, 557 Olivina Ave. Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., and Sunday School and Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday night there is adult Bible study, and youth activities at 6:30 p.m. 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, go to [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. [www.saintbartslivermore.com](http://www.saintbartslivermore.com). Service Schedule: 8:00 a.m. Contemplative Eucharist; 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (check web-site); 10:20 Sunday School (Godly Play); 10:30: Sung Eucharist with choir, child care provided.

**Little Brown Church**, United Church of Christ 141 Kilcare 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. Sunday worship at 9:00 am, followed by Bible Study/ Sunday School at 10:20 am. For more information, visit [www.goodshepherd-livermore.org](http://www.goodshepherd-livermore.org) or call (950) 371-6200.

**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.

**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, meets at 10:00 am Sunday at 6751 South-front Road, Suite 6749, Livermore. Phone 925-227-1301. [www.thecrossing.org](http://www.thecrossing.org).

**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.

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

**Lynnwood United Methodist Church**, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome, no matter where they are on their faith journey. Sunday worship is at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. with childcare and Sunday school at 10:30am. First Sundays of the month are informal with guitar. Children's choir is at 11:40-12:10. "Come As You Are" is an informal service every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer minister. [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org), 925 846-0221.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints--Livermore Stake**, Sunday services--1501 Hillcrest Ave: Springtown Ward 9:00 am; 1st Ward 11:00 am; 4th Ward 1:00 pm. 950 Mocho St.: 3rd Ward 9:00 am; 2nd Ward 11:00 am; Mocho Branch (Spanish) 12:20 pm. 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin: Tri-Valley Young Single Adult Ward 1:30 pm.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**: Pleasanton 1st Ward: Sunday at 1 p.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Pleasanton 2nd Ward: Sunday 1 p.m. at 3574 Vineyard Ave. Pleasanton 3rd Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 3574 Vineyard Ave. Pleasanton 4th Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Dublin 1st Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 8203 Village Parkway. **John Knox Presbyterian Church**, 7421 Amarillo Rd., Dublin. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for ages 3-18 during worship. Adult education Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Jr. High youth group Sundays 5:50-8:00 p.m. [www.jkpcdublin.org](http://www.jkpcdublin.org) (925)828-1846.

**Livermore Quakers**: Unprogrammed worship, Sundays at 6 pm, 1886 College Ave. (United Christian Church). [www.LivermoreQuakers.com](http://www.LivermoreQuakers.com)

**St. Francis of Assisi**, 193 Contractors St., Livermore. . Sunday School (all ages) - 8:30 AM. Communion - 9:30 AM. 925-

906-9561 [stfrancisanglican.church](http://stfrancisanglican.church).

**Center for Spiritual Living Livermore Valley** - People from all faith traditions, cultures, races and sexual orientations welcome. Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Youth and teen programs offered as well. All are welcome. Meeting place 1617 2nd St., 2nd Floor, Livermore. For more information contact [revharriet1@yahoo.com](mailto:revharriet1@yahoo.com) or visit us at <http://csslvighthouse.org>.

**St. Matthews Baptist Church**, 851 Rincon Ave., Livermore. [www.smbclive.com](http://www.smbclive.com) or 443.3686. Dr. Allen S. Turner. Worship services 8 and 11 a.m., Sunday family Bible school, 9:30 p.m., Bible study and youth ministry, Wednesday 7 p.m. Feed the homeless, Saturday 11 a.m. Prayer, 6 p.m. weekdays.

**Tri-Valley Church of Christ**, gives away clothing and other items every Monday 10-12. Donations are also accepted on Mondays between 10-12. 4418 E. Avenue, Livermore.

**Christ Church** (a nondenominational evangelical church formerly meeting in Pleasanton), Now meeting at Arroyo Mocho Elementary School, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Worship service at 9:00 a.m.; Educational Classes for all ages at 11:00 a.m. visit: [www.christchurch-trivalley.org](http://www.christchurch-trivalley.org) or call 925.846.0665.

**Unity of Tri-Valley** - 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. 10:00 am Sunday service. Rev. Micah Murdock, minister. All are welcome. Children's program available. Ongoing groups and activities. [www.trivalleyunity.org](http://www.trivalleyunity.org) (925.829.2733).

