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Community Works Together to Create Living Bethlehem



### Find Out What's Happening

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

## Pleasanton Sets Election for May 2013

The Pleasanton City Council set May 7, 2013 for an election to fill the vacant council seat that opened up with the election of Jerry Thorne as mayor.

It will be a by mail only vote. The decision to use mail was financial, with the cost at \$250,000 compared to \$347,500 for a regular election.

City Manager Nelson Fialho pointed out that during the last election, 47 percent of those casting ballots in Pleasanton did so by mail. Currently, the city's mu-

nicipal code requires an election to fill the vacancy. The issue of changing the policy was raised by newly elected councilmember Jerry Pentin. He proposed making it possible for future councils to appoint a new councilmember. The other new councilmember Karla Brown said she didn't support discussing the issue.

The issue will be discussed during the new council's priorities setting session next year.

Candidates to fill the vacancy will be able to file

between Jan. 14, 2013 and Feb. 8, 2013. The new councilmember would be sworn in near June 4.

At Tuesday's meeting, councilmembers leaving office offered farewell comments. All three thanked the staff for their assistance. They particularly mentioned City Manager Nelson Fialho.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, who was first elected to office ten years ago, first as a councilmember, then as mayor for eight years, called it one of the most

challenging periods of her life. She thanked her fellow councilmembers, "We've been through good, bad and indifferent times. We've always been able to get the business of the city done. I'm very proud of that." She recalled the night she was first sworn in as mayor. She stated that she told the audience, "When I was a little girl I wanted to be a princess. Being a mayor is way better."

Councilmember Cindy McGovern completed 18.7 years of service, first as

a member of the school board, then the last eight years as a councilmember. She thanked all of those who had faith in her. She thanked fellow councilmembers. "Even though we were sometimes a little snippy, we respected each other." She ended her comments by donating over \$2800 left from her campaign account to a future teen and youth center, "something I've always wanted to see built in the city."

Councilmember Matt (See ELECTION, page 10)

### Work Underway To Replace Streetlights

Chevron Energy Solutions has begun replacing Dublin's streetlights with efficient LED lights throughout most of the residential neighborhoods, as well as down the main thoroughfare streets. The installations will occur during the months of December and continue into January and February 2013. The project began Dec. 3 on the west side of Dublin and will continue eastward until complete.

As part of a comprehensive citywide energy efficiency upgrade, this project includes the complete retrofit of all cobra-head streetlight fixtures throughout the City, replacing approximately 3,100 light fixtures in total.

"The City Council has made environmental stewardship part of our community's vision and this project helps to demonstrate their commitment," said City Manager Joni Pattillo. "While the cost savings contributes to our goal of responsible fiscal stewardship, the long-range benefit is the positive impact to our environment by reducing (See DUBLIN, page 7)

### Work on BART To Livermore To Continue

The apparent defeat of Measure B1 at the polls, is not stopping work from proceeding on a BART extension to Livermore.

The BART Board is meeting today, Thurs., Dec. 6, to discuss requesting MTC to advance funds to conduct the project level environmental impact review (EIR). The study will review potential impacts of a BART extension down I-580 to a site near the Isabel/580 interchange in Livermore.

The funds are part of over \$100 million allocated in AB1171 to the Livermore BART extension. The (See BART, page 4)



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Nancy Stoyer works with students at Christensen Middle School in Livermore.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

### Livermorium Scientists Visit Middle School

Last spring, Livermore further distinguished its world-wide stature when element 116 was named Livermorium in honor of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and the city itself. Sounds cool, but how was Livermorium discovered and why

were scientists even looking for it?

Last week, LLNL scientists Mark and Nancy Stoyer, two members of the 30-person team credited with the discovery of Livermorium and Flerovium (element 114), visited Christensen Middle School in Livermore

to answer these questions and share their experiences on this project and as scientists.

They explained that Livermorium is made when calcium-48 and curium are forced together. Simple enough until you consider what it takes to unite the

two elements - a cyclotron that accelerates a beam of calcium ions up to a velocity of 1/10 light speed towards a curium target. To help the students understand that process, Mark created what he called a "marshmallow ac-

(See VISIT, page 7)

### Pleasanton New School Would Cost \$37 million

By Ron McNicoll

New growth in Pleasanton that is dictated by the state will result in spending \$37 million to house growth in school enrollment, either in the form of a new elementary school, or a distribution of the students among existing schools. Expansions would be required at the existing campuses.

That was one of many points made clear to the school board at a special three-hour study session held Nov. 27 to discuss the draft form of a Facilities Master Plan for the

district. All districts will be required by the state to have such a plan in place.

Consultant Anne Feng-Gagne, executive director of the Dolinka Group Feng-Gagne presented the fiscal presentation to the board.

Pleasanton started formation of its master plan a year ago, in anticipation of the city's rezoning of nine parcels for more residential growth. The city was forced to act in adher-

(See SCHOOL, page 10)

### Physicist Describes Adventures That Changed His View Of Life

By Jeff Garberson

For the first two-thirds of his life, Francis Slakey isolated himself from other people.

By his own account, the Georgetown University physicist taught in a mechanical fashion. He was a "boring" teacher, turning his back on his students to focus on the physics diagrams and equations that he scrawled on the blackboard.

When he climbed mountains, he did so without regard for fellow climbers who might need his help. He vowed never to marry, own a house or have children.

Then, in 1999, in a personal challenge to himself, he decided to climb the tallest peak on every continent while surfing every ocean. Others had climbed those mountains, he knew, and still others have surfed the oceans. No one had done all of both.

Some of his adventures over the next decade would be extraordinary. However, his personal journey was at least as dramatic as the geographic one. Near-death experiences and inspirational people met along the way changed his personality from (See ADVENTURE, page 10)

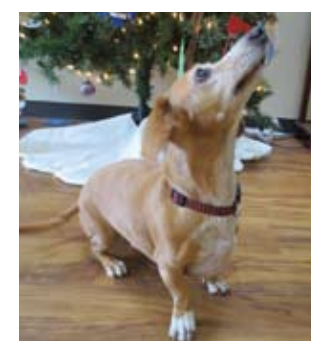


Girl Scouts sang carols as they rode in last week's Livermore Holiday Parade. For more holiday photos, see page 8.

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Tyra is described as "the perfect dog" - sweet, loving and loyal. She enjoys squeaky toys and playing catch. Tyra enjoys car rides and short walks. She spent the majority of her life with another dog and has no issues with cats; although she needs a home with children over the age of 10. She loves to cuddle all of the time and is a wonderful companion. She has been in and out of different homes since her owners passed away in Spring of 2012. She is ready to move into a permanent forever home with a new family. For more information, call 426-8656 or go online to [www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org) to see other adoptable dogs and cat. Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Photo by Melissa Bonnel



# Entrepreneurship Creates East Bay Youth and Family Initiatives



Aaron Ortiz works with young people in a music program.

A new organization, the East Bay Youth and Family Initiatives (EBYFI), has been formed. It seeks to improve education, employment, health and wellness outcomes for high-risk youths and families in the Tri-Valley area through integrated culturally appropriate programs.

A cluster of classrooms at the former Almond Avenue School in Livermore has been transformed into the main work hub for several programs that intend to create opportunities for the well-being of the underserved.

The programs that East Bay Youth and Family Initiatives offers are not new per se to the Tri-Valley, but have transitioned from former leadership and are no longer hosted or fiscally sponsored by the same agent. The survival of the programs faced an uncertain future this past summer, due to a financial downfall under past and now defunct leadership. The choices were either lose the programs or take action to help them survive.

Aaron Ortiz, Executive Director of East Bay Youth and Family Initiatives, opted for action and led a team

dedicated to continuing the programs by establishing the new organization. The staff represents diversity and collaboration. Over half the staff are bilingual and bicultural and represent the demographics being served in the Tri-Valley. Ortiz notes, "With great pride and humility I would like to thank our team through the spirit of entrepreneurship together we created the new organization in June. We have many programs, but we needed to keep the doors open and make sure youth had jobs this past summer."

Jim Berry a Consultant for EBYFI who volunteers his time with the organization notes, "For me it's inspirational watching professionals who are working very diligently to have an impact on the community and the people who need the most help."

The programs hosted by East Bay Youth and Family Initiatives include employing Foster and Probation Youth through the Highway to Work program coordinated by local leaders such as Belia Martinez; providing Spanish Mental Health Prevention and Early Intervention services via workshops

and consultations through the Cultura y Bienestar program; and offering the fiscal sponsorship of extracurricular activities such as Futsal. Other programs include establishing trendsetting academic career pathways by creating the District Attorney's Justice Academy for juniors and seniors in the Tri-Valley, providing a comprehensive preventative model for at-risk youth at Livermore High School through the Smart Choices program, and launching a computer clubhouse with over 15 computers intended for youth and families who otherwise would not have access.

Ortiz added, "Our infrastructure is strong because the community stood by us with leaders. Alameda County Board of Supervisors Scott Haggerty and Nate Miley were among those who supported our cause and made the process a seamless transition through a tough time."

Ortiz pointed out that services offered by EBYFI reflect the responsibility felt by the staff to empower the community by fostering culturally sensitive practices and providing opportunities

that preclude social and economic disparity. Rosa Isela Torre, Parent Advocate at Valley View Elementary in Pleasanton has been witness to these efforts over the past two years after collaborating with the Mental Health prevention services through the

Cultura y Bienestar program. Torre commented, "Having someone who understands those served in their own language, and more so who applies necessary cultural concepts, has been the perfect tool." Ortiz concluded that East

Bay Youth and Family Initiatives seeks to continue to give a voice to those often silenced by the affluence perceived in the Tri-Valley and hopes to interweave their efforts into the diverse tapestry of the community.

## Hertz Foundation Awards 2012 Entrepreneurship Prize

Livermore-based Fannie and John Hertz Foundation named physicist John Stockton recipient of its \$5,000 Peter Strauss award, given to a Hertz Fellow who demonstrates exceptional entrepreneurial leadership.

Stockton won a Hertz Fellowship to support graduate studies at CalTech, where he earned a PhD in 2006. After a post doctoral fellowship at Stanford, he founded two companies, Entanglement Technologies Inc. and QuantiFind Inc., both in Palo Alto.

Entanglement develops ultra-sensitive gas sensors for explosives detection, environmental monitoring and natural resource prospecting. The company employs six and includes the Defense Department among its customers.

QuantiFind looks for patterns in massive data fields to help companies understand their markets and plan for long term stability and competitive advantage. Among its clients are the huge scientific publisher, Elsevier, for which it offers an application that allows "new ways of searching (and) leveraging data," according to Elsevier.

QuantiFind has 21 employees. Stockton is acting chief scientist.

Stockton's initiative in creating two start-up companies was praised by Andy Huibers, himself a Hertz Fellow as well as founder

and director of Bump Technologies.

"Entanglement Technologies alone would be impressive," he said. "John's second start-up, QuantiFind, is inventing new technology in an area which is also evolving rapidly: the 'big data' field, the intelligent use of mass amounts of data that are coming online due to increased digitization of human affairs."

Jay Davis, president of the Hertz Foundation, said, "Stockton embodies the entrepreneurial spirit we see in many of the Hertz Fellows.

John has also demonstrated the innovative productivity that our nation today so badly needs."

The Hertz Foundation supports graduate education in the applied sciences with 5-year fellowships that are among the nation's most attractive and productive.

The Peter Strauss award was established two years ago in the memory of a long-time supporter of the Hertz Foundation. The award and other Hertz benefits are endowed by Harold Newman, another long-time supporter.

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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## Pearl Harbor Commemoration

Save Mount Diablo has received permission through legislation to allow them to restore what may be one of the last functioning aircraft navigation beacons from a national guidance system set up in 1928.

On Pearl Harbor Day, December 7th, Pearl Harbor survivors, friends, family, and community members gather at Mount Diablo's summit building. Survivor's share their first person accounts from the attack on Pearl Harbor followed by the lighting of Mount Diablo's Beacon which will shine throughout the night, for the only time all year, to commemorate those who served at Pearl Harbor.

Save Mount Diablo and the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors sponsor the event, which will run from 3:45 to 5 p.m. on Fri., Dec. 7 at the Summit Building in Mt. Diablo State Park.

The Beacon was originally lit by Charles Lindbergh in 1928 to assist with aircraft navigation. The "Eye of Diablo" as it is known, is one of the few remaining working beacons left in the country. The beacon is in significant disrepair. Like other state parks, Mt. Diablo State Park is unable to provide the maintenance and restoration that this historical artifact deserves, and volunteers from Save Mount Diablo have obtained special legislation to allow us to undertake the restoration.

The Restoration Project is in the planning stage now, and the beacon should be ready for temporary removal from the summit building next spring so that renovation work may be done safely and thoroughly off-site. Even with the efforts of numerous talented volunteers, there will be substantial cost involved. Save Mount Diablo needs help to restore the Eye of Diablo so it can continue to shine in the years to come. Save Mount Diablo hopes to have the restoration agreement with the State Parks Department signed by Friday to begin restoration in time for the 2013 lighting.

Information is available at: Save Mount Diablo, telephone: (925) 947-3535, fax: (925) 947-0642, 1901 Olympic Blvd., Suite 320, Walnut Creek, CA 94596; www.SaveMountDiablo.org

## Stockpile Dismantled

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has accomplished 112 percent of its goal for planned stock-

pile dismantlements in FY 2012.

NNSA successfully dismantled a number of B61 and B83-0/1 bombs and W76-0, W80-0, W84 and W78 warheads.

Taking apart nuclear weapons is a complex process that involves almost all of NNSA's sites within the nuclear security enterprise. NNSA's design laboratories in Livermore and elsewhere work with Pantex Plant in Texas to identify and mitigate hazards that may arise before a particular weapon type is dismantled.

When a weapon is retired, it is returned to Pantex where the high explosives are removed from the special nuclear material and the plutonium pit is removed from the weapon. The plutonium is placed in highly secure storage at Pantex. Non-nuclear components are sent to the Savannah River Site and the Kansas City Plant for final disposition. The Y-12 National Security Complex in Tennessee receives uranium components, which are dismantled over a defined timeframe.

Dismantlement not only prevents the potential misuse of nuclear material, but also allows recycling of the material for national defense uses, such as weapon refurbishment through the Life Extension Program and fuel for the Navy's nuclear-powered fleet. Some of the highly enriched uranium is also downblended to a less concentrated form for use in commercial nuclear reactors.

"NNSA delivered on President Obama's commitment to reduce the numbers of U.S. nuclear weapons declared excess to the stockpile and awaiting dismantlement. We exceeded our dismantlement goals for FY 2012 by a significant margin," said NNSA Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs Don Cook. "Dismantlements of legacy weapons are a key part of the Nuclear Posture Review, going hand-in-hand with the safety and security improvements in our Life Extension Programs and critical to long-term national security."

## Correction

A story in the Nov. 22 issue erred about Pleasanton school superintendent Parvin Ahmadi's comment about the district's Advanced Placement Honors classes. Ahmadi did not say that the district limits AP class enrollment. She said that she does not believe that "we should (limit them), in response to people who ask us to do that."

# Labs Among Finalists for First Innovation Award

This year, the East Bay Economic Development Alliance (East Bay EDA) is spotlighting some of the most significant contributors to the East Bay's unique culture and legacy of innovation. The organization announced the pool of 16 finalists who are in the running for the first-ever East Bay Innovation Awards.

Among those selected are Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories

"The East Bay is home to a wide variety of innovators in job sectors that include clean fuels, food production, digital animation, medical devices, and many more," said Keith Carson, Chairman of the East Bay EDA Board of Directors. "We want to celebrate those accomplishments, raise awareness about the forward-thinking businesses that are based in the East Bay, and inspire other companies to think outside the box."

The 16 companies and organizations – selected by independent industry professionals after a public nomination process coordinated and launched by the East Bay Economic Development Alliance – are being recognized not only for being instrumental in advancing the region's culture of innovation, but also for contributing to regional prosperity.

"Over 85 nominations were received, and we were so impressed by the high quality of nominees across all the industry categories," said Karen Engel, Executive Director of East Bay EDA.

East Bay EDA recognized companies in clean technology, advanced manufacturing, food, information/communication technology, life sciences, engineering and design. Other finalists are: Adept Technology, Bayer Healthcare, Community Grains, Deep Ocean Exploration & Research,

Ecologic Brands, Ekso Bionics, Kiverdi, Inc., Lit San Leandro, Livescribe Inc., Pandora, Perforce Software, Penumbra, Inc., Skydeck / UC Berkeley, St. George Spirits, and Telsa Motors.

In addition to these categories, nominations were solicited for innovation in business and education partnerships, thought-leader or catalyst of the year, and a legacy award to recognize an individual or organization that has had a lasting impact on the culture of innovation in the East Bay.

The selected finalists will be recognized at a gala event on January 31, 2013 at the Fox Theater in Oakland. At the event, East Bay EDA will also announce their first-ever Innovation Award winners, which will be selected from the pool of finalists.

For more information, visit: [www.eastbayeda.org/awards](http://www.eastbayeda.org/awards).

# Pleasanton Looking for Volunteers to Help Update Cultural Plan

Applications are currently being accepted for Pleasanton's Cultural Plan Update Steering Committee. The Cultural Plan Update is intended to be a significant planning tool to help the city plan for the changing scope of arts activities. As such it will summarize themes, trends and community priorities, assess available resources, review existing and anticipated demographic conditions and provide strategies for arts/cultural programs needs.

To serve on the Steering Committee and assist with the planning process, the City Council is seeking two (2) Parents-At-Large representatives from the community who currently have a child or children at-

tending pre-school, elementary school, middle school and/or high school OR who have a vested interest in the arts in Pleasanton. The City Council is also seeking one (1) Teen-At-Large representative from the community who currently attends one of the community high schools and has a vested interest in the arts in Pleasanton. All applicants shall be residents of the city of Pleasanton and willing to attend at least three meetings for a period of six to nine months. The City seeks committee members who are able to do background reading and research, work collaboratively, and strive for clear communication, a balanced perspective and inclusion of a wide range of viewpoints.

Interested parties should submit completed applications to the City Clerk's office by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 27, 2012. The Pleasanton City Council will confirm the members of the committee at the Tuesday, January 15, 2013 City Council meeting (tentative date).

Applications are available at the City Clerk's office, located at 123 Main Street in Pleasanton, or can be downloaded at <http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/culturalplan-application.pdf>. For more information, please contact Michele Crose, Community Services Manager, at (925) 931-5347 or [mcrose@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:mcrose@cityofpleasantonca.gov)



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# EDITORIAL

## Making Race Happen

The City of Livermore will serve as a host city for the Amgen Tour of California for the third year in a row. For the 2013 race, the Stage 7 Start is scheduled for Saturday, May 18 in the downtown.

For a time it appeared that Livermore would step back from acting as a host city for the bicycle race because of the cost involved. The city council had voted to deny the request for the funding, noting that other events, such as the 4th of July, were staged using funds raised by members of the public.

In this case, the private sector stepped up and agreed to offset the cost to the city through donations. The tour is good for business. Independent studies suggest the financial benefit and economic impact for a host city is typically in excess of a \$1 million boost to the local economy. These benefits include room nights at local and regional hotels, meals by visitors and participants, local shopping for gifts and memorabilia, and other visitor-oriented economic activities.

"We welcome the Amgen Tour of California into Livermore's award-winning downtown for the Stage 7 Start," declared Livermore Mayor John Marchand. "It all comes down to quality of life."

It also comes down to living in a community where the public is willing to make things happen, first the 4th of July, now the Amgen Tour. Kudos to all.

## Recology Agreement Dropped, EIR Planned

Last week, Recology and the City of San Francisco agreed to drop the current agreement that granted a contract for Recology to transport the city's waste by rail to a landfill in Yuba County.

The City of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors approved the contract with Recology, Inc. in 2009 to ship as much as 5 million tons, or 400,000 tons per year, of the city's waste over a 10 year period to the site.

Three different lawsuits were filed challenging the lack of an environmental review and the process utilized in granting the contract.

SPRAWLDEF (Sustainability, Parks, Recycling And Wildlife Legal Defense Fund), a Bay Area environmental group, is one of the parties to a lawsuit. The group's attorney, Kelly Smith, stated, "The announcement last week, that terminates the contract concedes the grounds on which we filed the lawsuit. We think the true costs of shipping trash to Yuba County were not addressed."

Smith said that SPRAWLDEF is also concerned that more, cheaper landfills will result in more garbage. "Cheaper landfills are detrimental to the environment."

Yuba Group Against Garbage, another plaintiff, raised similar concerns asking the court to require an environmental review.

According to reports in the press, Richard Paskowitz, founder of the Yuba city group, "It's a victory for all of us." In addition to failing to conduct a legally-required environmental review before approving the contract, the lawsuit argued that the deal also lacked necessary approvals in Yuba County.

"The green stops at the city limits of San Francisco," Paskowitz, who noted he can see the landfill from his home, told the Associated Press. "Our bottom line is not to produce contaminated food that comes down to San Francisco."