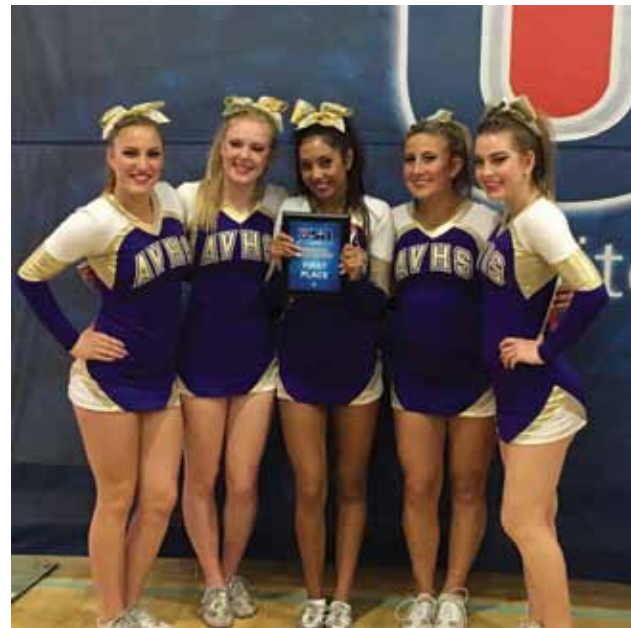
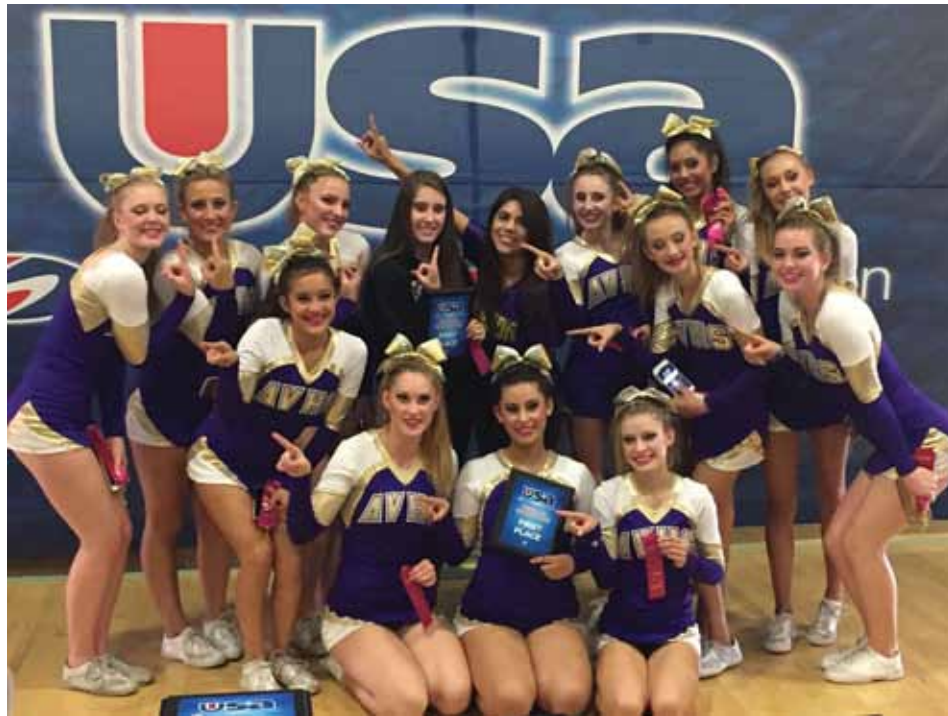
**GraceWay Church** will worship at 10 a.m. Sundays at Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Rd. until new home is refurbished and updated. Services include band-led worship music, as well as choir anthems. Sunday School for infants, preschoolers and elementary through high school students. [www.gracewayfaith.org](http://www.gracewayfaith.org) 846-4436 for information.

**WINGS (Women in God's Spirit)** for women of all ages and life stages. Meets Thursday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 am; through May 11, 2017. St. Charles Parish, Borromeo Hall, 1315 Lomitas Avenue, Livermore. For WINGS speaker presentations and events: [stcharleslivermore.org](http://stcharleslivermore.org), click on "Upcoming Events" and "WINGS". Questions: Donna Leach 925-443-6815 or Phyllis Clearwater 925-337-4299

**Bonacci to Speak on Advent**, Father Tom Bonacci will speak on the topic, "The Spirituality of Advent: Reflections from the Gospel of St. Matthew," Monday, November 28, 7:30 p.m. at Lynnwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. The program will survey the splendor and the challenges of the Advent Season using the first 2 chapters of Matthew as a text, and including Advent prayers. Bonacci is a Roman Catholic priest dedicated to peacemaking and interfaith work in the Bay Area. The event is free; parking is available on the street and behind the church. People of all faiths are welcome. [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org), 925 846-0221.