Another lawsuit, filed by Waste Management, claims a violation of San Francisco's competitive-bidding ordinance. Waste Management claims the SF Department of the Environment, which awarded the contract, only asked companies to bid on the disposal of waste and not the transportation. Recology, however, bid both on the disposal and transportation,

and was awarded both.

"The two issues of environmental review and the bidding process could wind up being related," according to Smith. "An EIR should be prepared before a project is approved so you can understand what is planned. You don't prepare one after the fact. It's a big deal"

Recology initially stated that conducting an environmental review was not necessary before proceeding with the contract.

Recology Vice President Dave Vaughn told the Marysville Appeal-Democrat that he doesn't expect the decision to conduct a review to prevent the company from ultimately retaining the contract, as trash isn't scheduled to be shipped into the landfill until 2015. The environmental review will only take about a year to complete.

Yuba County has already begun an environmental review of a rail spur that would need to be built for the trash to be delivered to the landfill.

The land on which the railroad spur is proposed is owned by the United States Air Force and lying within the boundaries of Beale Air Force Base. A letter from Beale Air Force Base notes that after internal review of initial proposals by Recology, Inc., "we have concluded that providing the easement requested is not beneficial to the Air Force. Therefore, alternatives to use of the Beale Air Force Base rail spur should be included in any environmental study and decision-making process of the County."

Currently, San Francisco trash is transported to the Altamont Landfill just outside Livermore. The landfill is owned and operated by Waste Management. The contract to take San Francisco refuse at the Altamont site runs until a certain level of trash has been received. The landfill is projected to be open through 2025.

The City of Livermore would be impacted financially if the trash were hauled elsewhere. It currently receives \$1.58 per ton to mitigate the impacts of the landfill. Of that, 32 cents goes toward recycling education programs; 32 cents is a host fee; and 94 cents is set aside to purchase open space. The host fee is used to pay off bonds for the Bankhead Theater.

## Livermore Company Wins Second 'Going Green' Award

For the second year in a row, Bridgelux Inc., the innovative lighting company based in Livermore, was named one of the world's 200 most promising private "green technology" companies.

The GoingGreen Global 200 award was given last week to Bridgelux by AlwaysOn, a business networking organization. Awards were in 10 categories emphasizing energy conservation and

efficiency, from green transportation to resource recovery. Bridgelux was named in the energy management, smart grid and energy efficiency category.

The 200 companies that were honored are based as far away as London, Stockholm and Beijing, but most of them were located in the U.S.

Selection was made by the AlwaysOn editorial team and a panel of industrial ex-

perts based on five criteria: innovation, market potential, commercialization, stakeholder value and "media buzz," according to the AlwaysOn announcement.

The 200 companies "represent leadership in the global innovation community... pioneering new ways to deliver efficient products to a resource-hungry world," according to AlwaysOn. "These companies have the ability to change the way

we live our lives for the better, while bringing huge returns to their founders and funders."

Bridgelux designs and makes high efficiency solid state lighting. It employs about 200 in its Livermore operation, housed in facilities covering 120,000 square feet. Another 50 are employed overseas. Company revenues have doubled each year since 2009, according to a company spokesperson.

## Recount of Measure B1 Ended

The Alameda County Transportation Commission informed the Alameda County Registrar of Voters on Wednesday that it accepts the certified election outcome. Measure B. It did not meet the threshold necessary to pass, despite receiving 66.53 percent of the vote. The required threshold to pass is 66.67 percent and Measure B1 was just 0.14 percent below this.

Due to the high voter support for Measure B1 and almost reaching the two-thirds requirement to pass, Alameda CTC launched a recount. The recount began Tuesday, December 4, 2012. By close of business that day, the Registrar's office had recounted 28,000 votes. It only tallied an additional seven yes votes for Measure B1. According to a commission press release, based on this outcome, it became clear that continuing the recount would not yield the almost 750 yes votes necessary to meet the minimum 66.67 percent for passage, and therefore, Alameda CTC ended the recount.

"I am confident that the decision to request a recount was the right one, as was our decision to discontinue it," said Alameda CTC Executive Director Arthur Dao. "Our Commission feels that performing due diligence was our obligation with a vote this close, and a transportation plan worth \$8 billion dollars in local investment and thousands of jobs opportunities. I'm proud that Alameda CTC is known to be an excellent steward of public funds, and this prudent use of funds is no different. The recount cost less than \$8,000."

Tess Lengyel, an Alameda CTC Deputy Director overseeing the recount effort on Tuesday, added, "We should all be proud of our County Registrar, Dave Macdonald, and his staff, who are diligent, meticulous, professional and dedicated public servants." The manual recount started with Berkeley, where there was a large 'undervote' - ballots cast in the election that did not include a vote on Measure B1.

The results could not change unless there is a 100 percent recount of every ballot cast.

A routine 1 percent manual recount of votes in Alameda County by the registrar already confirmed that the measure did not pass.

Measure B1 would have extended and augmented the existing half-cent county transportation sales tax, which county voters approved in 1986 and again in 2000. Measure B1 expenditures would be guided by the 2012 Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP), which was unanimously approved by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and all 14 Alameda County cities.

Alameda CTC will use the current Measure B funds until they sunset in 2022, continuing to implement important projects and programs throughout the county.

Alameda CTC has already leveraged \$756 million of current Measure B funds into \$3.8 billion in capital improvements in Alameda County, including

rail extensions (BART to Warm Springs), highway improvements (I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility project, I-680 Express Lanes, new HOV lanes on I-880 and I-580), local streets and roads enhancements, intermodal projects, and many others. These investments have pumped \$495 million back into local businesses in Alameda County in the past decade alone, creating nearly 5,100 jobs per year. Many of these projects are in construction now, and the benefits of these local sales tax investments will have lasting positive impacts in Alameda County for years to come.

"A clear majority of Alameda County demonstrated their support for Measure B1 - a transportation plan that supports forward-thinking solutions, economic vitality, environmental sustainability and a true multi-modal approach," said Alameda CTC Chair Mayor Mark Green. "These numbers show the urgent need to lower the voter approval threshold for special taxes in California."

## BART

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money comes from bridge tolls.

The BART Board is asking for \$13 million that would be used for the EIR to study the city's station plan, ridership goals and undertake preliminary engineering.

Livermore assistant engineer Bob Vinn, who oversees the BART project for the city of Livermore, pointed out that among the items to be considered will be parking. "The parking has not been settled. The decision on how much parking would be situated at the Isabel situation will be determined

through the EIR. The station idea presented was only a concept."

He also responded to those who insist that BART change the preferred station designation, which is still listed as downtown to Vasco Road. He said the city sent a letter to BART asking for the change to Isabel to Greenville. Isabel was studied as an alternative in the program EIR. Proceeding with a station at that site is consistent with the studies.

Vinn said that there may not be a delay in the start of construction if the B1 vote were not upheld following

the recount. The tax would likely be placed on the ballot again in 2016. If it were approved at that time, Vinn said the project could go ahead.

Vinn explained that it will take about two years to complete the project EIR. After that funds are available to proceed with the purchase of right-of-way and final designs. "In four more years, the project would be more shelf ready than it is today."

There also may be an opportunity for additional funding through MTC. In the last round of regional project

funding, the Livermore extension was not considered to provide a high enough cost benefit ratio. Vinn said that through studies, it may be possible to demonstrate reduced cost and greater benefit. Currently, the cost is estimated between \$850 million and \$1.2 billion. The studies will be able to provide the actual costs.

He added that another source of income may be available through private investment by creating a viable revenue stream. Among the possible revenue sources would be charging for parking or adding a surcharge to tickets purchased by San Joaquin residents.

## Pleasanton OKs New Hospitality District

Last week the Pleasanton City Council approved new hospitality guidelines for downtown Pleasanton.

As part of the guidelines, a new hospitality district was divided into a core area and a transition area.

An 11-member task force worked for nine months to create the guidelines. The task force's final recommendation was approved by a 6 to 5 vote.

The guidelines are designed to foster daytime and evening downtown activity and vitality in balance with neighboring commercial and residential properties. The guidelines govern music, entertainment, special events and other activities. Allowable noise levels were increased in the core area from 70 to 74 db from 8 to 11 p.m. on Thurs., Fri. and Sat.; decreased in the transition area from 70 to 60 db between 9 p.m. and 8 a.m.

Restaurants would be allowed to serve alcohol until 11 p.m. The current cut-off is 10 p.m. This provision would be citywide, not just in the downtown.

The council vote for the new guidelines was 3 to 2 with Matt Sullivan and Cindy McGovern opposed.

Sullivan and McGovern were supportive of the idea. However, they objected to a change to staff recommendation proposed by Cheryl Cook-Kallio and approved as part of the motion that would allow a business to opt out of the transition

area by petitioning for the change. Staff had recommended any change be part of an application and full hearing process.

The transition area is designed to act as a buffer between downtown activities and nearby residences. A task force recommended a buffer one building deep along Peters Street. Staff suggested a depth of two buildings.

Cook-Kallio said that she knew of at least three businesses who objected to inclusion in the transition area because they felt it lowered their property values.

Sullivan, who along with Jerry Thorne represented the council on the task force, pointed out that originally the task force had recommended a two building deep buffer. Sullivan stated that the committee was lopsided, heavily weighted towards businesses. The transition size was a compromise worked out with residents. Sullivan said that the Pleasanton Downtown Association objected to the proposal for a two-deep transition area, on a re-vote of 6 to 5 the recommendation was changed to one deep.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman commented, "The goal was to address the needs of the downtown. I'm not interested in a compromise yet. Let's see what happens once the guidelines are fully implemented, then tweak them if necessary." (This was Hosterman's last

meeting as mayor.) Hosterman's husband, Michael, is president of the Pleasanton Downtown Association.

Economic director Pamela Ott told the council that public comments made during task force sessions were mixed. There was concern on the part of residents that they would have to act as the enforcement agent for the new guidelines. There is no provision for enforcement in the guidelines, they pointed out.

Ott continued, other issues included the increase in outdoor music that would be permitted, parking issues, litter and loitering. Many felt the new guidelines would result in too many people in the downtown. They suggested that the city build a parking structure. Residents who spoke in favor of the guidelines expressed a willingness to tolerate traffic and noise for easy access to activities. Some felt that living near an active downtown would enhance their property values.

Ott added that businesses suggested that all of them should be treated equally. In the transition area, property owners were concerned that it would be more difficult to lease their properties.

During the city council hearing, several restaurant owners lauded the guidelines, noting that it had been difficult over the past two years to maintain their businesses. Joe Barone, owner of Barone's restaurant, stated,

"We had to think outside the box and introduced music. It kills me to hear people ask why downtown Pleasanton is so quiet and Livermore is so much fun."

A nearby resident, Joe Schaefer said he liked living in the downtown. "I like the vitality and appreciate the effort of the task force in balancing the needs of businesses and residents. However, the one thing that has been overlooked is enforcement." He suggested there be a requirement for those providing music to monitor the noise levels.

McGovern questioned the need to raise the allowable noise level.

Cook-Kallio felt the transition area was an artificial barrier because there were no businesses in the buffer zone that would offer music. She asked about the ability to enforce the guidelines, noting there would not be an increased police presence.

One addition is wording for a good neighbor policy. After close of business, owners should ensure their patrons do not loiter in front of their business and by adjacent neighboring businesses and residences after the close of business. If needed, they would work with staff regarding the installation of enforceable no loitering signs.

The approval included a provision to bring back a report in a year on the impacts of the new guidelines to the council.

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## Pleasanton Council OKs 5% Jump in Garbage Rates

Garbage rates will be going up 5 percent in Pleasanton, on January 1, 2013.

Last week, the Pleasanton City Council approved an interim agreement with Pleasanton Garbage Service (PGS) for the rise in rates.

Residents will see the cost of a 35-gallon can go from \$29.13 to \$30.58 per month, a 96-gallon can increase from \$34.57 to \$36.30. Commercial rates will go up from \$25.86 to \$27.15 per cubic yard.

PGS had requested a 12.7 percent increase. The city asked PGS to provide detailed information supporting the adjustment. Neither party could come to an agreement regarding a supportable adjustment. However, they agreed that some adjustment was warranted.

PGS has an exclusive franchise agreement with Pleasanton. It began in 1989 and runs through June 2019. The franchise agreement grants the city council the authority to set service rates for refuse and recycling services and guarantees PGS an annual return on investment between 8 and 16 percent.

During the upcoming months, city staff and PGS will continue its review of rates and franchise issues with the goal of resolving issues within nine months.

Assistant City Manager Steve Bocian noted that in-

flation costs impact PGS and other refuse operators.

Issues to be discussed include actual rate setting authority. The city council currently sets the rate. Bocian said this will become more of an issue when the agreement comes to an end. "We don't want to face a deficit." The city has also asked to examine financial records, something it has not done in the past. The city would like to look at a "cost plus profit" model to use in establishing rates rather than the current "balancing" procedure. Bocian added that the city is interested in exploring the potential for a short term franchise extension to negotiate the changes the city is looking to make.

Gordon Galvin, PGS, pointed out that this is a family owned business. The owners live in Pleasanton. "We realize the operating agreement has become a bit stale and that it needs to be updated. We will work to reach an agreement that benefits all." He pointed out that some of the factors impacting rates are the ever-changing layers of government regulations, and rising labor and fuel costs.

Councilmember Matt Sullivan commented that the city needs to consider whether it wants to go out on a competitive basis when the agreement expires. It has not done so in the past.

## Lab, Georgetown Team Up to Offer New Master's Program

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and the Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies have joined forces to create a new master's program in emergency and disaster management (EDM), which is set to launch in fall 2013. The program will prepare future leaders in emergency management through an immersive learning environment using scenario-based simulations and real-world case studies.

This is the first degree-program offering from a partnership between Georgetown and LLNL. The two institutions began collaborating in 2009 under a memorandum of understanding, spearheaded by Spiros Dimolitsas, senior vice president and chief administrative officer at Georgetown.

The EDM program will

take students to four different cities while completing the program in one year. In addition to LLNL, students will travel to New Orleans, Washington, D.C. and Doha, Qatar, to participate in real-world scenario laboratories and lectures.

There are five modules that include a combination of face-to-face learning and on-line coursework. The module titles include emergency and disaster management theory and legal framework, natural disasters, domestic terrorism and international disasters.

"The national security mission of LLNL aligns strongly with the goals of Georgetown's EDM program," said Nancy Suski, deputy program director in LLNL's Office of Strategic Outcomes and executive director of the EDM program. "The strength of this

program is the combination of LLNL's national security science and technology expertise and Georgetown University's commitment to educate students to work in service of others."

A hallmark of the EDM program is immersing students in laboratories that replicate real-world scenarios. Throughout their course of study, students will participate in five on-site exercises that feature disaster scenarios and the technical, legal and ethical considerations that govern them.

Students' learning experience will use LLNL's advanced modeling and simulation capability to visualize various disaster scenarios in order to develop the leadership and critical thinking skills necessary to best respond.

In the third learning mod-

ule, for example, students will travel to LLNL to study the consequences of domestic terrorism. Learning outcomes include understanding the challenges to quantifying and communicating risk for high consequence, low probability events as well as identifying mechanisms to promote civic responsibility and overcome apathy.

"This program will prepare students for careers in emergency and disaster management that are critical to our national and economic security," said Walter Rankin, interim dean of the School of Continuing Studies. "As we saw with Hurricane Sandy last month, there remains a tremendous need to build multidisciplinary teams that span federal, state and local jurisdictions that can act quickly and effectively in the interest of saving lives and protecting communities."

## CANCER

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centers: Enloe Medical Center in Chico; Mercy Medical Center in Redding; St. Helena Hospital in St. Helena; Renown Institute for Cancer in Reno; Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula; and St. Joseph's Regional Cancer Center in Stockton.

"This new affiliation reflects our mission to make high-level cancer care more broadly available throughout Northern California," said Peter R. Carroll, MD, MPH, director of clinical services and strategic planning at the UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer

Center (HDFCCC).

The HDFCCC was designated a comprehensive cancer center by the National Cancer Institute in 1999 in recognition of the highest level of excellence in both its scientific research and its ability to integrate diverse research approaches to focus on the problem of cancer and improve patient outcomes. UCSF Medical Center serves as the academic medical center of the University of California, San Francisco.

According to a joint press release, since 2007, the Regional Cancer Center at

ValleyCare has provided the latest cancer treatments, expertise, technology, research and clinical trials at its Pleasanton facility. ValleyCare's Breast Center has received full accreditation by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers administered by the American College of Surgeons. ValleyCare has also been designated a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence by the American College of Radiology.

"Every family in the Tri-Valley is affected by cancer in some way and cancer is a complex disease with

many variables," Feit says. "This collaboration extends our ability to provide the most comprehensive treatment possible. We are very pleased to be able to bring our expertise together with that of UCSF."

## Livermore Considers Change in Garbage Rates

Livermore residents who use 20-gallon trash carts can expect to see their rate increase. At the same time, commercial ratepayers will see their rates decrease.

When and how much the rates will change is yet to be determined. A lifeline rate will be considered for fixed or low income residents.

The Livermore City Council discussed options during its meeting last week.

Public Works Manager Judy Erlandson pointed out that businesses contribute 38 percent towards subsidizing residential rates. If the subsidy were eliminated, residential rates could go up by 62 percent. That is not a recommended action, she stated. Rather, staff is proposing that the subsidy be reduced from 38 percent to 20 percent. The change would be phased in over seven years. The residential rate increase would be targeted towards residents who opt for 20 or 32 gallon cans. They are the ones who benefit from the subsidy, she stated.

Currently, those with 20-gallon carts pay \$16.76 per month; 30 to 36-gallon carts \$26.96; 64-gallon carts \$53.34; and 96-gallon carts \$86.21.

Other issues raised by staff included eliminating the permitted hauler system that allows anyone to enter the city and haul trash. Another idea proposed was charging for collection of organics. All of the councilmembers were opposed to charging for organics and supported eliminating the permitted hauler system. Councilmember Doug Horner noted that

outside haulers do not pay fees to the city, yet impact the roads. They are also taking away recyclables the city is receiving nothing for.

Councilmember Bob Wornner suggested the focus should be on the 20-gallon carts for a rate increase to balance a reduction in commercial rates. "Philosophically, I'm opposed to excess cost to a group in the community, commercial ratepayers, just because we can. I do think there should be some subsidy (for residential). We need to pick a number on which the subsidy reduction would be based that is supportable."

Councilmember Stewart Gary stated there has to be some correction from an equity standpoint. He wondered how staff had come up with rate reduction number for commercial users. "We need to look at a rate that reflects costs rather than say 20 percent because it feels good economically and politically."

The opposite view was taken by Doug Horner. "I am not supportive of reducing the subsidy for residential users. There is no data that waste management fees are driving away business," he declared.

Mayor John Marchand suggested that the rate paid by 20-gallon cart users is too low in comparison to other cart sizes. He said that he would like to look at a lifeline baseline rate for low income people and those on fixed incomes.

Councilmember Lauren Turner said that she supported cart costs equity, having the cost of collection for the cart sizes more balanced.

## Plan for 76 Units Brings Plea to 'Save Our Hill'

The proposed Garaventa Hills subdivision, with its 76 single family units, has led the site's Springtown neighbors to organize "Save Our Hill."

The subdivision proposed for 31 acres east of Vasco Road would curve around two knolls that are joined together. Neighbors hike these knolls to look at the view of miles of open space. There is a field for children to play in, said Cindy Angers, spokesperson for the new group.

Angers said the group would be at the planning commission Dec. 4, when the panel will hear a report on the EIR for the project. The meeting was held after The Independent's deadline.

The development would also generate more traffic near Arroyo School, said Angers. A bridge would be constructed over a creek. Angers, a landscape designer, called the creek "a much loved landscape feature in our neighborhood."


Further, there are 10 listed animal species present on the site, according to the EIR, which studied six of them. All six were found by

the environmental consultant to be less than significantly impacted, said Angers.

The land is near the Garaventa Wetlands Preserve, which is operated by LARPD. This area is a refuge for birds, especially the listed burrowing owl, and is open to the public only by appointment with LARPD.

The public comment period on the EIR is scheduled to end Dec. 26, which is the deadline for written comments to be submitted to the planning department. After the EIR comment period, there will be planning commission and city council review on the development maps and the general plan amendment, with February or March recommended as the time for those decisions.

The draft EIR can be found on the city's website.



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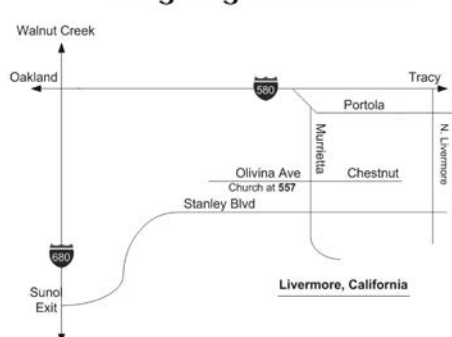
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# SPORTS NOTES



The Livermore Aquacowboys swim at the 14 and under 2012 Pacific Junior Olympic Swimming Championships. The Junior Olympics were hosted by the Morgan Hill 'Makos' on November 30-December 2, 2012. Swimming for LAC were Jared Brandey, Brandon Siu, Hunter Woffinden, Tori Carroll, Sofia Moufarrej, Dante DeMayo, Gabe Akins, Caroline Eckel, Paige Chew, Jacqueline Arnold, Amanda Butcher, Alex Gonzalez, Christopher Gonzalez, Franco Moufarrej, Taber DaCosta, Sarah Swanson, Celine Nguyen, Connor Campbell, Megan Fairbanks, Nick Coltrin and Matthew Hayes. The swimmers braved 3 days of rain, wind and lightening delay to race to some new far Western times and new personal best times. The event hosted over 1000 swimmers for 3 days of competition. The Livermore Aquacowboys train at the Livermore Valley Tennis Club with Coach Alex Silver, Coach Lisa White, Coach Leslie Dabney and Coach Kevin.



The Livermore Aquacowboys will be represented by Trent Trump and Nina Hayes in Tennessee. USA Swim 2012 Speedo Winter Junior National Championships will be held on December 6-8 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Trent and Nina will travel to Tennessee to compete in this high level meet.



The Livermore Aquacowboys Senior group swim at the Husky Invitational in Washington. Swimmers were Katie Kulp, Shahini Ananth, Shelby Swanson, Nathan Boas, Alex Wang, Haley Hamza, Bryce McLaggan, Jenna Chew, and Steven Makanic.



For the 2nd season in a row the Livermore Fusion SC U10 Maroon girls' team has captured the title of Norcal Region 3/4 League Champions, with a record of 6 wins, 1 tie and 1 loss. Throughout the season the team scored 22 goals while allowing only 5, keeping strong competitors CVSC United, Impact, Pleasanton Rage, West Coast SC and Bay Oaks Strykers scoreless in their matches. Pictured are the champions (back, left to right) Coach Matt Caution, Lily Redell, Lissa Mizutani, Payton Hall, Kayla Galo, Ashleigh Ward, Manager Ben Castillo; (front) Front (left to right): Athena Lewis, Faith Rogers, Alivia Ganz, Kaleigh Castillo, Alina Guzman, and April Phillips.



For the second year in a row, the West Coast Fury U10G soccer team made it into the prestigious Norcal Elite Eight. In a field of over 100, the Fury battled teams from all over Northern California to be one of eight teams to play for the championship title. Along the way, the Fury played top ranked teams from the Tri-Valley, Sacramento, San Jose, and the Central Valley. The West Coast Fury are based in Livermore and are trained by Coach Sara Girotto. Pictured are the 2012 West Coast Fury Champs Gracie Alfonso, Madeline Allum, Haiden Arruda, Kalena Brongiel, Jamie Conklin, Kourtney Kessler, Alina Garcia, Alyssa Garza, Laura Gonzalez, Allison Rickman, Trinity Sandridge, and Kate Zeck.

### West Coast Soccer

The number 1 ranked West Coast Wild U15 Girls did not let the wet weather bother them. Former MLS Earthquake coach Troy Dayak said, "This team excels in extreme conditions, everything that we do prepares us to be at our best come game time no matter what the environment." The Wild girls played on a flooded field at the NPL College Showcases in Davis Ca, so flooded that they shut down the field after the Wild's 8am game Saturday morning. With much of the field flooded the players did their best to tread through by flicking the ball up and passing so that it would not stick in the puddles. "Coach told us to play the outside of the field and in the corners where the water puddles were much smaller and to try to get crosses off" said team captain Megan Amick. That is exactly what they did as they began a flurry of crosses into the box of the opposing team. The Wild earned multiple corner kicks. Kasidee Wiley served a beautiful corner kick into the box

where Autumn Smithers controlled the ball and fired the ball past Diablo's GK. West Coast offense, led by Demi Gonis, Tori Nicolo, Kasidee Wiley, Rachel Tungol, Adi Ruiz, Melissa Ellis and Caleigh Hufana, continued the pressure and out shot Diablo FC 16-3. Miciah Madison would earn the second goal off a nice shot into the upper corner. Strong defensive play from Hanna Beauchamp, Sydney Lunt, Jacey Luzzi, Emilie Allum and GK Amanda Valentine secured the 6th shutout of the NPL season giving them the stingiest goals against average in the entire league. The Katz U16 girls participated in the NPL College Showcase in Davis Ca over the weekend. Katz faced a tough opponent in Orchard Valley Chaos, defeating them 1-0 on Saturday in a rainy wet game. Abby Dyer would score the lone goal assisted by Kat Lipman. The Katz defense, led by Nicole Lutz, Samantha Reich, Karlee Hall, Taylor Boren, Erica Steel, and Taylah Nusser, preserved the shut out.



West Coast Wild played in the Final 4 College showcase in San Diego CA from Nov 29th - Dec 1. This tournament took place during the women's NCAA final four featuring Penn State, Stanford, North Carolina, and Florida. While in San Diego team Wild attended the NCAA Women's final 4 games championship games. As a bonus, team Wild was able to go down on the field to meet and mingle with players and staff. West Coast Wild team members are pictured with 2012 NCAA National Champion defensive player Caitlin Ball of the University of North Carolina.



The West Coast Wildfire U13 G finished their 2012 Norcal season in first place in the Gold I division. The Wildfire clinched the title as the only undefeated team in the league with 22 points and an amazing 7-1-0 record. The Wildfire have back to back spring and fall league championships. In their final game against Walnut Creek, the Wildfire showed complete midfield domination and easily emerged victorious with a 4-1 win. The girls now head to State Cup tournament play. Pictured are (top, left to right) Sydney Schultz, Keili Prenton, Mimi Freeman, Coach Marlon Fernandez, Claire Abele, Meghan Giamona, Sierra Martin, Lauryn Souza, Jennifer Gibson, Kylie Martinez; (bottom) Paula Samaniego, Kiera Karter, Madison Stewart, Chloe Brickwedel, Amanda Zeck, and Isabella Barbero. Not pictured Tori Diehl and Kaitlynn Funsch.

Katz would play local rival Walnut Creek Dynamo on Sunday. After an even first half, Katz pulled ahead in the second. Goals by Sharan Singh and Haley Houts helped lead the way to a 2-0 victory. Grace Lara, Alyssa Rodriguez, Kylie Long, Mia Volpatti helped the Katz outshoot the Dynamo 12-5. These two games conclude the first 10 games of the fall league for the NPL year around schedule. Katz finished at the top of the table ahead of Pleasanton Rage Premier with an 8-1-1 record and touted the highest goal differential in the league with 20 goals for and just 6 goals against.

### CYO Basketball

St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) CYO 6th grade boys' basketball team 622, aka Fireballs, were defeated by St. Isidore 627 on Sunday after giving 100 percent. For the Fireballs, who showed

great sportsmanship and fortitude, Xavier Pelican scored 4 points, Ben Leggat and Ethan Payne each scored 2, and Logan Finch scored 1. Ethan Payne gets defensive kudos for the Fireballs with the most rebounds.

### Bocce Kits for Rent

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is making bocce ball kits available for rent to the public. Bocce ball kits can be checked out for a week at a time from the Robert Livermore Community Center. The kits are available at the front counter from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Rental for one week is \$20, plus a \$40 refundable deposit by credit card or cash - a total of \$60. The \$40 deposit is refundable if equipment is returned in good condition. Kits are rented on a first-come, first-served basis; reservations are not available in advance. Rental of a bocce ball kit

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## SPORTS NOTES



Gary Howard poses with the record breaking fish he caught. Photo courtesy of Bob & Shirley Stambaugh, Rocky Mountain Recreation Company.

### Livermore Fisherman Lands Record Breaking Sturgeon at Del Valle

A sturgeon caught November 26, 2012 at Del Valle Regional Recreation Area in Livermore has surpassed all records for fish caught at Lake Del Valle since its completion in 1968. Gary Howard of Livermore landed the sturgeon while fishing with anchovies in the park's Tarantula Cove. The sturgeon, which was

caught and released, was over 6' long, and weighed over 100 lbs.

According to East Bay Regional Park District Fisheries Program Manager Pete Alexander, it's not only the biggest recorded sturgeon caught at Del Valle, but by far the largest of all the ten species of sport fish ever caught at the lake. A 25 lb.

sturgeon (2006) and a 40 lb striped bass (1989) previously held those records, respectively.

Although Del Valle hosts a diverse fishery, according to Alexander the most diverse of any Bay Area lake or reservoir, it's not exactly renowned for sturgeon. Alexander estimates only a few sturgeon lurk in the lake.

The fish caught on Monday could have been pumped in from the Delta as a small fish, or it could be one of three sturgeon obtained by the Park District in January of 2003 from the San Francisco Sport and Boat Showfish exhibit. Those fish measured approximately 30" each when they were planted in Del Valle.

According to state regulations, sturgeon must be between 44" and 66" total length, to be kept. This slot limit is designed to keep large breeding adults in the population. Sturgeon that are either smaller or larger, must be released.

Anglers at Del Valle target ten kinds of sport fish including rainbow trout, salmon, bluegill, channel catfish, redear sunfish, black crappie, sturgeon, striped bass, largemouth and smallmouth bass. The District plants trout and catfish at the lake, largely funded by the District's Fishing Access Permit program. The California Department of Fish & Game also plants trout, as well as inland Chinook salmon, and Kokanee fingerlings.

The East Bay Regional Park District offers 11 lakes and reservoirs and over 25 miles of Bay/Delta shoreline and piers for fishing in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. The fish planting schedule, fishing reports, and permit information are available online at [www.ebparks.org/anglersedge](http://www.ebparks.org/anglersedge).



West Coast Soccer U13 Whiplash braved the rain and wind for an important win against the Peninsula Hurricanes in a Nor-Cal Quarter final state cup game. An early goal by forward Kierra Stanek put Whiplash ahead. Excellent defensive efforts were by Courtney Haubert, Jenna Radwan, and Melinda Miller. Goalkeeper Destiny Sandridge, facing 9 shots on goal in difficult conditions, kept her focus and kept the Hurricanes from scoring. With the 1-0 win, Whiplash advances to the semi-finals in NorCal State Cup play. Professional coach Paul Giamona is very proud of the development and success this new team for WCS has achieved which includes Devil Mountain tournament championship. Pictured is Kierra Stanek controlling the ball on her way to another breakaway goal.

does not guarantee a bocce ball court will be available.

The Robert Livermore Community Center is located at 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Bothwell Park is located at 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. For more information, call 925-373-5700.

#### Girls Softball

**PGSL Player Evaluations:** Pleasanton Girls Softball League (PGSL) players evaluations will be held December 8-9, 2012, for all players in grades 3-8. No prior experience required. Exact times and location are published on the PGSL website ([www.pleasantonsoftball.org](http://www.pleasantonsoftball.org)). All players must be registered in order to be evaluated. Two ways to register are: 1) Online - visit our website at [www.pleasantonsoftball.org](http://www.pleasantonsoftball.org); 2) By check & postal mail - Download a registration form from the website and mail to PGSL, P.O. Box 911, Pleasanton, CA 94566. For more information or questions, email Christine Tanis at [christine.t@pleasantonsoftball.org](mailto:christine.t@pleasantonsoftball.org). Late fees apply after December 1, 2012.

**LGSA Registration:** Livermore Girls Softball Association welcomes all Livermore girls aged 5-18 to register for the Spring 2013 Recreational

season. No experience necessary. Register online at [www.LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org](http://www.LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org) or check the web site for the time and location of our next walk-in registration event. Email [registration@LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org](mailto:registration@LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org) or call 925-556-5259 for more information. Register by December 31 to avoid a late fee.

#### LNLL Registration

Livermore National Little League registration will be held on Dec. 12th at Mountain Mikes Pizza on 1st St from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

#### Winter Baseball Camp

The 14th annual Livermore Valley Winter Baseball Camp is set. Former Livermore High Varsity Baseball Coach David Perotti is hosting a winter baseball camp on January 2-4. Each camper will receive individual instruction from coaches and Livermore High players, a snack each day and a certificate. The 5-12 year old camp costs \$110 and runs from 9:00-12:00 everyday. The camp is being held at Livermore High Varsity Field. For more info to sign up please contact David Perotti at (925) 586-2811 or [dperotti@yahoo.com](mailto:dperotti@yahoo.com) or check website [www.eteamz.com/lvb](http://www.eteamz.com/lvb)

#### National Swimming Record

This weekend the Pleasanton Seahawks competed in the 14 and Under Pacific Swimming Junior Olympic Championships in Morgan Hill. This is a swim meet that requires swimmers to qualify over a period of meets from September 2011 to the date of the meet November 30, 2012 through December 2, 2012. It is open to all swimmers who have achieved the Junior Olympic time standard. There were over 800 athletes who competed during the three day championship in the 4 or 5 rain storms from the 60+ swim teams in Pacific Swimming.

On Saturday December 1, 2012 during one of the four storms the Seahawks Swim Team's 11-12 Boys Medley Relay set a National Record. Quarry Lane student, sixth grader Tyler Lu, was a member of that relay along with three other teammates.

Under the coaching of Brian Holm, they broke Rockville-Montgomery (Outside of Washington D.C.) Swim Team's former National Age Group record from last year 2011. The previous record was 1:48.06 and Tim Yao and his teammates from Pleasanton Seahawks set a new record of 1:47.44. This is the fastest time in United States Swimming history and a great accomplishment.

### Alumni Soccer Game Taking Sign-ups

Foothill and Amador Valley High School Alumni will be playing in the 10th Foothill-Amador Alumni Soccer Games on Saturday, January 5th. There will be two games featuring men's and women's soccer players from the 70's, 80's, 90's and 2000's.

The games have become an annual event that benefit the Soccer Programs at Foothill and Amador High Schools. All gate receipts (\$8 adults and \$5 students) and Snack Bar proceeds will go directly to the programs.

The teams will be playing for trophies that will be awarded to the schools of the winners. The winning school will gain possession of the trophies each year.

Ryan Gordon was a 2003 graduate of Foothill High School. He was killed in a boating accident shortly after graduating. He played soccer at Foothill for 4 years and was planning on attending Santa Barbara City College where he planned to continue playing soccer. The original Alumni Games were organized to fund a scholarship that benefits a graduating member of the Foothill women's or men's soccer team who aspire to play soccer in college. Since the 1st year all proceeds now go directly to the men's and women's soccer programs at the two high schools.

Ex-soccer players from Amador or Foothill who would like to play, can obtain more information and/or register at All-Star Sports, 3037-A Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. Another way to register is to download an application from the Amador Valley Website ([www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/amador/](http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/amador/)) and mail it to Curt Gordon, 205 Heritage Lane, Pleasanton, Ca. 94566 There is a \$20 fee to play. The deadline to pre-register is Thursday, January 3rd.

Players and fans are invited to the "Hop Yard Alehouse" after the games. 15% of proceeds will be donated to the programs.

There will be "special entertainment" during each of the halftimes this year.

## VISIT

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celerator" in the classroom.

Three student volunteers played the part of curium target and stood in a line with their eyes closed and mouths open. The calcium ions were represented by a bag of marshmallows. Mark "accelerated" the marshmallows by throwing them in handfuls at the students. When a marshmallow eventually landed in one of the student's mouths, fusion was achieved.

"This demonstrates that science is messy, and most of the time we missed the target," he explained. "Imagine that this bag contains 1,000 marshmallows. We threw six billion bags at the target every second for three months before we finally connected." All that calcium-48 that missed, he explained in response to a question by a student, was recovered and reused.

Mark, Nancy, and 8 other LLNL scientists collaborated with a team of 20 scientists from the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR) in Dubna, Russia. "There was a wide range of expertise and experience on this team, including mechanical and nuclear engineers, physicists, chemists, computer experts, and others. The team included postdocs, staff scientists, and senior scientists," said Nancy. "You have to bring together a lot of people with different backgrounds to attack such a complex problem."

The experiments were performed in Russia and analyzed at JINR and LLNL. The name Flerovium for element 114 was chosen to honor Flerov Laboratory of Nuclear Reactions and Geor-

gy N. Flerov, a renowned physicist and founder of JINR.

The researchers weren't looking specifically for elements 114 and 116. Rather, they were seeking another island of stability on the yet uncharted high end of the periodic table. "Certain elements, like lead, are very stable, which makes them easy to study," explained Mark. "Right now, we can't gather enough of these heavy elements to study them properly."

Models predict an island of stability near 114. "We believe with elements 113 to 118 that we may be on the edge of an island of stability," he said.

Only about 40 atoms of Livermorium have been produced to date. Their half-life of 60 milliseconds doesn't give scientists much time to study them. "There was one day when we produced three atoms, but it was at 8 am, noon, and midnight," said Mark.

Mark and Nancy, who have children in middle and high school, have visited a number of Livermore schools to share their research and careers. They spoke to science teacher Regina Brinker's STEM explorations class, which is part of the Project Lead the Way national curriculum, and other interested Christensen students at lunchtime.

Some students asked the scientists to sign their Livermorium t-shirts, which the PTA is selling to raise money for science programs. The shirts are available in youth and adult sizes. Visit [www.cmspta.com](http://www.cmspta.com) to order.

## DUBLIN

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our energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions."

The City will utilize its phone notification system to inform residents, as crews will be working in neighborhoods for an extended time. The crews will be placing "no parking" signs on the streetlight poles within each neighborhood. Residents are asked to refrain from parking in front of the street

light poles until the lights have been installed and the signs removed. The parking limitations will be in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day.

In addition to the LED streetlight upgrade, several energy upgrade projects are planned throughout the City. Solar panels will be installed at certain City facilities. Irrigation systems at local parks will also be upgraded, as will heating and cooling systems at City-owned buildings.

The City's website will have information about the project, including a timeline for residents to keep informed of the areas impacted. For more information, please visit the City of Dublin website at [www.dublin.ca.gov/energyupgrades](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/energyupgrades) or contact the Environmental Services Division at (925) 833-6650.



West Coast Soccer U11 Boys and Girls represented the West Coast Soccer Club in the 2012 Downtown Livermore Holiday Sights & Sounds Parade. Players and parents from the Wolves and the Wave teamed up and built the first ever West Coast holiday float. The soccer players sang holiday tunes and handed out beads and candies. "It was so rewarding and fun to see the kids have so much fun and build family memories," said WCS parade chairwoman Shannon Tinocco."

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# Paragon Outlet Shopping Exceeds Expectations

Shopping at the Paragon Outlets Livermore Valley have exceeded expectations. The center is located on 42 acres of land at the southeast corner of El Charro Road and Interstate 580. Livermore Valley Assistant General Manager Dave

Ackerman stated that over 350,000 people visited the center the first four days it was open. Ackerman said that the enthusiasm on the part of shoppers continued over the Thanksgiving weekend. "All of the stores did very well. They were thrilled to

be open. Many of them exceeded their sales goals" He didn't think that the traffic jams impacted sales. He stated that everyone here was well aware of the level of traffic on 580. They didn't think it would be a problem. The one negative is the

weather. Ackerman said that some people don't want to shop in an outdoor center during bad weather. However, we had a very good weekend last weekend despite the rain. Pleasanton has expressed some concern about Paragon impacts on its businesses. Ackerman said that Paragon and Stoneridge offer a different kind of shopping experience. "I think that Paragon has added a different dimension," he stated. A number of tour buses

have brought shoppers to the center. Ackerman said, "I heard anecdotally that some international visitors have made shopping here part of their planned activities. We are hoping to see more tourists come, not just to shop, but to see everything that makes Livermore a great place to visit." Paragon Outlets Livermore Valley opened on November 8, bringing 2,000 jobs and 130 high-end stores and restaurants. It was the first outlet center to open in California

since 2001 and only one of five outlet centers in the United States to open this year. Stores at Livermore Valley include Last Call by Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5TH, Coach Factory, Prada, Guess Factory Store, J.Crew, Juicy Couture, Kate Spade New York, Kenneth Cole, Michael Kors, Polo Ralph Lauren Factory Store, and Tommy Hilfiger. Plans are already underway to add over 190,000 square feet of retail space.



The Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company presents its annual Holiday Panto two weekends, December 7 through 16, at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. This year's fractured fairy-tale musical-comedy production is "Puss in Boots." Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and matinees Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. The show features original songs by local composer Chris Houston (James and the Giant Peach, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland), outrageous comedy, and audience participation. Tickets are \$10, \$15, \$18; child or senior: \$6, \$9, \$12. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are also available at the Amador Theater 2 hours prior to the performance. Pictured are Sean McGregor as Theophilus and Riley Greenough as Princess Sweetiepie.



Carin Kaltschmidt and Lory Yeakle dressed for the festivities during the annual Holidays in the Vineyards last weekend. Area wineries were decked out for the holidays. There was entertainment, wine tasting, and an opportunity to shop. The two are at Concannon Vineyard.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen In the top photo, Jody, Ken and Joshua Hanson walk through the light display at Deacon Dave's home in Livermore. The



center photo, is a view of the display. In the photo at lower left, members of St. Michaels took part in a candlelight parade. The home is located on Hillcrest Avenue.



The Granada High School band marched in Livermore's holiday parade (lower photo). Santa Claus arrived aboard a firetruck.