**Christmas Nativity Display**, featuring nativity scenes from around the world. Sun., Dec. 11, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Sponsored by Italian Catholic Federation. All are welcome.

# Milestones



**The Amador Valley High School Cheer Competition Team took first place at a Regional USA competition in Tracy. They also qualified to compete in Nationals which is in Anaheim in March 2017. The team competed in the Intermediate small division. Pictured are (back row) Ashely Boxberger, Emily Mercer, Kaitlyn McGarrity, Cassie Jacobs, Coach Danielle, Hannah Jacobs, Melia Storey and Lilly Braas; (middle) Elise Zurcher, Carsyn Gilbert, Mary Hinek; (kneeling) Katherine Jackson, McKenna Shaffer and Kayla Fulmer.**

**The Stunt Group from Amador Valley High School Cheer Team took first place at the USA Regional Competition in Tracy. This also qualified them for Nationals in March 2017. Pictured are Kaitlyn McGarrity, Ashley Boxberger, Melia Storey, Emily Mercer and Mary Hinek.**

## Bay East Association of Realtors Announces New Leadership

Two members of the Bay East Association of REALTORS® will lead the real estate trade associations in 2017.

Bill Brown, a second-generation REALTOR® who started his career in Oakland and lives in the East Bay, will serve as the 2017 President of the National Association of REALTORS®. Sherri Souza, a Livermore-based REALTOR®, will serve as the 2017 President of the Women's Council of REALTORS®. Both were installed during the board meetings for their respective organizations recently held in Orlando, Florida.

"We are so proud of everything both Bill and Sherri have accomplished at the local, state and national levels," said Kim Ott, 2016 President of the Bay East Association of REALTORS®. "Their service to the real estate profession starting in the East Bay is a great foundation for the important work they will do in 2017."

Brown has been active in organized real estate for more than 35 years. He was

President of the Oakland Association of REALTORS® in 1984 and the President of the California Association of REALTORS® in 2008.

Brown has supported REALTOR® advocacy efforts throughout his leadership career; an interest and passion he will carry into his Presidency. He said, "Home ownership and property rights are a big issue in the East Bay, and the whole country. I look forward to working with the more than 1.2 million REALTORS® to help make the American Dream possible."

Sherri Souza will lead the Women's Council of REALTORS® (WCR), a nationwide community of 11,000 real estate professionals. The WCR network includes more than 300 local and state networks with volunteer managers trained to position their groups as a business resource in their REALTOR® communities.

Souza has been a REALTOR® for 15 years and is a broker/owner with Broker In Trust Real Estate, a network of independent brokers with

a shared interest of elevating the level of professionalism in real estate for the consumer. She is a Livermore resident and helps home buyers and sellers throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

She was President of the California Women's Council of REALTORS® in 2011 and President of the Southern Alameda County Women's Council of REALTORS® in 2005.

"When this journey began I didn't know where it would lead," Souza said of her path to the WCR presidency. "I wanted to help other women become more than they ever dreamed possible. I actually witnessed the growth of the women around me."

Her leadership experience also includes serving as member of the California Association of REALTORS® Board of Directors and as member of the Bay East Association of REALTORS® Board of Directors. She is a 2011 graduate of the National Association of REALTORS® Leadership Academy.

## Livermore School District Board Recognizes Efforts of Lowe's Heroes

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District honored local "Lowe's Heroes" Tuesday night, November 1, 2016 at its regular school board meeting. The Lowe's stores in Union City, Dublin and Livermore provided nearly 50 volunteers and the materials to renovate a roller hockey rink and front entry landscaping at Livermore's Junction Avenue K-8 School. The group also built two new seating areas at the school doors.

Certificates were provided for the volunteers. Store managers Ana Hathaway and Chad DeWayne from Dublin and Livermore, respectively, along with several Lowe's employees came to the ceremony that evening.

Lowe's Heroes contacted LVJUSD to offer their service. Glenn Sherman, Assistant Director of Maintenance, Operations and Facilities, shared the needs of the Junction Avenue K-8 School. The Lowe's volunteers agreed to

spruce up the front by planting and building benches. Then, the group decided they wanted do even more. Glenn Sherman showed them the neglected roller hockey rink, and they restored that, too.

"We are grateful for our generous community partners and thank the employees of Lowe's for all their hard work on this project," said Philomena Rambo, Director of Programs & Partnerships at the District.