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## SHORT NOTES

### Open House

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty will open the doors of his district office at the Heritage House, located on the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, for a holiday open house event.

The event will take place on Tuesday, December 18, from 5:30pm to 8:00pm, during which Supervisor Haggerty and his staff will be there to welcome constituents, commissioners, elected officials and anyone who wishes to stop by and to meet the Supervisor and spread some holiday cheer. This will be an informal social event complete with light refreshments. This open house event will also serve as a great time to drop off a toy or canned food item for donation to local charities, Open Heart Kitchen and Abode Homeless Services.

The Heritage house will be adorned with lights and décor beginning late November and lasting through the holidays courtesy of Jim and Brandy Theofanopoulos of the Screen Machine in Livermore.

For more information on the holiday open house, please contact Supervisor Haggerty's Outreach Coordinator Leah Doyle-Stevens at (925) 551-6995.

### Hall of Fame

Less than two weeks remain to nominate an outstanding local woman to the Alameda County

Women's Hall of Fame, which will mark its 20th Anniversary with a special celebration in March 2013. A December 14 deadline has been set for nominations for the 2013 Women's Hall of Fame.

The Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame raises funds for nonprofits providing critical human services in the community by organizing an inspiring luncheon and awards ceremony each year that honors prominent women in the community as well as unsung heroes. The 2013 event will mark the program's 20th Anniversary with a special celebration that honors past and present inductees who have contributed significantly to the Alameda County community.

Nominations are now being accepted for outstanding women in 12 categories: Business and Professions; Community Service; Culture and Art; Education; Environment; Health; Justice; Non-Traditional Careers; Science; Sports and Athletics; Philanthropy and Youth. Apply online at <http://acgov.org/cao/halloffame/>.

The 20th Annual Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame luncheon and awards ceremony will be held Saturday, March 23, 2013, at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral on Lincoln Avenue in Oakland. The event will be hosted by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women.

In addition to its support of local human services programs, the Women's Hall of Fame supports a Youth Scholarship that helps a young woman further her

educational pursuits. To mark this 20th Anniversary milestone, the 2013 Women's Hall of Fame program aims to leverage greater levels of civic involvement and corporate support in order to expand on its annual support for youth, women and families in Alameda County.

For more information about the event, call Laura Lloyd-Jenkins at (510) 272-6984.

### Pajama Time

"Pajama-Time" Family Storytimes are held at the at the Livermore Civic Center Library on Monday nights through December 10, 2012, at 7 p.m. The themes for the September through December Family Storytimes are as follows:

- Monday, December 3: Bedtime for the Bears: Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy if you like, and a few friends and enjoy fun stories about teddy bears.

- Monday, December 10: Storytime Snowed In: Storytime's about to take a short winter's nap, but not before we warm up to some cool stories set in the snow. Bundle on up and head into your library to share in the joy with us.

These programs will be held in the Storytime Room of the Civic Center Library, at 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. All ages are welcome to these free library programs. Contact Youth Services at (925) 373-5504 for more information, pick up a storytime schedule at any one of the Livermore Public Libraries, or visit the website at [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

### Holidays on the Farm

Relive an old-fashioned holiday by visiting Forest Home Farms Historic Park for Holidays on the Farm, December 8. Admission is free. The park will be open 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Two of Santa's reindeer will be making a special stop-over in San Ramon to visit with the children at Holidays on the Farm from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Children will also get to visit with a Victorian Santa.

Shop for unique gifts from over a dozen vendors at a Holiday Market. Vendors include estate jewelry, "Recycled Treasures," quilts, hand crafts, glass beads, paper crafts, dolls, mistletoe and more. There will be entertainment and activities including caroling, dance performance, sheep dog demonstrations, Victorian ornament making, tractor rides, and a Victorian Santa.

The Welcome Center, Holiday Tree Lot, Tractor Museum and Gift Shoppe will be open. Food will be available for purchase. The Victorian Glass House Museum will be specially decorated just for the holidays. Farm tours are at 11am and 1pm. Glass House Museum Tours at 10am, 11am, 12 noon & 1pm. Tours are \$5 per person or \$8 for both. There will be a special exhibit in the Glass House, Teddy Bears Through the Ages. And enjoy the Stuff a Bear booth.

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

## Sycamore Grove Park Calendar Benefits Open Space Programs

Ring in the new year with bees, blossoms and butterflies with the Sycamore Grove Park 2013 calendar that showcases the natural beauty of this conveniently located open space park.

Created by the park ranger staff of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, the 2013 calendar marks the fifth year of production. All photos were taken by LARPD Park Rangers Glen Florey, Dawn Soles and Amy Wolitzer in the 774-acre open space park.

The calendar features photos of plants, animals and park scenery through the seasons. The calendar also keeps the public up-to-date on park closing times and ranger-led programs throughout the year. Information can also be found on LARPD's other open space parks - Brushy Peak Regional Preserve and Holdener Park.

Proceeds help benefit open space programs and facilities. Calendars are \$10 each or \$6 when purchased with an annual Sycamore Grove parking pass, also available now for 2013.

Calendars and parking passes can be purchased at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., or by mail or phone at 925-373-5700 with a shipping fee. Order forms as well as a calendar preview can be found on the Sycamore Grove Park page on the LARPD website at [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us).

## Crime Prevention Seminar Set

The Hindu Community and Cultural Center will host a crime prevention seminar presented by the Livermore Police Department from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 8.

The information will cover general, personal, vehicle and residential safety.

The presentation will take place at the Temple Event Hall, Shiva-Vishnu Temple, 1232 Arrowhead Avenue.

For more information please contact Suman Jain at [suman1218@yahoo.com](mailto:suman1218@yahoo.com) or call the temple at 925-449-6255. Information can be found at [www.livermoretemple.org](http://www.livermoretemple.org)

## OBITUARIES

### Richard Llanos Bernal

Richard Llanos Bernal was born on August 26, 1947, and passed away on Wednesday, November 28, 2012 in Tracy, CA. He was 65 years old. Richard was surrounded by a tremendous amount of family and love at the time of his passing.

He grew up in Newark California and started his family in the city of Fremont. He spent the last 12 years in Tracy California. Richard's passions were his family, cars, and his much admired yard. He was a man of few words that led by example and defines the saying "less is more." He was a simple and gentle man that was admired by all.

Richard is survived by his loving wife Kathleen, his daughters; Tina Borba of Livermore, Brenda Fisher of Manteca, Natalie Cliff of Pleasanton, KC Lorge of Tracy, 12 Grandchildren, and 2 Great grandchildren.

A funeral service was held December 4 at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore. Burial followed at Memory Gardens Cemetery, 3873 East Ave., Livermore CA. Memorial donations can be made in Richard's honor to [www.cjdfoundation.org](http://www.cjdfoundation.org)

### Jacqueline Fougeray Woodruff

Jacqueline Fougeray Woodruff passed away the day following her 72nd birthday on November 30, 2012 following a long battle with pancreatic cancer.



She was in her Pleasanton home, surrounded by loved ones.

Born November 29, 1940 in Philadelphia PA, Jackie grew up wanting to see the world. As a "service brat" she lived in many parts of the US and North Africa before joining the Air Force as a young woman. She was granted admission to attend medical school at the University of Hawaii when her path took another turn, toward high tech engineering where she excelled at layout engineering at such companies as Texas Instruments and Mostek.

Following her service in the Air Force, Jackie remained passionate about

serving her community wherever she resided. She was active in CASA (assisting foster kids) in Dallas TX, the Washington Park Zoo in Portland OR, the Volunteers in Policing in Thousand Oaks, CASA in Alameda county and the Pleasanton Volunteers in Police Service program.

Those who knew her will remember her as a beautiful, courageous, artistic and unbelievably well read individual. A staunch supporter of the fine arts, Jackie was also an amateur archeologist, accomplished cook, animal lover, pilot, seamstress and filmographer.

Jackie was predeceased by her son Alexander, and is survived by her husband Bill, her daughter and son-in-law Claudine and Peter Weiler and son and daughter-in-law Scot and Michelle Parnell, along with her grandchildren Kate, William and Charlie Weiler, and Chloe, Harrison, and Bennett Parnell. Interment will be at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery (for family only).

A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 15 at 5pm at the Chapel at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. All are welcome.

Contributions are welcome in her name in support of the Volunteers in Police Service program: VIPS, c/o Sergeant Maria Munayer, Pleasanton Police Department, P.O. Box 909, Pleasanton, CA 94566-0090.

### Marvin Keith Gayer

July 17, 1934 - Nov. 19, 2012 Resident of Livermore

Our beloved father Marvin Gayer passed away November 19, 2012 at the Bruns House in Alamo after a short battle with cancer. He is survived by 3 children JoAnn, Danny and Larry, four grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He is also survived by one sister and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Annie, on October 11, 2011 and his two brothers and one sister.

He served in the US Air Force and stationed in Europe. Marvin worked at Del Monte Corporation for 35 years. He will be missed, but we take comfort knowing he is with our mom, Annie. The family would like to thank

Hospice of East Bay and the Bruns House for their loving care. Rest in peace Pop.

The funeral service will be private.

### Marjory Carol (Buchanan) Zoberski

Resident of Livermore 08/03/42-11/27/12

Marjory was born in Oakland, California, the eldest of four children whom she helped raise.

Marjory graduated from San Lorenzo High in 1960. She then spent time working and enjoying her youth before getting married and having children. She was employed by the City of Livermore for 30 years working in the City Clerks Office. She enjoyed making jewelry in her free time. She was a giving person to all who knew her.

We lost an angel the day Marjory passed after a courageous battle with bladder and bone cancer. She is preceded in death by her father Robert Buchanan and her mother Lorraine Buchanan as well as her brother Bob Buchanan. She leaves behind her daughter Kimberly Trigo, her son Donovan Zoberski, and son-in-law Ildio Trigo, sister Kathleen Luckett and her brother Bill Buchanan, as well as many sisters-in-law, a step brother and sister, nieces, nephews, and great nieces, and nephews. She will be missed by the many co-workers and friends whose lives she touched.

Memorial Services will be held Friday, December 7 at 4:00pm at Callaghan's Mortuary in Livermore California.

She also worked at the Alameda County Fair as a cashier for the liquor concession at the grandstand. Her drawer always balanced to the penny. She left Cresta Blanca to work for the Livermore School District as Supervisor of Finance and Accounting. She enjoyed learning the game of snooker, and playing with her co-workers during lunch. Her early skills at playing pool put her in good stead. Upon her retirement from the school district in 1983, she used her entrepreneurial talents to open Sara's Classic and Casual Fashions, a ladies dress shop, on Pacific Ave. in Livermore. It was a successful business adventure and many of her patrons were sad when she closed the shop.

Sara was a firm believer in giving back to the community. She was active in local organizations: Pochontas, Las Damas, Alameda County Cattlewomen, Livermore Boosters, and Livermore Rodeo Association.

She was born in Laddsville, the eldest child of Angelo Uliana and Amelia Basso on October 29, 1916. She grew up in Pleas-



anton, graduated from Amador Valley High School and was one of its first female student body presidents. Her father was the owner of a saloon on what is now Main St. It is where she learned to play pool and ragtime piano. She excelled at both.

Sara was an accomplished horsewoman and was proud to have driven cattle from Sunol and Danville to Livermore. In later years, at local roundups, she was in charge of counting the calves. One of her first jobs was that of a fry cook and waitress at Evans Restaurant in Livermore, where the present Yin Yin is located. Sara as 'fry cook' used to get a chuckle from the family. She also worked at the French Laundry, was employed by Cresta Blanca Winery as a payroll clerk and as the "hostess with the mostest" for the many events attended by the business community. Up to her death, she could remember all the workers and their payroll numbers.

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where she enjoyed working at the "mixer" for years. She was also the social director of PERS. She was an outdoors enthusiast, who enjoyed the beauty of nature, road trips, and cross country travel. She enjoyed the family's property on Pine Ridge and the many gatherings with family and friends. She was always ready for a game of cards or a board game. An avid sports fan, Sara watched the Giants and the A's; the 49ers and the Raiders; and all tennis matches.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Donald Uliana. She is survived by her sister Bernice Mingoia, son, Ralph Laughlin, (Kathryn), grandson, Steve, and great-granddaughters, Bailey and Morgan, sister-in-law Arlene Casareto, nieces Julie Rosa and Barbara Torrison (Ed) many step-great nieces, great-nephews, and many cousins.

Contributions in her name can be made to the Livermore Rodeo Foundation, PO Box 646, Livermore, CA. 94551-0646. Per her request, there will be no services. A *Celebration of Life* will be held at 12:00 noon, December 16 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore.

Arrangements are by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Rose M. Eibelsheuser

July 22, 1918-Nov. 11, 2012 Resident of Livermore

Rose M. Eibelsheuser passed away peacefully on November 11, 2012, with her loving family at her side.

Born in Newark, N.J. Rose lived in Bellville and Nutley N.J., before moving to California 18 years ago.

She retired as a data entry clerk from Wallace & Tier-



nan, Belleville, N.J. after 35 years.

The beloved wife of the late Phillip Eibelsheuser and mother of the late Madeline Kiernan, she is survived by her daughter, Sandra Sladek; a son-in-law, James T. Kiernan; four grandchildren, Christopher and Kimberly Sladek, Michele Salmon and her husband, Glenn and James T. Kiernan Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth and three great-grandchildren, Ashley, Kaitlin and Kayla.

She was also predeceased by a sister and four brothers.

Rose was a woman of deep faith and enjoyed crocheting, bingo, dancing and singing.

Funeral Mass and interment were held in New Jersey on November 17, 2012.

A Special Thank You to the Caregivers at Gigi's guest home in Livermore and The Hope Hospice Team for their support and loving care.

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## ADVENTURE

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self-centered overachiever to caring husband, teacher and political activist.

Last week, at Livermore's Bankhead Theater, Slakey described the turns and changes that his life has taken so far in a presentation for the Rae Dorough Speaker Series. His talk closely paralleled a book that he published earlier this year, *To The Last Breath: A Memoir Of Going To Extremes*.

Slakey opened his Bankhead talk in exactly the way he opens his book: describing himself dangling at night from the face of El Capitan, 2,000 feet above the floor of Yosemite Valley, shocked to realize that his supposedly infallible gear was failing. In seconds, he knew, a hanging cot would drop out from under him and his climbing partner, potentially hurling them to their deaths.

Reviewing his book, *Washingtonian* magazine called the suspenseful opening "one of the most terrifying moments in nonfiction this year." At the Bankhead, as in his book, he left his audience hanging as he then changed topics without explaining how they survived. (Readers of the book and the theater audience eventually learned that the climbers

were harnessed to backup ropes.)

Slakey's talk at the Bankhead was far from the boring lectures he said he subjected Georgetown physics students to. It was the performance of a natural actor. He paced about the stage, raised and lowered his voice, waved his arms, asked teasing and sometimes rhetorical questions to engage the audience.

He asked a member of the audience to come to the stage to put on the seven layers of protective footwear that a modern climber wears while climbing Mt. Everest. During the roughly five minutes that it took her to do so, he explained the function of each layer in detail.

Then he told the audience that at the 26,000-foot elevation of his final Everest campsite, where the oxygen level is half that at sea level, he had taken half an hour to put on all seven layers. Because of oxygen deprivation, he did not realize how slowly he was moving until he looked at his watch.

He compared breathing at that elevation with breathing through a cocktail straw after running 10 windsprints.

Beyond the fitness and survival challenges of his adventures, Slakey talked

about the personal growth that the adventures stimulated. One milestone was an encounter with a lama in Nepal, where on the advice of Sherpa guides, he sought a blessing for his Everest climb at the Thyangboche monastery.

When he asked the lama about the meaning of life, he got back an answer from his translator that brought laughter from the Bankhead audience: "I'll get back to you about that."

On a serious note, before the climb started, the lama passed on to him an amulet engraved in a language that no one has ever been able to decipher. The mystery has kept him pondering what might be learned without the formulas and correct answers of the classroom.

Another event that stimulated personal growth was learning about values from a disabled Masai village elder at the start of his Kilimanjaro climb. A third was a near escape from death when he was able to bribe Indonesian soldiers to let him pass after climbing Puncak Jaya on New Guinea. A fourth was meeting the badly wounded American survivor of a murderous attack that happened three days later in the place where he had paid the bribe.

Doubting the Indonesian government's story that the attack was carried out by a local rebel group, he applied a physicist's analytical skills to determine who really was to blame. He concluded that the culprits were Indonesian soldiers resentful at losing pay-offs from an American mine.

Could he stay in his isolated shell after the experience in Indonesia?

Slakey challenged the Bankhead audience to consider what they would do. "Would you forget about it? Or would you step in?"

His own answer was to write an opinion piece for the *Washington Post* urging Congress to withhold aid to Indonesia until the government came clean on the murderous attack. The article led to a meeting with the survivor of the attack, Patsy Spier, a woman he describes as selfless and inspiring.

"I had to experience the near miss and meet the person who suffered in my place before I developed the sensitivity to get involved and get outside myself," he wrote in his book.

Since then, he has become involved in an impressive way. Working with Spier, he helped delay the resumption of aid to Indone-

sia until the criminal soldiers were prosecuted and behind bars. He evolved from teaching formula-based physics to founding a Science in the Public Interest program at Georgetown, where he grades students on their ability to identify and make progress toward solving important national problems.

In his book, he mentions legislation drafted by his students after studying pollution and wildlife deaths caused by discarded plastic bags. They persuaded a congressman to introduce a resolution that incorporated their language waste. The congressman in turn thanked the students on the floor of the House.

At the Bankhead, Slakey reminded the audience of another challenge that scientifically inclined students can respond to: global warming.

"Every glacier I have ever pushed my crampons through is melting," he said. "Every ocean I ever surfed is rising."

Slakey's oath never to marry, have children or own a home is part of his youthful past. He married a woman he met on his Everest climb. They are now raising twin daughters in their home.

As for the amulet given

him by the lama, he concluded that its inscription was intentionally undecipherable. He had it examined by a variety of scholars, none of whom could translate it.

Slakey eventually concluded the lama had made up the mysterious script to lead him to realize that there was no formula to give him an answer about life. The script didn't matter. "What mattered was the world of stories that would eventually surround the amulet," he wrote in his book.

"The universe is clothed in formulas, but it speaks in stories," he told the Bankhead audience.

## ELECTION

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Sullivan said he had mixed emotions. "I won't miss the late meetings, reading the volumes of reports, or the frustration I've experienced at times. I will miss working with the community. We as a council haven't always agreed. However, we allowed each other space to express our views." He singled out McGovern as "my partner in crime, who always left her heart at the dais each week. We schemed to try to figure out how to make two votes a majority. I will miss fighting the good fight with you."

Sullivan concluded by saying he hoped the new council would continue to make government an inclusive process. "Voting is only the first step in a working democracy. Government works best when we stay involved."

Representatives of Senators Ellen Corbett and Mark DeSaulnier, and Assemblymember Joan Buchanan read proclamations thanking the three for their service.

Incoming councilmembers thanked their campaign staffs and families for their help and support. Thorne declared, "It's time to get busy. There are only four of us, so we will have to share the workload. I think we have a great council. I will make sure the input from everyone who wants to speak is heard before decisions are made."

## Planners Hear Feedback on County Solar Policy Draft; Site 300 Suggested as Potential Solar Area

By Ron McNicoll

The 7000-acre Site 300, which is operated by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory near the Carnegie Off-road Vehicle Park, might be a place for developing commercial solar power, according to a Sierra Club representative.

The representative, Dick Schneider, made his comment at a community meeting in Dublin Nov. 29. It was at one of a series of meetings over the past year that has been providing input to Alameda County planners about what should be included in a county policy on commercial solar energy facilities (SEF).

The suggestion was merely one of many that have gone into the hopper for the county planning

staff in its shaping of a solar policy for the county.

Schneider said that the federal government in October set aside 285,000 acres of federal land in the West, including 153,000 acres in southern California, for commercial solar arrays, primarily in deserts. He said that the southern California land could produce 1700 megawatts, which would take the state a long way toward the goal of achieving the requirement to obtain 33 percent of California energy in non-carbon sources by 2020.

"That may be sufficient for the 2020 goal, and so it would not be worth changing agricultural land to solar. You may be taking too much agricultural land out of production," said Schneider.

Schneider also suggested that the planners get in touch with Berkeley, which has joined a federal effort called Solar American Communities that encourages more solar power. Berkeley published a brochure that can be downloaded, and which describes the city's experiences.

Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory also has participated in the effort, said Schneider.

### LANDOWNERS SAY NO NOTIFICATION

Outreach was the topic for more than a half-dozen Altamont landowners who live outside the county, including some as far away as Sacramento County. They said they were not notified about the meetings to learn what should be in the SEF

policy.

Agricultural people in Alameda County were invited to the meetings. County planners assumed there would be networking to include many people from the Altamont.

Assistant planning director Liz McElligott explained to the landowners that the department does not have a policy of seeking addresses outside the county that might be linked to land in the county when it is drawing up policies. If there were a project, and it goes to a project EIR level, then outside addresses would be sent notices.

Several landowners disputed the county designation of some of the land in the Altamont as prime agriculture. It does not produce

much in the way of a cash crop, they said. One said that he is holding it to make more money, implying that converting to solar energy would be a better revenue situation.

But the county is only following the state's definition of prime farmland, namely good soil for growing crops and the availability of irrigation, said McElligott.

The county's two Valley supervisors, Scott Haggerty and Nate Miley, have both declared they don't want to see any prime agricultural land touched by solar. They urged the planning staff to develop an urban solar policy alongside the rural one. Haggerty and Miley comprise the supervisors transportation and land use committee.

## SCHOOL

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ence to a court settlement in which the city's residential growth cap was nullified. The district's previous facilities planning was based on the cap.

Technically speaking, the rezoned land does not automatically mean development. However, developers already have expressed an interest in some parcels. Much of the growth will be on the city's north side in Transit Oriented Development in Hacienda Business Park. Some land is on the city's east side, for example, along Busch Road, near the city's corporation yard. City government also established a task force to provide a recommendation on future land uses near the gravel quarries on the east side.

Although the new growth will have financial consequences for the district, likely resulting in an attempt for a new bond measure and perhaps a parcel tax, population growth was only a small fraction of the overall facilities plan in the 600-page report presented to the school board.

The primary feature of the plan is to design facilities for 21st century education. The lines between classroom lectures, hands-on work activity, and lab work will be blurred. Spaces that are more flexible than traditional classrooms will be needed to accommodate the new approach to teaching.

More than 500 teachers, principals, district administrators, representative students, and parents were surveyed concerning what should go into facilities. There were on-line surveys and group meetings. An overall committee worked with the consulting team through seven meetings, and came up with site-by-site recommendations.

Those recommendations were presented to the board in the report. Consultants looked at 17 different cat-

egories that were examined for each school site.

The size of elementary schools was discussed. Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said that her experience as an elementary school principal showed that smaller schools enable teachers to get to know each student better, which helps in that student's education. Assistant superintendent Odie Douglas said that size also touches on safety. "You have to be able to manage a certain number with a level of ease, and know the staff on a more personal basis," said Douglas.

In the 1990s, a district committee that met to set developer fees said that 600 students was the ideal number for an elementary school, with a 10 percent range over that, to 660. That was written into the city's general plan as being desirable.

However, many Pleasanton elementary schools are over 700 students. Several board members agreed that 600 to 700 is a good range.

Ahmadi said that 600 would be excellent. "You need fewer students to provide a quality education. There is a big difference between 600 and 700. I'd go with 600."

However, consultant Jim Kisel said that if "you go 600, you may need two new schools."

Trustee Valerie Arkin suggested that with a bigger land campus at Hart Middle School, the consultants should look into what it would take to convert it to a K-8 school. Also, it is located in Hacienda Business Park, where most of the residential growth is expected. It might eliminate the need to build a new elementary school.

The \$37 million for a new school composed only part of a total projection of \$506 million that covered all of the work that could be accomplished under the

master plan. Consultants emphasized that at this stage of planning, it's premature to limit the vision by trying to make cost decisions right away.

Only 30 to 70 percent of master plans in other districts have been built, because of the reality of financial resources. The important thing is to have the concepts; then see what a district can eventually choose to implement, said consultants.

Board president Joan Laursen said that a bond issue and perhaps a parcel tax would be part of the discussion in the future. The district has passed two bond issues, with the second

one due to be paid off in the 2029/30 school year.

However, two subsequent attempts at a parcel tax to fund more programs and other operational costs failed, with the second vote coming close to passage.

The state is supposed to be one leg of a three-legged stool to support construction. The local district and its bond power provide the second leg, and developer fees the third leg. However, the district is only eligible for \$2 million of the state fund.

Developer fees are estimated to generate a total of \$21 million by 2020-21, said consultant Anne Feng-Gagne.

Board vice-president Jeff

Bowser said, "If you do the basic math with a school costing \$37 million and (there is) \$21 million in potential developer fees, and \$2 million from the state, it's not enough to build a school. So we need a bond or some other source of funds."

Ahmadi pointed out the \$37 million does not include the price of land acquisition.

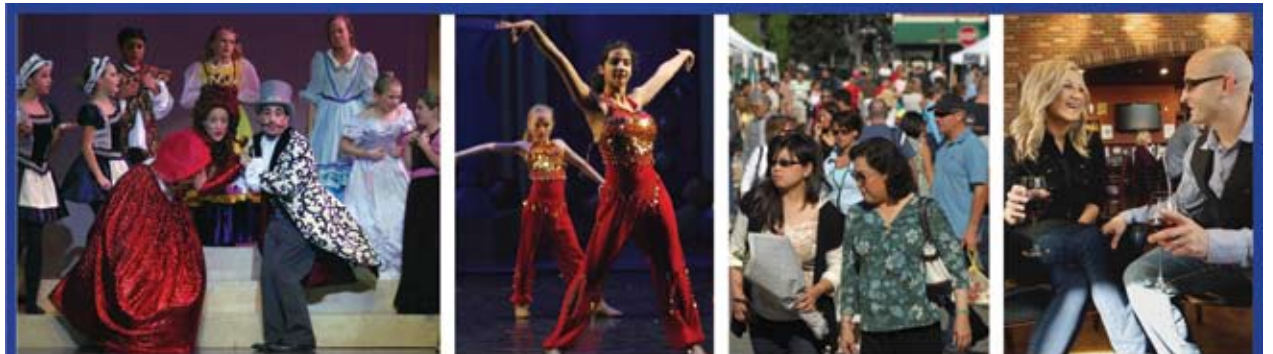
### NEW TECH DIRECTOR HIRED

In a brief meeting before the study session, the board approved the hiring of Chris Hobbs as the new director of technology. Hobbs, a Dublin resident, held the same post at the New Haven School District. He will begin his duties in January. He suc-

ceeds Gary Hicklin, who is retiring.

The board also passed a resolution urging Congress to amend the Budget Control Act to avoid a reduction in funds for students with special needs, English Learners and socioeconomically disadvantaged students. Such cuts would cost the Pleasanton district \$289,000, and would have to be made up from the general fund with money that would be paying for something else.

The board also adopted a revised policy to address complaints about instructional materials. Voting on all the items was 4-0, with trustee Chris Grant absent. He was attending an awards ceremony for his son.



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# Livermore hosts two *FIRST* LEGO League robotics tournaments

By Patricia Koning

Last month, Livermore hosted two *FIRST* LEGO League (FLL) qualifier tournaments. They were held on Nov. 17 at Our Savior Lutheran School (OSLS) and on Nov. 18 at the i-GATE Innovation Hub. Over 200 middle school students representing 28 robotics teams from Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon, Danville, Fremont, Union City, Newark, and Brentwood participated in the competitions. FLL is open to ages 9-14.

This marks significant progress for student robotics in Livermore. Three years ago, there were only two robotics teams representing the city. The first tournament took place here in 2010 at OSLS. One Livermore team, the Dragon Masters from the Livermore Valley Charter School, advanced to the FLL East Bay District Championship, which will take place in January.

"We are very pleased that Livermore hosted two FLL qualifier tournaments this year. The i-GATE facility has the capacity to host large FLL events. My hope is that, over time, the i-GATE tournament, in addition to the OSLS tournament, will become permanent destinations for FLL teams who wish to compete in FLL qualifiers in the Tri-Valley area," says Elizabeth Arnold, who has chaired the OSLS event every year. Her two daughters have been participating in FLL for the past four years.

"The i-GATE Innovation Hub was proud to host young students passionate about technology and entrepreneurship. Many studies suggest that robotics is a great pedagogical tool for teaching science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) principles," said Clayton Dodds, a senior policy fellow at i-GATE.

Livermore Mayor John Marchand delivered the keynote address for the closing ceremony at the i-GATE tournament and helped present awards. RobotGarden, an initiative towards building a makerspace in Livermore, co-hosted the event as a partner of the i-GATE Innovation Hub. The tournament was held in the facility that will house RobotGarden.

"We are passionate about developing the talent pipeline for the future of innovation in the East Bay. As a non-profit responsible for fostering, developing, and promoting the innovation ecosystem in the East Bay, i-GATE looks forward to hosting the FLL qualifier next year, as well as other technology and robotic competitions in the East Bay for K-12 students," said Dodds.

The FLL competition consists of four components: a project, robot competition, robot design, and teamwork. For this year's theme of



Livermore Mayor John Marchand with the Dublin's Robo Masters, winners of the Core Values Award at the i-GATE FLL qualifier tournament.

"Senior Solutions" students answered the question "can robotics improve the quality of life for seniors by helping them continue to be independent, engaged, and connected in their communities?"

While the robot competition is the most exciting part of the tournament, and the only one that the public can watch, teams must perform well on all four components to advance to next round of competition, the East Bay District Championship. Awards are also given for robot design, robot performance, core values, project, judge's choice, and tournament champion.

Several of the volunteers at both tournaments were FLL graduates - members of the Girl Scouts Robotics team, Livermore's first robotics team. The group started in 2008 and has competed in four FLL qualifiers and two regional FLL championships, one *FIRST* Tech Challenge tournament, and one Robofest. They are currently building a fire fighting robot for Robogames in San Francisco in April.

Pallavi Joshi, a Foothill High School sophomore, emceed at both qualifier tournaments. Sahiba Nagpal, an Amador High School freshman, was Assistant to Tournament Director at the OSLS tournament. Malia Gonzales, a Granada High School senior, was the Field Timer at the OSLS tournament. Kristen Young, a Livermore High School sophomore, did Field Setup at the i-GATE tournament.

"As a Girl Scout robotics group, we not only do robotics, but we have also

volunteered quite a bit," says coach Melanie Young. "We have been involved in mentoring and sharing knowledge with several teams over the years and volunteering at a variety of robotics events, including tournaments, a Girl Scouts Girls Go Tech event at Chabot Space Center, a robotics booth at the Boy Scouts 100th Birthday Jamboree at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, and demonstrations at the Senior Center in Pleasanton."

The winners of the OSLS Tournament are Challenger Tiger Widgets (Fremont), Champions Award; Intergalactic Seniors (Pleasanton) Robot Performance Award and Robot Design Award; Sensei Warriors (Fremont), Core Values Award; LeGophers (Fremont), Project Award; and Determinators (Fremont), Judge's Award for Community Service. Six of the 12 teams competing advanced: Challenger Tiger Widgets, Dragon Masters (Livermore), Electrosapiens (Pleasanton), Intergalactic Seniors, LeGophers, and Sensei Warriors.

The winners of the i-GATE tournament are: Zorangedstobs (Dublin), Champions Award; Youngsters of Yore (Fremont), Robot Performance Award; Mighty Robots (Dublin), Robot Design Award; Robo Masters (Dublin), Core Values Award; All Stars (Fremont), Project Award; and Team Decim (Pleasanton), Judges Award for Perseverance. Nine of the 16 teams competing advanced: 5 Elements + Jello (Fremont), All Stars, Mighty Robots, Mind Benders (San Ramon),

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# Community Works Together to Create Living Bethlehem



Photos - Doug Jorgensen  
**Workers have been building a replica of Bethlehem in Livermore. In the photo at lower right, Those taking part in the recreation of Bethlehem practice their parts.**



## By Carol Graham

In the heart of Livermore, another city is being reborn. Castellated towers rise 30 feet in the air. Faming torches on rock-cobbled walls lead visitors through the gates into ancient Bethlehem.

For five nights, December 13th - 17th, "Journey

to Living Bethlehem" invites visitors to step back in time and interactively experience the birth of Jesus. The location is at the corner of Third St. and Church St. near downtown Livermore.

"This is not a play or an event," says producer Doug Fernandez. "This is

a gift you can give your kids or grandkids unlike a toy that is soon forgotten. Imagine angels singing Silent Night, a baby in the manger, a beam of light shining upward and then, guess what? It's going to snow."

Fernandez's blue eyes  
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## The Star of Cats, Evita, and Les Miserables Brings Show to Firehouse

Broadway star of Cats, Fiddler on the Roof, Les Miserables and Evita, Jeri Sager brings her trademark voice to Pleasanton. The Holiday show 'A Veri Jeri Christmas' is coming for one matinee only on Sunday, December 16, at 2 p.m.

Sager's concert is billed as full of warmth, humor, and holiday joy for the entire family, while promising to "pull a few Broadway show-stoppers out of the stocking, too!" according to Steven Shore of the show's producer Esses Productions.

Best known for her portrayal of "Grizabella" in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Tony Award winning musical "Cats," Sager made her Broadway debut in the 25th Anniversary production of another Tony Award winning classic, "Fiddler On The Roof," and went on to other memorable roles including Fantine in "Les Miserables" and Eva Peron in "Evita."

Having performed in venues from the Grand Ole Opry and Broadway main stages to the White House, Sager has played opposite such leading men as Bob Hope, Gregory Peck, and Michael Crawford. Through her work with the USO she has performed for both American and British troops, and has had the honor of performing for dignitaries including Presidents Jimmy Carter and George W. Bush, as well as for Pope John Paul II.

Among numerous TV and film roles, Jeri recently starred opposite Gwyneth Paltrow and Tim McGraw in the Oscar-nominated movie "Country Strong." Other major theatrical productions audiences will remember Sager for include City of



Jeri Sager performs "A Veri Jeri Christmas."

Angels, Pippin, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat, and West Side Story to name a few.

Tony and Oscar Award-winning director Jerome Robbins says of Jeri Sager, "Wonderful, just wonderful!" With such a resume, Jeri Sager's 'A Veri Jeri Christmas' should be a "don't miss it" show this holiday season.

Tickets are \$18, \$23, \$28;

child \$12; senior \$25; group discounts available. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by calling the 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.



Jazz Ensemble performs at college.

## Air Force Commanders Jazz Ensemble to Appear at Las Positas

The Veterans First Program at Las Positas College has announced that The Commanders Jazz Ensemble, part of the US Air Force Band of the Golden West, will be swinging on to the LPC campus for a community concert.

The widely known Commanders will perform in the Main Stage auditorium of the College's Mertes Center for the Arts at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, December 10. As a community outreach effort of Las Positas College, there is no charge for admission

## Annual Christmas Show Benefits Programs for Veterans

American Legion Post 237 will present its 5th Annual Christmas Show on Sat., Dec. 8.

The show begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Veterans Hall in downtown Pleasanton.

Featured will be "Kolina," Magic of the Islands. This a magic show of : "fun, mystery and excitement." There will be a special guest appearance by Santa Claus.

Admission is \$10, chil-

but visitors are reminded that the campus has a \$2 parking fee. Daily parking tickets are available from vending machines in the campus parking lots.

Under the direction of Senior Master Sergeant Rick Thorp, The Commanders, based at Travis Air Force Base, carry on the American musical tradition of great traveling big bands. This energetic group of highly-trained professional airmen-musicians plays everything from traditional jazz, cool, bop and swing, to Broadway favorites, popular tunes, Latin rhythms, and patriotic music.

Featured during the concert will be the music of jazz legends Duke Ellington, Woody Herman, Count Basie and Charlie Parker, as well as contemporary big band leaders and composers such as Gordon Goodwin and Maria Schneider.

Touring the western states of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Nevada, the US Air Force Band of the Golden West has performed for thousands of listeners in live concert appearances and for millions worldwide via its numerous recordings and television and radio broadcasts. As the only active-duty Air Force band west of the Rockies, the Band of the Golden West is dedicated to using the power of music to inspire other Air Force members and the citizens of the great nation they serve.

The College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore 94551. For more information, contact Mr. Todd Steffan at (925) 424-1571 or [tsteffan@laspositas-college.edu](mailto:tsteffan@laspositas-college.edu).

dren under 5 are free when accompanied by an adult.

Proceeds will benefit veterans programs. For tickets and information, call 784-6808.



# Pacific Masterworks Chorus Will Perform Holiday Songs

The Pacific Masterworks Chorus will present its winter concert at 7:30 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 8 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore.

The Asbury Ringers will share the program, performing their bell-ringing music, both on their own and jointly with the chorus.

The "Christmas Cantata," written by the late American composer Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006), will be the centerpiece of the concert, said chorus vice president Tom Nolan.

The "Christmas Cantata" was one of three church-service cantatas written by Pinkham. He was an organist for 42 years at King's Chapel, Boston, which began as an Anglican congregation in 1686, and later became Unitarian-Universalist.

Pinkham, a great-grandson of 19th century patent medicine founder, feminist, and anti-slavery advocate Lydia Pinkham, taught at the New England Conservatory of Music from 1959 until his death. While an undergraduate at Harvard University, he was a student of composer Aaron Copland. Pinkham's



students include modern music and jazz composers.

Another concert selection is "Von Himmel Hoch, Da Komm Ich Her ("From Heights of Heaven to Earth I Fare)," written by Martin Luther for his son. It was performed at the composer's home at Christmas.

The chorus will also sing "God is Gone Up With a Merry Noise," by English composer William Croft (1678 -1727). It is a musical rendition of the 47th Psalm. Croft was organist at Westminster Abbey, and composed works for the funeral of Queen Anne and the coronation of King George I.

"A Boy Was Born," a 16th century carol adapted in 1934 by 20th century English composer Sir Benjamin Britten, is on the program.

"Unto Us is Born a Son," a carol from the Piae Canticiones, a collection of hymns written in 1582, will be sung.

It is arranged by David Willcocks, an English musical scholar, organist, composer and choral conductor who will turn 93 on Dec. 30.

John Joubet, 85, a British composer of South African origin, contributes "Torches" to the program. The carol was translated from the Galician language in a Spanish province by J.B. Trent, and published in 1961.

Other songs on the program are "Ya Ba Bom (There Shall Be Peace)", a Jewish folk song; "My Heart is Always Wandering," by the Norwegian composer Sigvald Tveit, and "Tomorrow Shall Be my Dancing Day," an English carol adapted by British composer John Gardner.

Pacific Masterworks was founded in 2010, and is comprised of 26 singers. The core of the group is from the Tri-Valley, but some of the 26 members come from as

far away as the Peninsula, Concord, Brentwood and San Jose.

Greg Lyne is artistic director of the chorus. He has conducted at more than 300 choral festivals in the United States and abroad. He has been a guest conductor of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and appears in the Russian version of "Who's Who," because of his extensive choral work in that nation.

The chorus's accompanist is Dublin resident Danielle Naler, who has a master's degree of music from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, and is an officer of the Alameda East Branch of the Music Teachers of America.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students. Advance tickets are available at [www.brownpapertickets.com/events/296304](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/events/296304).

The chorus's second and final concert of the season will be participation in Beethoven's 9th Symphony on May 7 at the Bankhead Theater.

The Livermore-Amador Valley Symphony will perform the work.

## 'Sing-it-Yourself Messiah' Has Become Holiday Tradition

Valley Concert Chorale will host its annual "Sing-it-Yourself Messiah" where the community is invited to sing Handel's choral masterpiece.

The event will be held Fri., Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton.

Now a Tri-Valley holiday tradition, VCC's "Sing-it-Yourself Messiah" is open to all singers in the community

who will join in singing Part I of Handel's great choral masterpiece, also known as the Christmas portion of "Messiah," which will conclude with a powerful rendition of the "Hallelujah Chorus."

"This is our seventh year of hosting the event for the community" says Valley Concert Chorale President Dave Brunswick. "Each year the number of singers

increases with well over 100 singers from around the Tri-Valley and beyond. It's great being able to offer this musical experience to the area, complete with professional soloists and accompaniment by our internationally-known concert pianist Daniel Glover."

Singers are encouraged to bring their own copy of "Messiah," though extra copies will be available to

borrow. The event is also open to those who wish to listen to the performance.

Tickets are \$10. Advance tickets may be ordered by calling (925) 866-4003, by visiting the Chorale's website at [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org).

More information about the Valley Concert Chorale is available at [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org) or at (925) 866-4003.

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## Toe-Tapping American Holiday Show to Be Performed by Grammy Award-Winners Tingstad & Rumbel

Grammy Award-winning acoustic duo Eric Tingstad and Nancy Rumbel return to the Firehouse on Saturday, December 15, at 8 p.m. The show will be a special holiday mix of original and cover tunes with Tex-Mex stylings, Caribbean rhythms and Americana finger-picking. With Tingstad on guitar and Rumbel on oboe, English horn and double ocarina, the duo create classically inspired music with influences from regional America, the British Isles, Asia and Spain. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. Plenty of free parking is available.

Every holiday season for 27 years, multiple award-winners Eric Tingstad and Nancy Rumbel have created a "Home for the Holidays" celebration concert, and the Firehouse Arts Center is

fortunate to be on their tour calendar this Christmas. It was back in March of 1985 that finger-guitarist Eric asked ethnomusicologist and musician Nancy to assist him in the recording of a holiday album. The resulting album "The Gift" became a best-selling recording, and launched a partnership that has resulted in world-wide demand for their live performances, including a popular Carnegie Hall concert.

Composer and guitarist Eric Tingstad hails from Seattle, where he was trained in the Segovian classic guitar tradition. According to Tingstad, Led Zeppelin, Hawaiian slack key guitar, Ravi Shankar, and Martin Denny are some of his primary influences. Nancy Rumbel grew up in San Antonio, Texas, then attended Northwestern University where she became interested in the field of ethnomusicol-



Eric Tingstad and Nancy Rumbel

ogy, which lead to joining the prestigious performing group the Paul Winter Consort for several years.

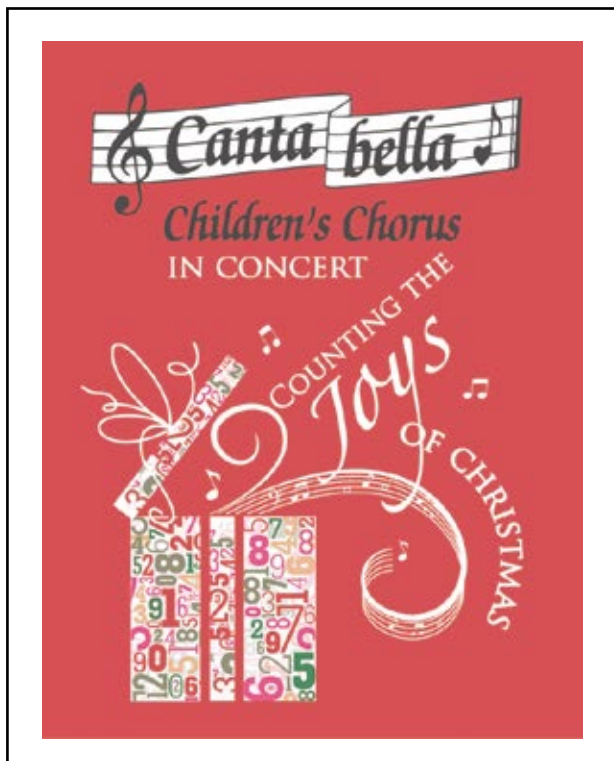
With 20 albums to their credit, the beloved team has multiple Grammy Award nominations, and won the Best New Age Grammy Award in 2003 for 'Acoustic Garden,' which showcases their special brand of "American home-style music."

"Acoustic instrumental music simply doesn't get any better – period," according to reviewer Bill Binkelman.

Tickets are \$15, \$20, \$25; child \$12, senior \$22; group discounts available.

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.

## Cantabella Presents Program, 'Counting the Joys of Christmas'



Cantabella Children's Chorus presents its 21st annual winter holiday concerts, *Counting the Joys of Christmas* December 15 at 1:00 and 3:30 pm at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Ave.

The 1:00 PM concert features the Training and Performing choirs; the 3:30 concert features the Performing choirs only.

This holiday season, the program features the twelve joys of attending Cantabella Children's Chorus' winter concert:

12. A whimsical arrangement of *Twelve Days of Christmas*; 11. Harp accompaniment by Bay Area virtuoso Dan Levitan; 10. Traditional carols sung in English, French, Latin and Spanish; 9. Not so familiar

gems in Basques and Hebrew; 8. A gospel spiritual of *Go Where I Send Thee*; 7. A concert theme centered around *The Seven Joys of Christmas*; 6. Accompaniment by professional piano and chamber musicians; 5. Harmonious choral students ages 5-18; 4. Audience "sing-alongs" to familiar Christmas Carols; 3. Traditional arrangement of *I Saw Three Ships*; 2. Tinsel "snow" and jingle bells ;1. And, a dancing Christmas tree.

Mow in its 21st year, this musical celebration of the season includes children ages kindergarten through high school, trained by the staff of Cantabella Children's Chorus, led by their founding and current Artistic Director Bee Chow. Well

over two hundred young people rehearse weekly in three Training choirs and three Performing choirs that include Children's, Chamber and the Honors Choirs. The Honors Choir recently won two silver medals at the World Choir Games in Cincinnati and has accepted an invitation to the prestigious World Vision Korea Children's Choir Festival to be held in South Korea in 2013.

The community is invited to be part of this annual holiday tradition. Tickets prices: adults \$17 in advance/\$20 at the door; Youth, ages 2-17, \$8 in advance/\$10 at the door. For information and ticketing, go to [Cantabella.org/tickets](http://Cantabella.org/tickets) or call 925-292-2663 with questions.

## Victorian Yuletide Festivities Set

Celebrate a Victorian Yuletide Christmas at the Ravenswood Historic Site in Livermore.

Festivities are planned for noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 9.

The grounds will be decorated for the holidays. Visitors will find a gift shop, entertainment all afternoon, drinks and desserts for sale, a visit with Saint Nicholas, and buggy rides.

There is no admission charge. The event is presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and the Ravenswood Progress League.

Ravenswood is located at 2647 Arroyo Road in Livermore.

For information, call 443-0238 or visit [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us).



# TV/Radio Host Headlines Firehouse Comedy Performance

TV/radio host and stand-up comedian James P. Connolly headlines Wednesday, December 12, at 7:30pm at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Opening for Connolly is film and TV veteran Katsy Chappell.

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

James P. Connolly hails from both Northern and Southern California, depending on who he is trying to impress, and is known for his playful, confident style and unique sense of humor.

He attended Harvard University on a Marine Corps ROTC Scholarship, which he says "left him feeling 'wicked smart,' but possessing the skills to hurt people who are 'actually smart'." While serving in Desert Storm, he was actually ordered to write jokes for a commanding officer.

Understanding this to be a lawful command, James erred on the side of funny.

Connolly eventually ended up in Hollywood, headlining at the Comedy Store, Improv, Ice House, and other major comedy venues. As currently one of the most played comedians on Sirius XM Comedy Channels, his latest CD 'The Master Plan' recently debuted to rave reviews. Between TV, radio, commercials, and film work, James also makes multiple trips overseas to entertain the troops.

Audiences will recognize opening act Katsy Chappell from starring film roles in the block-busters "True Lies" opposite Jamie Lee Curtis and Arnold Schwarzenegger, "Yes Man" opposite Jim Carrey, and frequent co-starring roles on ER and Torchwood, to name just a few. But Chappell will be quick to tell you that "what



**James Connolly (right) and Katsy Chappell perform in next Comedy @ Firehouse.**

she really loves is stand-up comedy." She has performed with Howie Mandel, George Lopez, and was Patti LaBelle's opening act for two years.

According to Chappell, her humor tends to be "slice



of life," and "skewed on funny with a bend on green, ecology." And like headliner Connolly, Katsy Chappell makes time to travel abroad to entertain the troops.

The ready-for-the-holidays team hit the Firehouse Arts Center Stage for one show only.

Tickets are \$15 general admission. Group discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) up to two hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday-Friday, 12 noon-6:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance. The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.

## Art Happens with a Holiday Theme

Art Happens on Thurs., Dec. 13 will feature a special holiday theme.

The event, which begins at 6 p.m. in downtown Livermore, will offer creative ideas from interactive tree and cookie decorating to painting workshops and Christmas carols.

Stop by the Bothwell's Downtown Art Studios and help decorate their artsy tree. Artists are making odd but artful ornaments to hang. Julie Hayward Trout and daughter will lead an interactive Jackson Pollock-style edible ornament Decorating party. Guests are invited help decorate and/or bring something funky, artsy, pretty, or interesting for the tree. The only rule at the end of the night is it has to be

dry, has to be fun, and the tree has to work as a compositional whole. Directly across the street, Main Street Design's Christmas store is selling See's Candy to fundraiser for the Bothwell Arts Center.

Other locations to stop by include the following: Art Glass Studios create a holiday themed mosaic; Panama Red Coffee Company, view work by Puspha Dalal Photography on alternative media; Figurehead Gallery, features Golden Decade Photographers, The Legacy of Ansel Adams and Minor White; Winemaker's Pour House, look for work by local artists coordinated by artistic edge. Appetizers, wine tasting available for purchase; Artistic Edge at



**Edible art**

Blacksmith Square, look for the Art of Ornaments; Sanctuary Ultra Lounge, rotating exhibitoin by local artist Trish Fenton; Livermore Art Association Gallery, rotating displays by gallery artists and special events.

More art in the downtown can be found at ArtSpace Gallery & Custom Framing, the Bankhead Theater, Casbah Mediterranean Kitchen, Firehouse Art Studios, John Christopher Cellars at Blacksmith Square, and Prudential California Realty. Many boutique shops such as Charlotte's Web, Main Street Designs, Outside In etc., Proctor's Framing, Way Up Art and Frame also display handmade art and artisan works for sale.

## 'Light of the World' Celebrates the Season

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) will present a concert, "Light of the World," celebrating the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

The performance will be Fri., Dec. 14 starting at 7 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton.

Performing will be the adult choir, teen choir, children's choir, cherub choir, Filipino choir, Spanish choir, cantors and instrumentalists.

Food and good cheer will follow in the activity center. All are invited to attend. A free will offering will help defray concert expenses.

For information, call 474-2776 or email [mjsullivan@catholicofpleasanton.org](mailto:mjsullivan@catholicofpleasanton.org).



# Young Girl's 'Gift of Love' Offers Inspiration to Those Who Help the Homeless

By Carol Graham

The day before Thanksgiving, a car pulled into the driveway of Donna and Bob McKenzie's Livermore home. Donna was working in the garage in which the McKenzies have offered to store supplies for the homeless.

A man, woman and child stepped out of the car. "Are you Donna?" asked the man.

"Yes," said Donna.

Six year old Emma held out a ceramic pink piggy bank. "This is for the homeless," she said.

Stunned, Donna sat down on the driveway with Emma and counted out \$6.12 in coins, mostly pennies and nickels.

"I want the homeless to have it all because tomorrow is Thanksgiving and I'm going to have a turkey," said Emma. "I have a warm bed with covers and they don't have any."

Emma's father said the donation was entirely Emma's decision. The family had been downtown recently when Emma saw a homeless person and asked what he was doing. When her parents explained it to her, Emma told them what she wanted to do with the money she'd been saving.

Donna's offers to return half of the money and then one dollar to restart Emma's savings were met with a

solemn shake of the little girl's head.

"After Emma and her family left," said Donna, "we were speechless and so very impressed. We see a lot of sad and discouraging things daily working with the homeless, and this beautiful act from a child left us rejuvenated. It was all we could talk about for days."

The donation will help fund the Livermore Homeless Refuge for which the McKenzies serve as supply coordinators. The refuge is a partnership created by faith-based communities to provide a warm, safe place for homeless individuals to stay overnight, its location rotating every three weeks. The organization does not attempt to induce anyone to a specific religion.

Current funding comes from individuals, the general public and faith-based communities; no funding is received from local, county, state or federal government sources.

"The homeless are invisible, sleeping in their cars or in the corner of parks, fading out of sight by 9 a.m.," said Debbie Post of St. Michael's Social Concerns Ministry. "Most of the homeless do have jobs, but they've been knocked off their feet by economic crisis, job loss or family medical emergency."

"When I heard about Emma's donation, tears came to my eyes. I thought of how a little child can see what is really important."

Donna agreed that Emma's "gift of love" touched her in a way she'll never forget. "We can all learn from her story," she said. "Anyone can become homeless and specifically, being homeless does not define someone. We lost a homeless friend about a year ago and the word was, 'a homeless man died.' He was so much more than that."

The Refuge needs on-going supplies like paper and hygiene products, clothes, blankets and sleeping bags, and \$5 gift cards to the Dollar Tree, Grocery Outlet, Subway and McDonalds.

"They also need volunteers," said Jim Schnitter of St. Charles Borromeo. "Guests have requested long underwear. The Winemakers Pour House on First Street has a tree with ornaments showing the sizes of all the usual Refuge guests."

To volunteer or provide other support, call Sandra Chesterman at 925.525.1200 or go to [www.LivermoreHomelessRefuge.org](http://www.LivermoreHomelessRefuge.org).

"We are completely humbled by the generosity of the many people who have supported us. We could not do what we do without their help," said Donna. "With Emma's donation, I want to do something special for our homeless - and that would be ice cream. It's a huge favorite and something they very seldom have. It will be to honor Emma."

## Hawaiian Christmas Show At the Bankhead

Singer/songwriter Willie Kahaiali'i will the sounds of the Islands to Livermore on Friday, December 21, 2012, with his "Hawaiian Christmas" show at the Bankhead Theater.

One of Hawaii's most versatile artists, Willie K's island style shines through everything he plays from blues and rock to 60's soul. Willie K will be joined by the Kalama Brothers whose contemporary sound reflects both their Hawaiian roots and California upbringing. "Willie K's Hawaiian Christmas" is jointly sponsored by Alaska Airlines and by LVPAC board member Donna Wilcox and her husband Bill, who discovered the music of Willie K when they moved to Hawaii.

Tickets for "Willie K's Hawaiian Christmas" at the Bankhead range from \$34 to \$54 for adults and \$14 for students.

A native of Maui and the son of highly respected musician Manu Kahaiali'i, Willie K has been performing since the age of 10. He has toured the world opening for such legends as BB King, Santana, Willie Nelson, Bonnie Raitt and Jimmy Buffett, Willie K's heart has always remained on the islands.

Willie K calls himself a "musical sponge." His music includes everything from traditional Hawaiian, country, rock, reggae, jazz, and blues, to Italian opera and Irish ballads, with a few Middle Eastern and Latin rhythms thrown in. Over the years, he has amassed numerous Na Hoku Hanohano Awards, Hawaii's most prestigious music awards. He was nominated for a Grammy in 2005 and his holiday album "Willie Kalikimaka" was the best-selling holiday album of 1999.

The Kalama Brothers will appear as the opening act for "Willie K's Hawaiian Christmas" at the Bankhead. Born into a family of musicians, the brothers began to play music as teenagers. The Kalama Brothers describe their musical style as "hapa haole," a Hawaiian term for mixed heritage. Their music clearly brings together their love for Hawaii and their musical roots with the California acoustic rock sound for which they are known.

In a survey last year, Bankhead Theater patrons requested more Hawaiian music and the evening with Willie K and the Kalama Brothers is the second Hawaiian music event scheduled this season. Ukulele superstar Jake Shimabukuro returned to the Bankhead for his third visit in October, selling out the house in less than six weeks.

LVPAC Presents showcases performers across a wide range of musical styles and genres. Several upcoming performances will present World Music including International Guitar Night on January 23, 2013 with acoustic guitarists from the United States, Madagascar, Brazil, and Scotland, a night of Cuban music with Juan de Marcos and the Afro-Cuban All Stars on February 14th, and the music and dance of Spain with Paco Pena Flamenco on February 26th. Tickets for all performances in the 2012-2013 LVPAC Presents season are available now through the Bankhead Theater box office.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. To purchase tickets, visit the box office, call 925-373-6800 or go to [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).



Singer/songwriter Willie Kahaiali'i



## LIVING BETHLEHEM

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light up as he envisions the finishing touches on a project that's taken more than three years to bring to life. "Without being corny or melodramatic, there's a feeling here that's very special, something beyond our control," he says.

More than 100 actors dressed in period-era clothing will enact different scenes. "Twelve Roman soldiers and a centurion will enter through the gates and treat you like you're part of the scene," says Fernandez, lowering his voice to imitate a guard. "'Out of my way, nitwit!' We want it to be completely authentic and so believable that people can put themselves in that time-frame and experience the simplicity of the birth of Christ - no Costco, Black Friday or traffic rush."

Although donations are welcomed, the performances are free and will run roughly every 30 minutes beginning at 6:30 p.m. Marketplace scenes entertain visitors before and between performances; tents feature period metal smiths, basket weavers, olive oil makers, stone masons and fabric dyers.

"It's a little like a Renaissance Faire in that there are different things going on. You have to walk around in order to catch everything," says volunteer Ellie Hagans. "I've done a lot of volunteering but this is the coolest project I've ever worked on."

Fernandez based the production on Santa Clara's "Experience the Birth," a Christmas reenactment that attracts 17,000 visitors annually. "I came away with goose bumps

and in tears because this is what Christmas is all about," he says. "I spoke to the pastor about bringing a production to the Tri-Valley. He said, 'Doug, you're crazy enough to do it.' I had the enthusiasm and passion."

Yet it hasn't been an easy road for Fernandez. In March, he received the double blow of learning that his wife had cancer followed one day later by the death of his 17-year-old stepson.

"Either one of those events would have broken a lot of people," says Hagans. "Doug could have walked away from this project and no one would have said a thing. But he cares about bringing people together. For people at their lowest, it's easy to shut themselves away."

Following the performances, counselors will be available to speak with anyone who needs help this holiday season. "Not just spiritual help," says Fernandez, "but emotional help."

Hot beverages will be offered. Warm clothing and comfortable shoes are recommended as the entire production is outdoors on a field of gravel. Parking will be available on side streets, at Livermore High School, at the downtown parking structure, and at St. Michael's Parish.

"The biggest misconception is that this project is associated with a single church," notes Hagans. "We're actually individuals from different churches presenting this as a community."

Fernandez adds that although St. Michael's Par-

ish made the first monetary donation and St. Charles Borromeo provided work space, "What this project has done is brought a unity of different religions together. Mormons, Baptists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Catholics - we're all working for the common cause. We all believe in what we're doing."

The \$50,000 production has likewise received diverse community support from local businesses including dentists, orthodontists and wineries. The nearly two-acre field - located on the corner of Church and Third Streets - was donated by Nancy Bankhead not just for this season, but for two years which will save transportation and storage costs.

"You cannot believe the doors that have opened to us," says fundraising volunteer Debbie Carey. "We needed someone to grade this lot, we needed a forklift, we needed a flatbed."

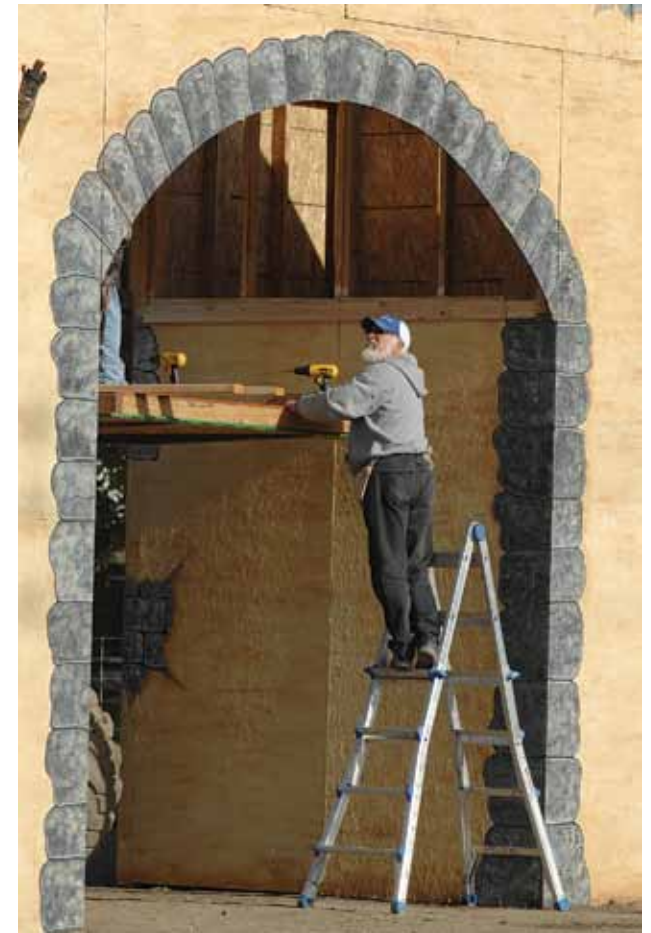
Although doors have continually opened to provide everything from donations, materials, builders and actors, there was one point early on when Fernandez nearly stopped production. "The project wasn't getting the acceptance I thought it would," he says. "I went back to the Santa Clara pastor with my tail between my legs and said, 'I'm ready to throw in the towel. I've had problems and it's not going to work.' The pastor closed the door, turned around and looked at me, and said, 'Doug, since when has the business of God been an easy business?' That was an awakening for me. I told

myself, keep going, man, keep going."

When the volunteer team heard that St. Michael's might cancel their Christmas chorus, Hagans says, "We contacted the music director and said, 'We don't want you to cancel. Why don't you come over to our place? Except that we need you five nights. And now they'll be performing with us."

"The enthusiasm has been infectious," she adds. "What I hope everyone who visits walks away with is faith - faith in God and faith in each other."

For more information or to volunteer, call Doug Fernandez at (510)377-9711, or visit Journey to Living Bethlehem on Facebook.



## Coldwell Banker Fundraiser for Bay Area Food Banks Underway at Various Locations

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage has kicked off its fourth annual fundraiser to benefit Bay Area Food Banks. The company's community foundation has also announced that it will match up to \$10,000 in donations collected from now until December 10.

Sales associates, staff and clients in all 62 Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage offices in Northern California are encouraged to donate at least five dollars to help the hungry in their communities. All donations will stay local and be distributed to food banks in Sonoma, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Contra Costa, Al-

ameda, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito Counties. The public is encouraged to donate by logging on to [www.events.org/foodbank](http://www.events.org/foodbank).

"Our annual fundraisers to benefit Bay Area Food Banks have been tremendously successful and we're looking forward to pitching in and doing our part for those in need again this year," said Rick Turley, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

"The food drive, along with our annual Toys for Tots and Operation: One Warm Coat campaigns, give our agents and staff

three ways to give back to the communities that have been so supportive of our company all year long," he added. "The best part is that every dollar stays in the community where it was raised. That allows us the opportunity to help those affected by hunger in our own neighborhoods."

During last year's Holiday Food Bank Fundraiser, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage collected more than \$11,000 in donations and matched that with an additional \$10,000 for a final contribution of more than \$21,000 to the Bay Area's nine county food banks.



## ART &amp; ENTERTAINMENT



"The Yak" is a sculpture, 1981, in Pleasanton's Centennial Park.

## Yak or not To Yak

Saturday, December 8th, join public art enthusiasts on the last Saturday Public Art Walk in Pleasanton for 2012. Walkers will learn about the mystery of two Centennial Park sculptures, which even the artists did not know. Take this 2-hour walk of southern downtown Pleasanton, including City Hall, Library, Civic Park, Centennial Park and the Firehouse Art Center. Hear many funny and interesting stories relating to Pleasanton's Public Art.

Nancy and Gary Harrington will guide this walk Saturday at 9 a.m., starting from the Pleasanton City Hall parking lot, 200 Old Bernal Avenue. This free guided art walk includes good company, a Pleasanton Public Art Walk brochure with map, and a preview of three new public art pieces for Pleasanton in 2013.

For more information about Another H.A.P.P.Y. visit the website: harrington-artpartnership.org.

### 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.

**Pleasanton Art Walks**, meet at 9 a.m. in the parking lot next to City Hall, 200

Old Bernal Avenue (adjacent to the public library). Guest leaders Nancy and Gary Harrington, will lead the walk on Dec. 8. World Walk to Wellness hosts Saturday morning walks for all who are interested. Contact walks@worldwalktowellness.org to receive (free) weekly e-mails of walk locations.

**Seasons of the Valley by Bettie Goodman**, An exhibit of large oil paintings and gicle'es depicting the "Seasons of the Valley" currently on display through early January 2013 at the Purple Orchid Resort and Spa, 4549 Cross Rd., Livermore. Art can be viewed every day from 8am to 6pm except when an event is being hosted. For more information call (925)606-8855.

**Man at Nature: Using and Leaving**, exhibit Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Nov. 7-Dec. 15. www.firehousearts.org.

**Artist Norma Webb** oil paintings at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore for the month of November.

**Body of Movement Art Exhibit** by Linda Ryan at Cuda Ridge Wines through Jan. 6, 2013. The winery is located at 5385 East Avenue in Livermore. Regular Winery Hours: 12-4:30 Fri-Sun; Available by appt. at 510.304.0914.

**Works by artist Maryann Kot**, "Celebrating Reality," will feature paintings in oil, watercolor, and colored pencil. The show is open Nov. 20 through Jan. 20, 2013 at the Prudential CA Realty, 1780 First St., Livermore. For office hours contact Cher Wollard 925-824-4824 cherw@cherw.com

**Collage Collection**, Livermore Library show hosted by Livermore Art Association. Dec. 1-30. On view during regular library hours. 1188 So. Livermore Ave.

**Art Happens**, Dec. 13, 6 to 8 p.m. on downtown Livermore. Carolers and holiday cheer at the Downtown Art Studios plus other events throughout downtown. More information is available at bothwellartscenter.org.

### MEETINGS/CLASSES

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

**Classes, colored pencil basics** and beyond taught by Maryann Kot. Starting Mon., Jan. 7 9:30 a.m. to noon or 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Jan. 8 for five weeks. Bothwell Arts Center 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Sign up at Way Up Art and Frame, Livermore. 925-443 3388. Space is limited.

**Art Critique & Coffee Hangs** at Coffee Ali, Friday at 10 a.m. sharing latest work and a gentle critique to fine tune work. Original paintings from a group of Local Professional and Emerging artists, with a New Theme, create New Works each month. For more information Google: Poetry on Canvas Pleasanton

or call Claudette 510 543-4776. **Preschool Art classes:** Thursday mornings 9:45 - 10:45. Children aged 3-5 are welcome to join this class. Classes cover drawing, painting, print-making, sculpture and ceramics. For further information please contact Thomasin Dewhurst at (925) 216-7231 or thomasin\_d@hotmail.com or visit http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/

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

### WINERY EVENTS

**Wine Pairing Dinner at Terra Mia Restaurant**, flavors of Calabria paired with wine selections from Livermore Valley wineries of Steven Kent and La Rochelle. Thursday, December 6, 2012, 6-8:30pm. Reservations recommended, please call restaurant 925.456.3333 - www.terramiarestaurant.com. \$100.00 per person (tax and gratuity included). Terra Mia Restaurant, 4040 East Ave., Livermore.

**Wood Family Vineyards** will be sampling five wines at Gene's Fine Foods in Pleasanton on Sat., Dec. 8 from 2 - 5 p.m. Gene's Fine Foods has placed a new order of Wood Family Vineyards wines just in time for the holidays. A sampling will be available on December 8th. The Wine Steward in Pleasanton is also carrying a new supply of Wood Family Vineyards. www.woodfamilyvineyards.com

**Winemaker's Pour House**, an Afternoon with the Winemaker, Saturday, December 8th, at 5:00 pm. Bill Harris, of Harris Tesla Vineyards, will be pouring a vertical flight of his 2005, 2007, and 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon. For more information on this event, please email info@winemakerspourhouse.com or call 925-215-2656. Afternoon with the Winemaker runs from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Live music by Chris LeBel from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. Pour House is located on First Street in downtown Livermore.

**BrushStrokes and Wine Notes**, McGrail Vineyards and Winery in Livermore, Sat., Dec. 15, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Artist Sharon Costello will teach participants how to pain to use as a gift or to hang on the wall. Advanced reservations are required and limited to the first 20 people. Tickets are \$50/person includes all supplies and a glass of wine. To purchase tickets, please visit: brushstrokesandwinenotes.com.

**Riedel Wine Presentation and Tasting Riedel Vinum XL Glasses**, McGrail Vineyards and Winery in Livermore, Thurs., Dec. 20, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sylvie Lal, from Riedel will demonstrate the relationship between the shape of a glass and perception of enjoyment. After the tasting, to take home a set of 4 Vinum XL Riedel Wine Glasses (Retail for \$123). Tickets are required at \$75 per person; \$60 for club members. Purchase tickets at www.mcgrailvineyards.com

### MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

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

**Authentic New Orleans Style/Danceable Dixieland Traditional Jazz** now at Sunol Jazz Cafe. Comfort food served up with Smokin' Hot Jazz every 1st and 3rd Wednesday Mission Gold Jazz Band. Dinner orders begin at 6 pm; music from 7:30.

**Jeff Bordes & Friends: A Jazzy-Funky Christmas** comes to Firehouse Arts Center Sat, Dec. 8, 8 p.m. Special guests include local favorites organist/vocalist Don Lewis, The CoolTones Big Band, among others. Sold out last year. Tickets \$15, \$20, \$25; Child \$12; Senior \$22; group discounts available. Purchase online at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or in person at Firehouse Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton.

**Celtic Christmas Concert and Gathering**, Sun., Dec. 9, 6 to 9 p.m. Music by Pog Mo Thain and special guest, Michael Mullen. Bring a potluck dish to share. \$15 at the door, children 12 and under free. Benefitting the Bothwell Arts Center. 447-ARTS, www.bankheadtheater.org.

**Asbury Christmas Concert** - Asbury United Methodist Church will hold its 16th Annual Christmas Concert at 7 PM on Sunday Dec. 9, 2012 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 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

**Festival of Carols, The Joy of Christmas**, featuring the combined choirs of Centerpointe Church Dec. 8 and Dec. 9 at the church's worship center, 3410 Cornerstone Court. The Saturday performance starts at 7 p.m. The second performance will be at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 9. Handbell and chancel choirs accompanied by piano, organ and a string quartet. Audience will have the opportunity to sing along with a number of Christmas Carols. Betty Gail Hunt directs the handbell choir, while Diana Cefalo will be the guest director. Lee Lipsker will narrate the program. A reception will follow the Saturday evening performance. There is no admission charge. For additional

information, please see the web site, www.centerpointechurch.org or call the office at 925-846-4436.

**Chris Bradley's Jazz Band** will appear at The Castle Rock Restaurant in Livermore-Portola Ave. on Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 7:30-9:30.

**James P. Connelly with Katsy Chappel**, Comedy@Firehouse Arts, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org

**Tingstad & Rumbel**, Grammy-winning acoustic duo Eric Tingstad (finger-picking guitar) and Nancy Rumbel (oboe, English horn and double ocarina) holiday mix of original and cover tunes including Tex-Mex stylings, Caribbean rhythms and Americana. Saturday, December 15 at 8 p.m. \$15, \$20, \$25; child \$12, senior \$22; group discounts available. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center box office, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton.

**A Veri Jeri Christmas: Jeri Sager, Broadway star** of Cats, Evita, and Les Miserables, brings Holiday Show to Firehouse Arts Center for one performance only. Sunday, December 16, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. Tickets \$18, \$23, \$28; child \$12; senior \$25; group discounts available. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center box office.

**Amador Valley High School, Orchestra/Choir Concert**, evening of classical orchestral pieces, contemporary choral songs, and instrumental and vocal jazz. Mon., Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

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

**San Ramon Symphonic Band Holiday Concert**, Dec. 21, 7 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, Albion Rd., San Ramon; sanramonperformingarts.com. 973-3343.

**Willie K's Hawaiian Christmas**, Dec. 21, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

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

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

### ON THE STAGE

**All My Sons**, Douglas Morrisson Theatre closes its "Family Portraits" 2012 season with Arthur Miller's 1947 classic. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third Street, in Hayward. November 15, 2012 - December 9, 2012; Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 PM; Saturday December 1, 2012 at 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Sundays at 2:00 PM. \$10 preview, \$20 Sat. matinee; \$28 Thurs., Fri., Sat. eve., Sun. matinee. (510) 881-6777; www.dmtonline.org

**Christmas Carol**, Nov. 30-Dec. 15, San

Ramon Community Theatre presents Bah Humbug! Scrooge's Christmas Carol, Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon; sanramonperformingarts.com. 973-3343.

**Puss in Boots**, Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company presents Holiday 'fractured fairy-tale' musical comedy, Friday Dec 7 and 14, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday Dec 8 and 15, 7:30 p.m.; and 2 p.m. matinees on Saturdays and Sundays Dec 8, 9 and 15, 16. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10, \$15, \$18; Child or Senior: \$6, \$9, \$12. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are also available at the Amador Theater 2 hours prior to the performance.

**5th Annual Christmas Show**, Dec. 8, 1:30 p.m. Veterans Hall, Main St., Pleasanton. Mystery, fun, starring Kolina, Magic of the Islands. Presented by American Legion Post 237. \$10 admission, children under 5 free. Benefit for Veterans programs. Tickets and information, 784-6808.

**Bay Area Children's Theatre presents Pinkalicious**, Dec. 23, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. musical, Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, Albion Rd., San Ramon; sanramonperformingarts.com. 973-3343.

### COMEDY

**Comedy @ Firehouse** Presents, TV/radio host and stand-up comedian James P. Connelly headlines. Film and TV veteran Katsy Chappel opens. Wednesday, December 12, 7:30pm, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. General admission tickets \$15. Purchase at www.firehousearts.org, or call 925-931-4848, or at the center box office. Parking is free.

**Big Fat Kiss Off XX**, Will Durst and Company. Dec. 28, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

### DANCE

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

**The Nutcracker**, Valley Dance Theatre presents seasonal favorite features classic choreography paired with Tchaikovsky's score performed live by the Livermore-Amador Symphony. Dec. 8, 9, 15, 16 at 2 p.m. Dec. 8, 14, 15, 16 at 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

### VOLUNTEER

#### AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

**Auditions, 2013 Sunol Repertory Theatre production, "Murder in the House of Horrors."** Auditions Thurs., Dec. 6, 7 p.m. in the Sunol Glen School



# ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Auditorium 11601 Main St., Sunol. Directed by Lynn Kozma and produced by Kathy Morris. A Who Done it Murder Mystery Play. Rehearsals are Tues. & Thurs. 7-9pm. Performances Fri. & Sat. 8pm March 2 to 23. For more information call Sandi @ 925.862.9006

**Open auditions**, for Tri-Valley Haven's Production of Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues*. The show will be performed at the Mertes Center for the Arts at Las Positas College on Friday and Saturday, March 1st and 2nd 2013. Experienced and inexperienced actresses of all ages and ethnic backgrounds are welcome (women only please, transgender females welcome). Auditions will be held on Wed., December 12 and Fri., December 14, 2012 from 5 - 9 pm at the Coffee Ali in Pleasanton. Please contact Christine to schedule your audition at (925) 667-2707 or Christine@trivalleyhaven.org. Please bring a current photo and prepare a 1-2 minute monologue (not from *The Vagina Monologues* please) to present to the Director. For more information, please contact Christine at Christine@trivalleyhaven.org or (925) 667-2707.

**2013 Livermore Valley Wine Country Photo Contest**, enter for a chance to win a one-year membership to Livermore Valley Wine Country (that means complimentary tastings for two at more than 40 wineries!), 2 tickets to Barrel Tasting Weekend (March 23 & 24, 2013) with a one-night stay at Hawthorn Suites (March 23, 2013). For entry information and entry form, go to the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association website at [www.lvwine.org](http://www.lvwine.org)

## MOVIES

**Classic Film Series**, "Make 'em Laugh," hosted by Candy Klaschus, film historian and coordinator of the Humanities Program at Las Positas College; presented by Las Positas College and the Pleasanton Library, Thurs., Dec. 6, 7 p.m. *The Lady Eve*. Free admission. [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library)

## CHORAL

**Pacific Masterworks Chorus**, Winter Concert, December 8, 7:30 p.m. Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. Buy tickets online, purchase at the door, or contact Tickets@PacificMasterworksChorus.org

**Las Positas College choir, orchestra and wind ensemble** perform choruses from Handel's *Messiah* and other seasonal favorites. Thurs., Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. Las Positas College Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Advance tickets at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or call 1-800-838-3006. Further information at 424-1100 or [www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts)

**Sing-It-Yourself Messiah**, Valley Concert Chorale, join in singing Part I of Handel's great masterpiece, including the Hallelujah Chorus. Fri., Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 each. [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org) or (925) 866-4003.

**Cantabella Children's Chorus**, winter

holiday concert, *Counting the Joys of Christmas*, Saturday, December 15 at 1:00 and 3:30 P.M. at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. For the 21st year in a row, this musical celebration of the season will feature children aged kindergarten through high school performing choral music accompanied by professional chamber musicians and fine harpist, Dan Levitan. Repertoire includes traditional carols sung in English, French, Latin and Spanish, as well as not so familiar gems in Basque, Hebrew and by composers such as Leonard Bernstein, Zoltan Kodaly and R. Vaughan Williams. Audience participation. Tickets are \$8-\$20. For information and ticket purchase, go to [Cantabella.org/tickets](http://Cantabella.org/tickets).

**Ohlone College Chamber Singers**, 27th Annual Christmas at the Mission: Hark How the Bells, Ohlone Chamber Singers in collaboration with the Celebration Chimes Bell Choir from the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, and harpist Dan Levitan. Levitan will perform with the Chamber Singers in the featured work for the concert, Benjamin Britten's "The Ceremony of Carols." Conducted by Michael Morris. Dec. 15, 8 p.m. and Dec. 16, 4 p.m. Old Mission San Jose, 43300 Mission Blvd., Fremont. Advance tickets \$10-\$12. 510-659-6031 or online at [www.smithcenter.com](http://www.smithcenter.com)

## OPERA

**About Face — an opera experience, presented by Festival Opera**, the chamber opera pastiche will feature Henry Mollicone's *The Face on the Barroom Floor* along with new and classic opera music. There will be a Q & A and opportunity to meet the artists, director and composers after each performance. December 5 at 4pm and 8 pm at the Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek Leshner Center Tickets: premiere seating: \$35; elite seating: \$45; students (17 and under): \$25. Purchase tickets online at [www.LeshnerArtsCenter.org](http://www.LeshnerArtsCenter.org); by phone (925) 943-SHOW; or at the Leshner Center box office at 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. December 7 at 7pm at Oakland Technical High School Performing Arts Center, 4351 Broadway (at 42nd), Oakland, CA Oakland Tickets: All Seating: \$25. Purchase tickets online at Brown Paper Tickets; by phone (800) 838-3006; or at the

performance. For more information, visit [www.FestivalOpera.org](http://www.FestivalOpera.org).

**Amahl and the Night Visitors**, Saturday, December 8, 2 and 5 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore. Tickets \$12-\$25, purchase at [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com) and at the door.

**Metropolitan Opera Schedule**, screening at Regal Hacienda Cinema in Dublin: *La Clemenza di Tito*, Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m.; *Un Ballo in Maschera*, Dec. 8, 9:55 a.m., Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m.; *Aida*, Dec. 15, 9:55 a.m., Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m.; *Les Troyens*, Jan. 5, 9 a.m., Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m.; *Maria Stuarda*, Jan. 19, 9:55 a.m., Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m.; *Rigoletto*, Feb. 16, 9:55 a.m., March 6, 6:30 p.m.; *Parsifal*, March 2, 9 a.m., March 20, 6:30 p.m.; *Francesca da Rimini*, March 16, 9 a.m., April 3, 6:30 p.m.; *Giulio Cesare*, April 27, 9 a.m., May 15, 6:30 p.m.

## MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

**Museum on Main, preschool pre-literacy program**, M.o.M.'s Reading Time. For ages 2 to 5 and families, free reading program, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Reading at 10 a.m. with theme crafts following. Donations appreciated. No reservations required. Large groups or playgroups please phone in advance: 925.462.2766 or email: [education@museumonmain.org](mailto:education@museumonmain.org). 2012 M.o.M.'s Reading, December 12, Light Up the Seasons. The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton.

**Fall 2012 lecture series**, Congregation Beth Emek: Dec. 5 scholar Ken Cohen who will trace the creation of Tel-Aviv in the early 20th century. Admission is

\$10. All lectures will begin at 7:30 p.m. Congregation Beth Emek is located at 3400 Nevada Court in Pleasanton. For more information: 510.318.6453. The series is sponsored by Congregation Beth Emek and the Jewish Federation of the East Bay.

**Holidays on the Farm**, Saturday, December 8 at Forest Home Farms Historic Park, 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on both Saturdays. Admission is free. Two of Santa's reindeer will make a special visit. Enjoy entertainment, tractor rides, Victorian ornament making, sheep herding demos, tours of the farm & Glass House Museum, and special vendors. For info call (925) 973-3284.

**Ravenswood Victorian Yuletide**, Sun., Dec. 9, noon to 4 p.m. Music, entertainment, carriage ride, food, crafts, and more. Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Free admission. Docent tours.

**Celtic Christmas Concert and Gathering**, Sun., Dec. 9, 6 to 9 p.m. Music

by Pog Mo Thain and special guest, Michael Mullen. Bring a potluck dish to share. \$15 at the door, children 12 and under free. Benefitting the Bothwell Arts Center. 447-ARTS, [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

**Journey to Living Bethlehem**, Dec. 13-17, Thurs.-Mon. Walk through a 30,000 sq. ft. replica of the village of Bethlehem over 2000 years ago to remember the true meaning of Christmas. Interactive live theatre production. The production is interfaith, free to the public, 6:30 to 9 p.m. repeats every thirty minutes. The event is adjacent to St. Michael's School, corner of Third and Church St., Livermore. [journeytolivingbethlehem@gmail.com](mailto:journeytolivingbethlehem@gmail.com) 510-377-9711

**Stories and speeches**, Las Positas College forensics program. Fri., Dec. 14, 7 p.m. Suggested donation \$10. Las Positas College Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Advance tickets at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or call 1-800-838-3006. Further information

at 424-1100 or [www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts)

**Holiday Tea**, Sat., Dec. 15, 1 p.m. Heritage Park and Museums, corner of Donlon Way and Dublin Blvd., Dublin. \$25 per person. 452-2101.

**Historic photos sought**, Pleasanton art patrons, Nancy and Gary Harrington, have created a historical mural of Pleasanton's pioneer founders. They have been unable to find any photos or pictures of three of the founders: Walter Briggs/Meadowlark Dairy; Tom Orloff/Orloff Dairy; Con Nevin/Hop Farming Company. They have searched the Pleasanton Museum on Main, met with local historian, Charles Huff, visited/spoken with the historical societies of both Livermore and Dublin. The Harringtons are asking for help in locating pictures of these three historical figures. Anyone who has lived in the area for many years and who might have in their family albums any pictures of any of these three men, please contact them at [nancyrh1@sbglobal.net](mailto:nancyrh1@sbglobal.net) or call 925-846-9757.

## The Art of Polishing and Submitting a Manuscript Topic for Meeting

Meg Waite Clayton will be the guest speaker at the next monthly meeting of the California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch on Saturday, December 15, 2012, at the Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard, Pleasanton.

Meg Waite Clayton is the national bestselling author of *The Four Ms. Bradwells*, *The Wednesday Sisters*, and the Bellwether Prize finalist *The Language of Light*, published by Ballantine Books, a Random House imprint, and acclaimed by all major national book club picks. Clayton's books have been published in six lan-

guages. Her fourth novel, *The Wednesday Daughters*, will be released in 2013. Her essays and stories have aired on public radio and appeared in *The Los Angeles Times*, *The San Jose Mercury News*, *Writer's Digest*, *Runner's World*, and *The Literary Review*. A graduate of the University Michigan Law School, she lives with her family in Palo Alto. For more details go to [www.megwaiteclayton.com](http://www.megwaiteclayton.com).

The CWC Tri-Valley Branch invites writers of all genres and experience levels to learn about their craft at its monthly meetings. The

meeting will be Saturday, December 15, 2012, 2:00-4:00 pm (registration at 1:30). The cost for CWC Members is \$10, nonmembers, \$15. Anyone interested in the program or the organization may attend with no obligation to join. Reservations requested by contacting [DeborahBernal@trivalleywriters.org](mailto:DeborahBernal@trivalleywriters.org) no later than Tuesday, December 11, 2012.

For more information about California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch contact Paula Chinick at [president@trivalleywriters.org](mailto:president@trivalleywriters.org) or visit [www.trivalleywriters.org](http://www.trivalleywriters.org).



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## Do You Remember?



By Anne Homan  
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### Ferrario Winery Building

Carlo Ferrario was born near the Swiss border in Lonate Pozzolo in the Lombardy region of Italy, in 1878. The *Oakland Tribune's* Knave column in 1934 described him as "well over six feet tall, and broad in proportion." He immigrated to Livermore in 1901 and married Rosa Gardella that same year; their home was at the northwest corner of Third and South K.

He opened a saloon at the southeast corner of Second and South L. He built his first winery on Second Street. He had bought the property, site of the original Livermore firehouse, from the Dania Society trustees in 1911. An old photo shows three separate buildings lined up on Second Street with "Livermore Winery, C. Ferrario" painted on the middle one. Three wagons and a truck are waiting in the street. The old winery site now is the Wells Fargo Bank and its parking lot, between South K and L. After Prohibition was over, Ferrario sold sauterne, burgundy, sherry, and port in bulk at what he then called the Carlo Ferrario Winery. In a 1935 ad, he reminded drive-in

customers to "bring your container."

In 1936 Ferrario built a brick winery building on South Livermore Avenue just outside the city limits at the site of an old slaughterhouse. Gary Drummond wrote that it had "a storage capacity of 500,000 gallons. Initially, Ferrario continued crushing operations of both red and white grapes at the Second Street winery until he could install additional equipment. The new winery eventually handled only red grapes, while the city plant continued with white grape processing. Ferrario absorbed almost all the grape production of small vineyards in the area." His burgundy won a gold medal at the State Fair in Sacramento in 1935. Frank Garbini worked as his winemaker. Carlo Ferrario died in 1952. He had sold the brick winery to the R.C. Williams Company in 1943.

The Williams Company vacated the brick winery building in 1946 and sold the property to the Wenté family. It was used as a storage building by both Wenté and Concannon and then leased to the Mayflower

moving company. Virginia creeper covered the sides of the old structure. I remember when we first moved here in 1970 that it had the word "Mayflower" on it. In 1993 Our Savior Lutheran Church, which had been in Livermore for 40 years, bought the Ferrario Winery building and surrounding property from the Wentés. The winery building still had Wenté wine stored in it at the time. At first, the congregation built a private elementary school, which opened on the site in 1996. After selling their property at East Avenue and Estates Street in 1998, they built a stunning new sanctuary, made of simulated old brick in a color that respected the winery's construction.

On 23 May 1994, the church agreed to preserve the old winery building. In return, the city gave the church an adjoining acre for parking. Permission was given to use the parking lot on the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District's (LARPD) adjoining land. LARPD would continue to maintain the lot.

John Seals, one of the Oakland architects for the project, said that preserving the old winery cost



Carlo Ferrario Winery building, 2006.

much more than razing it and building a new Ministry Center. The project was "a sacrifice and sign of good will toward the community" on the part of the church. The architects hired an innovative engineering company, Degenkolb, to handle the difficulties of earthquake retrofitting the building with steel and creating two stories in the space. One of their recommendations was to tear down the free-standing 22-foot high brick wing wall that continued to the north of the winery. The architects had a number of meetings with the city preservation committee to discuss design. The wall was a sticking point. The wall was the front of a collapsed structure with metal walls that had been built later as a companion next to the 1936 winery. The city wanted to save the remaining brick wall, but the engineers and architects saw it as a haz-

ard. Finally, the question was decided when a wind storm blew it over one night. No one was hurt. The fallen bricks were used in the renovation, which began in 2007 and continued until opening day, 29 May 2008.

Preparing for this column, I enjoyed two tours of the church. One of them was led by the church secretary, Krys Thibault, and the other by their facilities director, Ken Girardin. He showed me the inward-curving semicircle of glass blocks that replaced the large front door but still left the feeling of an entrance. The original concrete impressed with "C. Ferrario 1936" is saved in the floor of the semicircle. The architects replaced the original roof with red metal to match the other buildings on the lot.

The sanctuary has a large cross facing South Livermore Avenue. On either side of it are vertical stripes of a

modified soldier course of bricks that jut out from the surface to give it more texture. This brick pattern is repeated in the panels between the upper and lower windows cut into the winery walls. Inside the winery the old bricks are visible in almost every classroom, office, meeting room, and also along the stairway, giving a sense of being embraced by warm old age. Outside, the shallow arches at the top of the new window treatments at the roof line are repeated in the free-standing entrance and in the trellis next to the small parking lot on the north side of the building. Their landscaping is beautifully done, including white roses and grape vines. On Maunday Thursday, 5 April 2012, the church celebrated communion with wine made from their own grapes for the first time.

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# BULLETIN BOARD

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**Annual Holiday Boutique.** Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association Unit 287 will present the event on Dec. 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Veterans Building, 522 South "L" St., Livermore. 8 ft. tables available for rent at \$25. Call Polly 447-5986. Proceeds go to help service men and women who are overseas, along with veterans at home who are always in need of help. Snack bar run by veterans attending classes at Las Positas College.

**Holidays on the Farm.** Saturday, December at Forest Home Farms Historic Park, 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on both Saturdays. Free admission. Two of Santa's reindeer will make a special visit! Enjoy entertainment, tractor rides, Victorian ornament making, sheep herding demos, tours of the farm & Glass House Museum, and special vendors. For info call (925) 973-3284.

**Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club** will meet on Thursday, December 13, 6:30 p.m. at Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. The meeting will begin with a potluck (bring a finger food item) followed by a program by the Garden Club members of 192 public gardens within two hours of Amador Valley. Roger Chapin will show pictures of 42 of these gardens. A holiday boutique of gently used holiday, winter or gift items will be held during the meeting. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Bev at 925-485-7812 or visit [www.lavgc.org](http://www.lavgc.org).

**Community Holiday Posada Celebration.** Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City Association hosting the event Sun., Dec. 16. The Posada is celebrated in Mexico through music, carols, and everyone's participation. Posada program 7 to 8 p.m. followed by dessert and refreshments. Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. Free admission. All are invited. This is a fun family event with participation from local school students and the Pleasanton community. For more information, contact Sylvia or Jorge Victoria at [jvictoria45@comcast.net](mailto:jvictoria45@comcast.net) or 462-6723.

**Democrat Potluck Party.** Tri-Valley Democratic Club, San Ramon Valley Democratic Club & Diablo Valley Democratic Club, Senator Majority Leader Ellen Corbett, Assembly Member Joan Buchanan & Congressman-elect Eric Swalwell will host the seasonal potluck party with music by JUICE. Fri., Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m. IBEW 595, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Meet Democrats and elected officials. Last name A to I please bring side dishes, J to R salads & S to Z desserts. Serving Tri-tip and other main dishes. Please bring some canned or dry food to donate to our local food banks or a warm coat or blanket for "Christmas for Everyone." Volunteer for set up & clean up - contact [EllisG237@aol.com](mailto:EllisG237@aol.com) & RSVP to [SHGold237@aol.com](mailto:SHGold237@aol.com) in order to know how many main dishes to order.

**Tai Chi.** 10 a.m., Dec. 6, 11, 13, 18 and 20. **Chi Kung.** an integration of physical postures, breathing techniques, and focused intentions, 11 a.m. Dec. 6, 11, 13, 18 and 20. **Zumba Gold.** fitness program that combines Latin music and easy-to-follow dance moves. The routines incorporate interval training, alternating fast and slow rhythms and resistance training, 9 a.m. Dec. 6, 13, 20. CareMore Care Center, 4270 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton. No cost for any

of the programs. [www.caremore.com](http://www.caremore.com)

**2013 Valley Humane Society Calendar** is available for a \$15 donation which helps animals all year long by funding much-needed rescue and rehabilitation programs. 3670 Nevada St., Pleasanton. [www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org).

**Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated,** all are invited to the Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated Christmas Party. Evening of holiday music, good food, and good company, all at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. Wednesday, December 12, 6 p.m. Dinner choices are Shrimp Scampi, Lemon Herb Chicken, Sirloin Steak, Broiled Salmon, Ravioli, or Caesar Salad topped with either Salmon, Chicken, or Tri-tip; and Dessert. \$26 per person. To reserve a table contact Phyllis Couper, 925-462-4931 or email [couplan1962@pacbell.net](mailto:couplan1962@pacbell.net) by December 7.

**Tri-Valley Rotary** collecting and distributing coats to local school age children. Donation of a new or gently used coat for children ages 2-16 will benefit those in need. Adult and infant sized coats will also be accepted. Coats can be dropped off through December 8. Distribution is set for Dec. 15. Collection locations are the following: Club Sport Pleasanton, 7090 Johnson Drive, Pleasanton; Hairrights Salon, 4307 Valley Ave Suite F, Pleasanton; Bank of America Downtown Pleasanton (on Main); Pacific Coast Seed, 533 Hawthorne Place, Livermore; Casse Croute Bakery, 50 S. Livermore Ave (downtown Livermore near intersection with First St.); Coffee Co., 5424 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton in Raley's Shopping Center. For information send an email to [info@trivalleyrotary.org](mailto:info@trivalleyrotary.org) or contact Bonnie at 443-5450 or visit [www.trivalleyrotary.org](http://www.trivalleyrotary.org).

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club,** Sat., Dec. 8, 35 miles, from Livermore out Patterson Pass and back, meet 9 a.m. at old Nob Hill site, Brahim Satoutah, 462-7390. Sun., Dec. 9, 35-50 miles, Central Park loop to Livermore, meet 9:30 a.m. in San Ramon, Gail Blanco, 872-1001. Wed., Dec. 12, 33 miles Central Park loop through Blackhawk and Alamo, meet 9 a.m. in San Ramon, Dick Ward, 389-6738. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Christmas Potluck.** Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge #2117. Fri., Dec. 14, 6 p.m. White elephant exchange, photo recognition contest, ornament decorating party. Bring a dish to share, call 455-8829 to coordinate the food. The lodge is located in Livermore.

**Membership drive, Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated,** a member of the California Federation of Republican Women, and the National Federation of Republican Women is now accepting new members. RWF is the largest, strongest, and oldest volunteer women's partisan political organizational network in the US. Mission is to see women (and men) from all age groups and walks of life as key players at the political table in national, state and local races. Monthly meeting with speakers and dinner, and meet with like minded women and men. Conduct voter registration at the Pleasanton Farmers Market, provide high school seniors with scholarships, support local military support groups and veteran's activities. For more information contact Karan Healy, TVRWF Membership Chair, at [kajore@aol.com](mailto:kajore@aol.com).

**Tri-Valley Chapter 397 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE),** Federal employees and retirees are invited to attend a monthly luncheon meeting on Thursday, December 13, at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 A Main St. in Pleasanton, to learn about a national association that advocates for them. Attendees

need not be NARFE members. Formed in 1921, NARFE represents five million Federal workers, retirees, spouses and their survivors. A no host luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. A business meeting will follow at 1 p.m. Currently elections for chapter officers will be held. Look for chapter signs at the restaurant side entrance. To request more information, directions or transportation to the meeting, please call Gary at (925) 373-6758. Background on NARFE is on the Web at [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org).

**Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society,** meeting 7:30 p.m. Tue., Dec. 11. "Member Sharing Night" at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct. Pleasanton. L-AGS members will share short stories about their recent genealogical finds, breakthroughs or "Aha!" moments. Members will also bring heirlooms and artifacts to display. For additional information: email Cheryl Palmer, Program Chair: [program@L-AGS.org](mailto:program@L-AGS.org)

**Armchair Travelers,** a monthly program, will take place at the Livermore Civic Center Library Thurs., Dec. 13, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Blanche Angelo will share photographs of her adventures day hiking in Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. Blanche will show photographs of Chiricahua National Monument, Saguaro National Park, Great Basin National Park, Valley of Fire State Park, Cathedral Gorge State Park, Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Zion National Park, Snow Canyon State Park, and Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park. 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.

**Pleasantonians for Peace,** candlelight Vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, Wed., Dec. 12, 7 p.m. Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. Because the fourth Wednesday is on December 26, Boxing Day for you Anglophiles, the December protest is canceled. Regular War Protest will resume on Wednesday, January 23, between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Please join us if you can. Call Cathe Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at [mjs7882@gmail.com](mailto:mjs7882@gmail.com); or [www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org](http://www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org)

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA.,** general meeting, birthday luncheon, Dec. 8, 1 p.m. in Dublin, RSVP by Dec. 3 to Marge 828-5124. Lunch in Livermore, Dec. 12, 11:30 a.m. RSVP by Dec. 10 to Janet, 443-3317. Breakfast/lunch in San Ramon, Dec. 16, noon, RSVP by Dec. 13 to Hilda, 398-8808. Happy hour in Pleasanton, Dec. 20, 5 p.m. RSVP by Dec. 18 to Marge, 828-5124. Lunch and optional shopping in Blackhawk, Dec. 27, noon, RSVP by Dec. 23 to Marsha, 830-8483. Lunch in Livermore, Dec. 30, 1 p.m., RSVP by Dec. 27 to Ruby, 462-9636.

**GNON's having A Toy Drive.** New unwrapped toys will be collected for the Toys for Tots program at the holiday party on Thurs., Dec. 6, 5 p.m. - Girasole Grill Restaurant, 3180 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Cost is \$10/pp for members and \$15/pp for non-members. RSVP. To gnoners@gmail.com by December 4.

**Healing Touch for Tri-Valley Veterans.** December 8. Available time slots: 9:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., or 11:30 a.m. Free Healing Touch sessions for active, inactive, combat or retired Veterans from any military branch. Healing Touch Program is endorsed by the American Holistic Nurses Association. Advance reservation required as space is

limited. Sessions held at Las Positas College, Veterans First Center, Building 1000, Livermore. Student status is not required. For more information or to schedule a session, please call 925-352-8917.

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

## RELIGION

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

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

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

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

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

**First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore,** services 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at Third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

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

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

**Our Savior Lutheran Ministries,** 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. worship (semiformal); 9:45 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school; 11 a.m. worship (informal). For information, call 925-447-1246.

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

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

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

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

**Granada Baptist Church,** 945 Concan-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,** 486 S. J Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. worship service. Bible Study/Sunday School 10:20.

Bible Basics Class, which explores the main teachings of the Bible, meets at 7:00 Sunday night. Call 371-6200 or email [pmjrmuel-ler@gmail.com](mailto:pmjrmuel-ler@gmail.com) for more info.

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

**Lynnwood United Methodist Church,** 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Sunday worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am with childcare and Sunday school at 10:30 am. Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer, minister. All are welcome. [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org), 925 846-0221.

**Christmas Nativity Display.** St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Dec. 9 at 11 a.m. and 4 and 6:30 p.m. Masses. Sponsored by the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 285 & CCOP Diversity Committee.

**Light of the World,** concert celebrating the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Fri., Dec. 14 starting at 7 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) adult choir, teen choir, children's choir, cantors choir, Filipino choir, Spanish choir, church and instrumentalists. Food and good cheer follow. All are invited to attend. A free will offering will help defray concert expenses. For information, call 474-2776 or email [mjsullivan@catholicsof-pleasanton.org](mailto:mjsullivan@catholicsof-pleasanton.org).

**Asbury Christmas Concert** - Asbury United Methodist Church will hold its 16th Annual Christmas Concert at 7 pm. on Sunday Dec. 9, 2012 in the 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 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](mailto:TerriG@asburylive.org)

**Tri-Valley Cultural Jews** will be hosting an annual Chanukah celebration on December 16, 2012 from 10:30am to 12:30pm at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore. Latkas, dreidals, Menorah lighting, fun for the whole family. Bring a potato to contribute to the latkas. A family in need of help through JFCS/East Bay has been adopted. The family is in need of all household furnishings including food. Gift cards to any local stores would be greatly appreciated. Bothwell Arts Center is located at 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Free to members, \$15 donation for non-members, which can be applied to a membership. For more information call 925-485-1049, email [culturaljews@aol.com](mailto:culturaljews@aol.com), or visit our website at [tri-valleyculturaljews.org](http://tri-valleyculturaljews.org).

**Grief workshops,** bi-monthly sessions. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. 2nd and 4th Thursday Evenings at 7:30 PM. Dec. 13 & 27, 2012 Jan. 10 & 24, 2013 Feb. 14 & 28, 2013 and March 24, 2013. No preregistration is necessary. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Mary Hagerty at 925-846-5377 for more information.

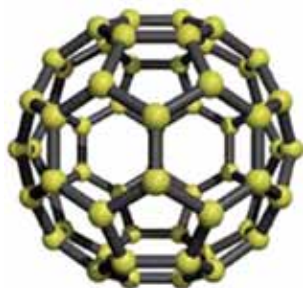
**Resurrection Lutheran Church,** 7557 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Sunday services 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Bible studies & Christian Education for all ages, Sunday School is after Children's Time during the 10:30 worship service. 828-1580, [www.resluthdublin.org](http://www.resluthdublin.org). Sundays in Advent, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. through Dec. 23.



# Milestones

## Community

### Education



Sarah Rudd is pictured at left. A depiction of a buckyball is above.

## Student Wins 2012 California Chemistry Week Poem Contest

Sarah Rudd, a student at Emma C. Smith Elementary School in Livermore, was selected as the winner of the 2012 California Chemistry Week Poem Contest, 3rd to 5th grade category. The contest was sponsored by the American Chemical Society (ACS). Sarah won the California Section. Her poem has been submitted to the national contest.

Entries were judged based upon word choice and imagery, adherence to poem style, originality and creativity, and overall presentation. Her poem follows below.

Buckyballs are small.

Buckyballs are so small you can't see them at all.

Quantum dots are just the same.

They can't be seen—it's insane.

Nanotech is technology smaller than the eye can see!

Also called a fullerene, a buckyball is an important structure used extensively in nanotechnology. This hollow soccer ball-shaped molecule is made of 60 carbon atoms, each carbon atom bonded to three adjacent carbon atoms. The sphere is about 1 nanometer in diameter.

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## Bridge Built in Honor of Livermore Teacher



The bridge in the top photo replaced the bridge shown in the bottom photo. At right is a sign posting the name of the bridge.



Just before her birthday this year, Helen Daniel, long-time employee of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and current teacher at Vineyard High School, received one of the best presents ever. Through a Facebook posting, she learned that a bridge in Vietnam had been named in her honor. Located in the North Vietnamese mountains, the bridge allows the Hmong people to cross a dangerous river safely and provides their children access to school.

Helen wrote to Commander Duy (Mark) Nguyen asking for details about his relief efforts. His response is telling: "The bridge is all about you and what you have been to us. So the article should rightfully be about you."

During her 32 year tenure at Livermore High School, Helen realized that the influx of foreign-born students, many of whom were Vietnamese, could not be served without a systematic approach to English language. She created the first English



as a Second Language program for district high school students, and served in that program for five years. Her efforts extended beyond the classroom, as she befriended not only the students but also their families. Many of her students from the program are still in contact with her today, and many of them still call her "Mom."

Duy (Mark) Nguyen, a Livermore High School graduate of 1984, a family practice doctor, and a commander in the United States Navy, was one of those students. Today, he and his family work with U.S. based organizations that provide humanitarian relief for the victims of war, including the San Diego Chapter of the Vietnamese Culture and Sci-

ence Association (VCSA) and Foodaid Compassion ([www.foodaid.com](http://www.foodaid.com)), an online non-governmental organization based out of Memphis. Their projects provide bridges, hospitals, schools and fresh water containers for many areas of Vietnam. Nguyen's wife, Viet Ly (Vivian), visits Vietnam several times a year and is well known for her work there.

Helen reports that she now wants to visit Vietnam and "her" bridge. As for her relationship with her Vietnamese families, "I cannot tell you how much this honor means. It is nothing I ever hoped for and something I will cherish for the rest of my life."

## Pushcart Prize Nominations

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lections.

Among the nominations is a poem by former Livermore poet laureate Connie Post. Her poem, "By the Window" printed in her most recent book, *And When the Sun Drops*, was selected to represent the chapbook collection.